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Head Teacher's Messages

Update on Paddock wall

I am pleased to report that Mr Goode and his team have been working tirelessly, despite the weather conditions, to re-build the dry stone running the whole length of the paddock. They are on the final stretch and then work to the outdoor learning area will begin over the half term period. The whole length of wall at the very bottom of the Paddock, in the sandpit area, also needs to be re-built and we are currently investigating how funding can be sourced. We will keep you posted on these developments.

Developments of outdoor learning area project

Lucy Staveley has continued to be very busy obtaining various quotations regarding this on-going project. The next stage is to install a bird hide in the Paddock, adjoining the 'Captain Mannering' climbing frame, overlooking the river. Also, in front of the climbing frame, we will be creating a sandpit area and bespoke climbing structure with nets and ropes, a play-chip safety surface, plus a mound, constructed from the excavated soil. Within the sandpit, we will be installing two stainless steel sand hoists, complete with rubber buckets. A member of the Burford Community has ordered and paid for a bike & scooter rack, so this will soon be installed at the front of school, making storage more accessible.

Uniform via Mapac

Mapac is offering a discount of 15% applicable to all Burford Primary School clothing on their website; please ensure you enter **JSP15** to receive the discount. The offer is valid until the end of January.

We are just finalising details with Tesco's whereby you will also be able to order school uniform on-line. We will send you the website address and log in details as soon as they are received..

Jenny Dyer

World Book Day 'heads up'

There will be more information to follow, but I just wanted to let you know that World Book Day will be held on 5th March 2015. On this day we will be inviting children and staff to dress up as their favourite book character. I thought you may appreciate some time for planning costumes! Last year was a great success and we hope to make this year even better in order to ignite everyone's passion for books and storytelling.

Mrs Duff

Warwick Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Teresa Lock

Warwick Class have been busy travelling through France by bicycle, tasting French foods, creating French buildings and landmarks and also learning a little bit of French on the way. We are now travelling over the Alps and western Europe in a hot air balloon, linked to our text 'The Great Balloon Hullabaloo'. This has raised many questions and experiments related to how and why things float in the air and the strength of materials. In other links to the text we have also made mini pizzas, choosing, preparing and tasting different toppings.

In maths this week we are looking at repeating patterns and 2D shape; in phonics we are starting to learn vowel digraphs and practising our letter formation.

Next week we will be travelling on up to the Arctic Circle and thinking about how we can travel on ice and snow!

Mrs Lock

Windrush Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Zoë Duff

Last week in literacy the children devised symbols to represent vehicle noises and used them to create short performance poetry pieces. This was a complex task with mixed results - one of the best outcomes was improved teamwork. The children really had to collaborate and listen to each other's ideas. When marking their work, I happily awarded many 'team worker' 'hat skills' stamps!

In maths this week, we are looking at repeating patterns leading into number patterns and 'finding the difference'. We have also introduced two new daily challenges; one is based on estimating and the other counting on to 100 from any point using structured apparatus. The children particularly like the estimate challenge which was suggested by Olivia!

Our topic is taking shape nicely and we have completed some excellent 'Vehicles that Help Us' posters which will soon go on display. Great work as usual from the Windrush Crew who are most certainly growing into mature and independent learners.

Mrs Duff

Tolsey Class

Class Teacher – Ms Nikki Latton

This week in literacy the children have started to plan their own myths after reading and acting out a number of different Greek myths. They have come up with some great ideas and I look forward to reading their writing when it is completed. During maths, Tolsey class children have been developing their mental maths strategies; learning the compact method for addition and solving word problems. I have been particularly pleased by how quickly they have picked up new strategies and methods.

During topic work the children have been researching different mountain ranges in Europe, creating their own mountain posters and their own mountain range in groups. They demonstrated very good team worker skills whilst working on this project. We have also started our history topic on the Romans and are looking forward to taking part in a Roman Workshop in school.

Priory Class

Class Teacher – Miss Jessica Forester

Priory Class have had a very interesting and exciting few weeks! Mr Pullin, from the secondary school, came to visit the Year 6 children and we took part in the Under 11's indoor athletics competition at Burford Secondary School. I was very impressed with the way the children behaved and how they supported each other throughout the morning.

In our literacy lessons we have followed Maia on her journey across the Atlantic to Brazil. In order to help Maia prepare for her adventures, we are writing an information leaflet for her. The children have had to research facts, such as weather, food and location. We are now busy turning our notes into full sentences and learning about the different language and structural features needed.

