

Burford Primary School Newsletter



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Head Teacher's Messages

Cycling Proficiency – This starts tomorrow (Friday) for those Year 4 children who volunteered to participate. This will continue daily next week with the test taking place on Thursday. Please remind your child to bring in their bikes and helmets, together with a suitable lock so they can be secured in the bike area throughout the day.

Harvest Festival - Our Harvest Festival will be held on Thursday 24th October at 2.00 p.m. in Burford Church. We ask for the children to bring in donations of non-perishable goods (preserves and tinned food) which will be given to Besom, a local charity in Witney which helps families in difficult situations. Parents, carers, grandparents, family members are all welcome. This is the last day of term, so you will be able to collect your child(ren) from the Church that day. Children pre-booked into our afterschool club will walk back to school with staff members.

We will be asking your child(ren) to take their PE kits and any belongings home on the Wednesday of that week to ensure the cloakrooms are clear. Term ends on Thursday 24th October at 3.10 p.m.

Jenny Dyer, Head Teacher

Warwick Class

Class Teachers – Mrs Holly Docherty & Mrs Wendy Corless

In Warwick class we have been working especially hard in Maths, where we are ordering numbers to ten and learning about the cardinal principal of numbers (making the connection between the number word and the quantity it represents). The children have been demonstrating a great understanding of a tricky concept, so well done! I will be running a maths workshop on Monday 21st October at 2.30 p.m. for Warwick parents to come in and explore our key concepts for this term.

In phonics, we have moved onto the sounds g,o,c,k & u which you will find in your child's reading record, along with the letter formation patter so you can have a go at these at home if you wish. I will be running a phonics workshop after half term for parents to attend, with the incentive of a free book for those who come along! A big thank you to those of you who are reading at home with your child.

Last week we visited Burford Library for a story and rhyme time, which the children loved and I was really pleased with how well behaved they were, both walking to the library and when we were there. All in all, it's been a great start to the year, so well done Warwick!

Windrush Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Jessica Beaney

In English, we have been learning a new text 'The Gingerbread Man.' We learnt how to retell the story, discussed how the characters might be feeling and reasons why. To help us learn the story, we played games; designed and created our own gingerbread man (out of paper and playdough) and puppets.

In Maths, we have continued to work on our knowledge of place value, focusing on comparing two numbers, saying which one is larger and how we know.

In our Topic sessions, we have continued to look at the United Kingdom and thought about the features we found in towns and those in the countryside.

Tolsey Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Hilary Connor

Tolsey have been writing poetry to create images over the last couple of weeks. We have used lots of descriptive language and written and performed a variety of poetry styles. The children particularly enjoyed performing poems about bugs. In Maths, we have learnt about telling the time and how to measure accurately; I'm sure parents enjoyed hearing all about how their children measured and made their skeletons. We have been investigating how to make pop up books work in DT - keep an eye out for a surprise next term! In Science, the children have been learning about animals, including humans, and enjoyed preparing and carrying out an experiment to find whether the amount of exercise had an effect on the number of jumps that could be done.

Priory Class

Ms Nikki Latton

In Priory Class, we are coming to the end of our narrative work based on Wolf Brother by Michelle Paver. I am very impressed by all the work the children have produced. They have worked on reading comprehension, sentence types, punctuation, recount writing and are now coming to the end of their own version of the story. We also enjoyed a Kung Fu punctuation session! In Maths, we have been working on fractions, rounding numbers to 10, 100, 1000, 10 000, 100 000 and 1 000 000. We have now started formal multiplication methods and problem solving.

This week we have looked at farming in the Stone Age and then the Bronze Age. We have been learning about places in a town in Spanish and materials in Science. We enjoyed two sessions of Forest School; the children demonstrated great creativity and initiative during these sessions.

Gold Book Certificates

Awarded Thursday 17th October @ 9.00 a.m.

We welcome parents and family members to attend the presentation of their child's certificate, which takes place in the school hall.

Alexia-Mae Townsend Thank you for all the reading you do at home Lexi; it is so lovely to see that you enjoy looking at books so much!

Mark Sands For being so engaged in your outdoor learning at Forest School and teaching your friends all the things you know about animals!

Aashreya Gummadala for being a super member of our class. Your attitude to learning always impresses me. This week I was really pleased with how you labelled features of the human body and described the gingerbread man.

Xander Ebeling You have been on fire with our Maths lessons. You can tell me which number is bigger and why, using the correct language. Great job!

Jessica Wakeley for making a huge effort with her presentation, because she takes advice and uses it to help her learning. Jessica is always very polite to adults and children.

Dexter Toms for being very helpful in class, taking all his responsibilities seriously including his own learning - Dexter participates well in all aspects of school life.

Rowan Toms for showing such a brilliant work ethic. Rowan is head down in lessons, concentrating on his learning. He listens to instructions well and then works hard to achieve good results and make progress in all areas of the curriculum. Keep up that excellent attitude Rowan, we are very proud of you.

Ruby Taylor for an outstanding attitude towards learning. Ruby is working at a high standard in all areas of the curriculum and is an absolute pleasure to teach. Keep up that excellent attitude Ruby, we are very impressed.

Golden Post Box

Awarded Thursday 17th October @ 9.00 a.m.

Sian Lewis has been awarded a Green Blue Peter Badge after submitted her recycling picture to them. Very well done Sian!

Jasmine Mead is really enjoying her swimming and recently swam like a mermaid using a mermaid tail!

Community News for parents who work in and around Oxford - Funeral of PC Andrew Harper

Advance notice of arrangements for the funeral of PC Andrew Harper so you can consider the impact for you.

PC Harper's funeral will take place on Monday 14 October, 11am, at Christ Church Cathedral, St Aldates. A funeral procession will travel through Oxford city centre. We anticipate an increase in visitors to the city on the day. Thames Valley Police is working closely with partners to provide a fitting tribute and to ensure it is safe and secure. We are also working to minimise the impact on the day of those who live, work and visit Oxford.

To accommodate the funeral procession, a number of road closures will be put in place at 8am to 12.30pm, this will include:

- The Plain
- Magdalen Bridge
- High Street
- St Aldates – closure is in place from the city centre up to the corner of Speedwell Street

**Please note – Longwall Street will be open southbound, traffic will then be able to turn left onto the High Street towards the The Plain.*