

Dear Parents

We have been so pleased with how positively children have responded to their new reading diaries. Just over half of the children in the school have now recorded 25 reads. Nethercote are currently in the lead with 14 children recording 25 reads, closely followed by Harborne who has 13 children who have recorded 25 reads. Rousham are in 3rd place with 10 children recording 25 reads and Medcroft with 9 children recording 25 reads. I will report back at the end of term to see if the leaderboard has changed!

This week's gold coins were focused on being a Reflective Learner. I asked teachers to award their gold coin for children who can talk about their learning and know what their next steps are to improve. Congratulations to: Islay L-P, Benjamin B, Kaitlyn H and Percy M.

Mrs Murrey

25 Reads

Congratulations to the following children achieving their 25 reads milestone this week:

Georgie L	Jasmine B
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and to the following children for achieving their 50 reads milestone this week:

Laurie L	Katie F	Alex J	Elinor L	Pippa M
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and to the following children for achieving their 75 reads milestone this week.

Grace H	Islay L-P
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Google Classroom

For any parents who need additional support accessing Google Classroom, please use the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2tE4QtfuEdY&feature=youtu.be>

School Applications for 2021/2022

Primary School—Parents are reminded that they can now submit online applications for children for Reception Year entry in September 2021. Attending our Nursery does not automatically give your child a school place in September. Parents should apply direct at:

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/apply-school-place/infant-and-primary-school>

The deadline for receipt of primary school applications is **Friday 15th January 2021**.

School Virtual Tour

This is now available to view on the website : <https://tackley.oxon.sch.uk/>

Children in Need

A huge thank you for all your donations for Children in Need. In total we raised £93.20 for this worthy cause.



STEAM Day

Yesterday we had a STEAM focused learning day which was filled with Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths opportunities. In KS1, we kicked off the morning with 'money madness', involving some challenging games. We then became Art Scientists, experimenting with gravity to create paintings. Finally, we conducted our own bubble experiments - concluding that Glycerine makes the strongest bubbles! - and had a go at engineering our own bubble wands!

Free Sharing App

The following is a link for a food sharing app. Many households share locally and it doesn't cost anything to join. <https://olioex.com/>

PTA

MY CHILD'S ART—As you've seen, the portal for My Childs Art is open and you can now log on and order your Christmas cards etc. We really appreciate your purchases, as the PTA earn commission on the sales.

CHRISTMAS TRAIL—Due to the success of the Halloween trail, we are planning to run a Christmas version, bigger and better! We're giving more notice this time, so please let Carrie know if you're planning on decorating your house and would like to be on the trail. We will probably plan to start selling maps from the 5th December. Finished entries will go into a draw for a Christmas treat prize.

HAMPER RAFFLE—We are still planning to run a Christmas Hamper raffle, so any lovely food or drink donations would be greatly appreciated and can start to be dropped off in a box outside the office.

EASY FUNDRAISING

If you're shopping online for anything at all, please remember to go via easyfundraising to raise free donations for us.

Easyfundraising has over 4,000 shops and sites which will donate to us at no extra cost to yourself, including lots of big name retailers like John Lewis, Argos, Uswitch, eBay, M&S, Just Eat, Now TV, Domino's Pizza and Audible. All you have to do is go through the easyfundraising website or App whenever you shop online and we'll receive a % of your spend as a free donation, at no cost to you or us.

We really need all the help we can get at the moment and any funds we raise will make a big difference to us. Please remember to use easyfundraising and if you haven't signed up yet, you can find our easyfundraising page at https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/tackleyprimaryschooltackley/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=c19-e2.



Value Awards

Medcroft Class: This week's value certificate is Curiosity. It is awarded to Percy M because of his involvement in planting our trees on the school playground this week. He was very interested in how to plant them and how best to help them grow and worked really hard to give them all the very best start. Well done Percy!

Nethercote Class: This week, the value certificate is Kindness and I am awarding it to Valentina B. She is such a positive influence in the classroom and is often thinking of others. An example of this is when she brought in extra resources which she gladly shared with others in the class. Keep up the good work Valentina!

Harborne Class: This week in celebration assembly we celebrated 'Improve' the children were given time to through their literacy books and see how their work has progressed since returning to school in September. The children were able to work reflectively noting how their handwriting, length of writing, use of punctuation and choice of vocabulary had improved over the past 10 weeks. Our values certificate this week went to Arann L-P for Kindness. He has shown great sportsmanship and support this week as well as always being kind, caring and considerate. Well done Arann.

Rousham Class: This week Rousham celebrated the improvements we have made since returning to school in September. All children shared an area they have improved in, responses included: 'calculating in maths,' 'using punctuation more in my independent writing,' 'being able to do long division on my own,' 'my spelling,' and 'parkour skills on the equipment!' Our Value certificate of Curiosity is awarded to Clemmie M this week. Clemmie is always full of questions and curiosity about what is going on around us, this week I have been particularly impressed with her focus and positive learning behaviour. Well done Clemmie!