Further revision, consolidation and extension have again been the focus for our numeracy lessons. We have been revising 3d and 2d shapes in addition to angles.

PE kit plea! Please could all the children bring in their PE kit on a Monday and take this home the following Friday. The kit should include navy or black shorts, a white polo top and a pair of trainers. It is very frustrating for our sports coach when the children are not prepared to take part fully in the lesson.

Burford Stars

The stars last week were Phoebe Palmer and George Wareing. This week they are Ceara Townsend and Timoney Pitt.

Gold Book Certificates

Awarded Thursday 29th January at 2.45 p.m.

Isaac Harris for his increased independence in literacy skills; Isaac will now attempt reading words and writing his sounds independently. Keep up the great work Isaac.

Zak Morgan for his improved Speaking and listening skills, these were evident whilst sharing his knowledge of airports and aeroplanes and helping to build up our new role play area. Well done Zak.

Faith Warren for taking a more active interest in her learning and becoming more responsible for getting her tasks done well. Faith is also working hard to improve her reading and writing which are both noticeably improving. Great job Faith!

Oliver West for speaking up more in class and showing a great improvement in both reading and writing. Oliver has worked hard to improve the presentation of his work which is both easy and interesting to read - superb all round improvement!

Ethan Barnes for showing enthusiasm and good ideas whilst working on myths and legends in literacy.

Keelan Mackie for showing an excellent work ethic and determination during maths sessions whilst learning new methods.

Ethan Learoyd for working hard to improve the quality and quantity of the work he produces during lessons. Keep it up Ethan!

Phoebe Palmer for always working hard and persevering with her work, even when she finds concepts challenging.

Golden Post Box

Awarded Thursday 29th January at 2.45 p.m.

Anna Swann for passing her first tap dance exam with distinction. She was also awarded a 'platinum' award for scoring over 90%! (She got 95%).

Camille Duff for being chosen to represent Witney & District's Swimming Club in the 11 & Under relay teams at the 2015 Oxon & North Bucks County Championships. Camille swam the front crawl in both the Freestyle relay and the Medley relay and swam personal bests in both races. Swimming at Counties is a huge achievement especially after having only swam competitively for a short time.

Zachary Mead for passing star rock climbing at School of Rock.

Jessica Blantz has passed her Stage 1 swimming award.

Benjamin August has passed his Stage 2 swimming award.

FOBPS Newsletter

Cook for Books

Well done Tolsey Class, your Cook for Books raised £40.
The next Cook for Books will be on Friday 30th January, straight after school and will be the turn of Priory Class.

The totals so far for Cook for Books are:

Warwick = **£41.00**
Windrush = **£47.00**
Tolsey = **£40.00**

FOBPS on Social Media!

FOBPS has got an account on **Facebook**, so please remember to 'like' us. We keep you informed on upcoming events and give feedback on recent ones. You can find us at www.facebook.com/BurfordPrimarySchool or use the link to our Facebook page from the **school's website** – just look under the 'News' tab and then the 'Social Media Page' link at the bottom. The amounts raised at events and photos will be posted on to FB for you to see and share.

FOBPS Meeting

The date of the next FOBPS meeting has yet to be confirmed. Once we know the date, we will let you know so if you want to come along, you would be very welcome. Please remember you have the option to put your children into After School Club for the duration of the meeting.

There are many different ways you can help, whether you have lots of time on your hands or would like to contribute as and when you're able to. We hold our meetings roughly every 6 weeks and are very relaxed with no obligation to attend each session. If you feel you can't commit to a large role, you may want to be involved in a smaller but equally important way (e.g. running a stall at the summer fair, baking for a cake sale). Or you can always support FOBPS events by simply turning up, it all counts!

If you'd like to come along to future meetings, then please come and chat to either Louisa Swann, Lizanne Harris or Rachael Barton and we can tell you more about it. Or if you'd like to simply be included in the mailing list for the minutes of our meetings, then just let us know. Our meetings are very relaxed so feel free to pop along whenever you want to!

Please do let us know if you think you can help or want to get involved with FOBPS

If you would like to contact **FOBPS by email**, feel free to email the co-chair of FOBPS directly at louisa@theswanns.com

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The advertisement features a collection of school-related items including polo shirts, jackets, trousers, a cap, shoes, a first aid kit, and a high-visibility vest, all displayed against a red and white background with a ribbon graphic.

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