

Dear Parents and Carers

We are racing to the end of the school year and it is very busy as usual. Pupils have been challenged to swim distance, Congratulations to all of them, in particular Hayden and Holly who both managed to achieve 200m.

You will find your child's report has been sent home this evening in preparation for the parent meetings next week. They are also being emailed to you today. Please take the opportunity to read them so you can raise any questions you may have next week. At the meeting the teachers will also be sharing Positive Behaviour Management Plans with you if your child has one in place. This is an opportunity to discuss possible triggers for behaviour and will enable teachers to get an insight into how you best manage behaviour at home. Working together is key to the success of each individual pupil.

As mentioned in previous correspondence, parent consultation is also where you will find out which class your child will be in next year. We have had quite a high turnover of pupils this year as some pupils are moving out of Oxfordshire, which has resulted in quite an overhaul of our classes for next year. We will let you know next week which class your child is in and who the teacher is likely to be. There is always a chance this can change due to unforeseen circumstances. As in previous years we are not able to share information of other pupils who will be in your child's class due to GDPR regulations, although I am sure you will make contact with each other via our Facebook site. Can I take this opportunity to explain that although we have 11 classes across the school there are 3 classes per pathway. This means that pupils don't necessarily change classes each year as they would in other schools. They will sometimes move 'back' into a 'class name' that they have been in before. This is due to the teachers evaluating exactly what stage a pupil is at and then we will move pupils into the most appropriate class. As we group our pupils by individual need and ability, they may move backwards and forwards across the classes. Please be assured that this doesn't mean they are repeating a year or will not be able to make good progress. This is about ensuring the pupil is in the right class, with the right teacher and peers in order to make the best possible progress against their long-term outcomes stated on their EHCP, as well as their Maths and English Targets. We also consider during the academic year whether a pupil is in the best place possible, therefore moves across classes within the year also take place.

Following a successful interview, Charlotte Lee will be leaving us in September to start a new job at another school. Whilst we are sad to see her depart, we wish her every success in her new career. We have already completed the interview process and I am pleased to say that Heather Short will be joining our team.

Our Kingfisher View

Kingfisher-a place where everyone is valued to develop independence through an enriching curriculum which is worthwhile

Further to my message last week, we are re-evaluating the effectiveness of communication through the newsletter. It would be helpful if you could take the time to complete the following survey <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Newsletter-EviSense>

Dates for your diary

Parent Consultation	Wednesday 7 th July
Last Day of Term	Tuesday 20 th July (2pm finish)
First Day of New School Year	Monday 6 th September

Have a great weekend

Lorraine



News from Spring Cluster

Green Class

We have had a busy week this week and have had lots of fun continuing to learn about different animals. In our sensory story 'Rumble in the Jungle' we found a lion, we listened to his loud roar and explored the edible sand that he lives in. The other animal that we found in our story this week was an elephant, they are also really loud. We searched for the elephants in the green grass using our fingers.



In Sensory phonics this week we have been looking at the letter 'a'. We have been finding the letters in moon sand and the adults have been helping us make different shapes with our hands and fingers.



Alicia, Kim, Amanda, Jackie, Julia, Clare, Maria, Melissa and Emily



News from Spring Cluster

Yellow Class

What a wonderful week Yellow Class has had. This week's atmospherics has been one of the highlights for everybody. Atmospherics is a really relaxing lesson in which an adult will float 4 different colour fabrics, each fabric is impregnated in a different smell and related to different music so children can always relate the fabric to the same smell and melody.



This week we also had some special book reading moments using different objects of reference. All the books were animal related as our topic is learning about animals. The class favourite one has become "Room on the Broom".



Finally, I would like to give a big shout out to two Yellow Class members this week. Firstly, Alessandra for an amazing work with her glasses. She has used them this week for up to 30-40 minutes and the response has been amazing to them from the first moment. Secondly, to the lovely Francesca for incredible work on her walking but also on her stair climbing, the progress was incredible.



Have a wonderful weekend!

Gal, Sally, Emma, Katia and Kerry Ann



News from Summer Cluster

Pink Class

It has been another very busy week in Pink Class. Despite the overcast weather, we had a lovely story session outside. Chloe did good looking at the pictures and she turned the pages several times. Louisa and Sienna loved the repetitive verse of the story "All Join In" by Quentin Blake. We were so proud of how focused the children were during this session.

