



Dear Parents

Science Oxford Workshops for Years 1—6 took place this week and the children really enjoyed these sessions. It was great to see their natural curiosity and problem solving skills being tested. Nethercote class were Inventors and experimented with different materials to see which made the best anchor and umbrella. Harborne were melting materials and finding out which created solids, liquids and gases. Rousham planned experiments and melted sugar to form caramel. The children used lots of scientific vocabulary and investigational skills to develop and extend their learning. Thank you to the PTA for funding this deepening of our Science curriculum.

Many thanks to parents for their IT skills and flexibility accessing parents evenings via Teams and phone calls this week. We were all delighted it went without technical hitch and I hope parents found it valuable talking to their child’s class teacher. Next week I will be sending a short survey out for parents to give feedback about the parents evening logistics this year, and our return to school since September.

Have a restful weekend.
Mrs L Murrey

25 Reads Award—Congratulations to the following children who have registered 25 reads

Emily B	George D
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House Captains

Congratulations to our new House and Vice Captains for the year:

<p>Copse Captain: Lucy B Vice Captain: Daisy E</p>	<p>Grove Captain: Islay L-P Vice Captain: Jasmine B</p>	<p>Heath Captain: Lyla S Vice Captain: George D</p>	<p>Spinney Captain: Emily B Vice Captain: Ben J</p>
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School Applications for 2021/2022

Secondary School—Parents are reminded that the deadline for applications for children to transfer from primary to secondary school for Year 7 entry in September 2021 is **Saturday 31st October 2020**. Apply direct at: <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/apply-school-place/secondary-school>

Primary School—Online applications for children for Reception Year entry in September 2021 can be submitted online from 3rd November 2020.

Nasal Flu Vaccinations

You will have previously had an email with details of how to register your child for the flu vaccine. This is also available on the website. Your on-line consent needs to be completed by **5:00 on Monday 9th November** to ensure your child receives their vaccination. The link will close on this date and late consents will not be accepted.

Parents Online Safety Workshop

123ICT are holding an online safety workshop between 8:00-9:00pm on **Wednesday 18th November**. We encourage all parents to book on this course via the following link: <https://sites.google.com/gedu.demo.123ict.co.uk/parentsonlinesafety/>

Oxford Active—After School Club—ad hoc bookings available

Our After School Club runs from 3:00—5:30 on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Please visit their website <http://www.activeafterschoolclubs.co.uk/> to register and book regular sessions. **For ad-hoc bookings please call Oxford Active on 01865 594324**. I can not emphasise enough that this is a “Use it or Lose it” approach. We are in contract with Oxford Active until July 2021, currently the Club is being run with a significant financial loss to the school, this is not sustainable beyond July 2021. We urge all parents to make use of this valuable resource.

PTA SECOND-HAND UNIFORM AND CAKE SALE - Friday 23rd October 3pm

We’d really appreciate donations of clean uniform in good condition, they can be dropped off in the boxes at the school office. Cake donations are greatly appreciated too, these can also be dropped off at the office on Friday morning or let Carrie know if you need them picking up.

HALF-TERM PUMPKIN CARVING COMPETITION

We will be asking the children to get creative this half term and enter our competition to carve a spook-takular pumpkin 🎃 We will send entry forms home this week. Entry will be £1 and there will be one winner picked from each class - there will be a prize!



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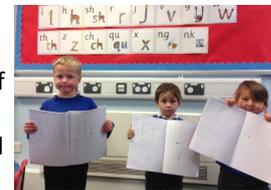
HALLOWEEN TRAIL

We are also planning to produce a map of the village showing the houses that will be dressed to impress for Halloween. Please email Carrie if you plan to decorate your place and if you'd like to be included on the trail. info@carriesouthall.co.uk . The maps will be available at the shop for £1



Value Awards

Medcroft Class: Our class celebrated the amazing progress we have made in our phonics learning this term. We looked at our phonics books in the first week and compared them to the work we have done this week. The children are quite rightly very proud of themselves. Try asking your children about some of the sounds they can remember, maybe they can find some letter sounds when you are out and about or in one of their books at home. Our value certificate for 'Kindness' was given to Pippa V. Pippa is a really kind and caring member of the class. She happily helps out children who need it throughout the day and is always very concerned if she finds one of her peers hurt or upset. A huge well done to Pippa.



Nethercote Class: This week, we are celebrating Science and have been thinking about our Science topic 'Animals including Humans' and what we have learned so far. We now know about the different parts of our body and what our senses are for, and how these are the same and different to other animals. We have also played 'spot the difference' to try and describe animals and their attributes, which has given us lots of fantastic discussion! Our learning value this week is 'Curiosity', which I am awarding to Sophie H. She has really impressed me this week with her curious attitude to learning and has been developing her independence in Maths. We are very proud of her! Well done Sophie.

Harborne Class: This week's value certificate for "Responsibility" is awarded to James B for producing thoughtful work, great presentation and always taking responsibility for his learning. He responds well to feedback and always finishes his work in class. Well done James.

Rousham Class: This week's value certificate for 'Curiosity' goes to Ruby R for her enthusiastic approach to travel writing this week. She produced fantastic, detailed research on her country and was keen to learn more. Well done Ruby!