Meanwhile some of the other students were working hard in the swimming pool. All the students were so relaxed. Katie did super kicking with her legs and Toby did independent stretching out. He was also able to float with minimal support. Well done everyone.



Louisa did wonderful vocalising and showed lovely anticipation during our Resonance Board session. Sienna loved the props for our song "The Bears went over the Mountain" and she held the blanket independently and we moved it up and down. All the students were very excited to see where the bears landed.



We hope that you all have a great weekend.

Siobhán, Tor, Julie, María, Liza, Felicity, Sue, Norah, Daniel and Sarah



News from Summer Cluster

Blue Class



Hi all, I hope you have all had a good week. It has been an entertaining week for Blue Class with lots going on as ever.

In literacy we have concluded our work on 'Dear Zoo' and look forwards to starting 'The Very Ugly Bug' next week. Pupils did excellently with their work around this story book and I look forwards to seeing what they are going to generate next time.

In maths we wrapped up our focus on shapes. It was good to see pupils be able to not just match images to the real thing but also be able to recreate the shapes themselves in sand or on whiteboards with increasing levels of independence.



As ever, sensory play was an absolute blast. This week we got out a selection of animals (as per our topic) and added considerable gunk and goop with cornflour and water! Swimming was a real success and we were particularly impressed with the progress that our Thursday group made.

With the summer holidays starting to loom on the horizon, have a fantastic weekend and we will see you all again on Monday.



*From Helen, Sarah, Ellie, Kia, Lynette and Richard,
~ The Blue Class Team*



News from Summer Cluster

Purple Class

We started the week as usual with a relaxing swim and it was great to catch up with Dawn who is now life guarding for us. Dawn was a little sneaky and crept in the changing rooms to surprise Kayah and make her jump! Haha.

This Tuesday Brandon, Roberto and Hannah prepared our Friday desserts – making Brownies. Students have also continued to sort and organise their accreditation files and the folders really are a fabulous testament to all their hard work. Certificates are well deserved!

For topic work '*Creatures of the World*' (including animals and their life cycles), we recapped on work so far and started to think about animal and creature habitats and why animals are found where they are. Most students could identify the creatures and where you would find a certain creature. Jakob, Kayah and Iqra have taken charge of creating our '*Creatures of the World*' display.

Josh chose the Friday lunch – Sausages, mash, peas & sweetcorn medley with gravy.

This week we also thought more about Recycling and watched a video about the damage plastic causes to our world. Julie very kindly demonstrated all our recycling bins we have in place and why we use them. We feel proud that we make an effort in Purple. Students then created some posters which we will display around school.

Students continued with their individual target work and divided into their groups for literacy and math sessions. The Read, Write Inc group enjoyed their 'stand up, sit down game' guessing the phonics with Gilly. Some students engaged in the shopping game this week finding the ingredients they needed for their trolley. Sam won once again! Jakob, Kayah, Iqra and Holly from Gold have also started their PowerPoint for AoPE (Award of Personal Effectiveness) all about Kingfisher School. Watch this space!

This week at OXSRAD even our Josh had a go at spinning and lasted the whole session. We are all so proud of him! Even Matthew had a go at sitting on the spinning bike and although he was a little nervous, it was a great achievement for him all the same to simply have a try! In the afternoon we had a little look at Tour de France as part of our ASDAN France topic.

Josh, Kayah, Harry and Chan prepared and cooked the Friday lunch this week, which was once again delicious, great job! The other students enjoyed a cycle at the Horspath Athletics track in the lovely weather. Brandon and Mya are steaming ahead with their star charts!

Jobs were completed ready for the weekend as usual, with extra notice and discussion of our recycling routine, as it is such an important factor in today's world. We continue to be very PROUD in Purple!

Happy weekend everyone!

Purple Class – Leah, Mary, Dawn, Gill, Sian, & Julie & Marie (Gold)



News from Summer Cluster





News from Autumn Cluster

Orange Class



We have put all of our work on life cycles on display in the classroom, so I thought I would share a picture of our display board with you – it looks fantastic! We have the life cycle of a frog on the right and the life cycle of the butterfly on the left. It shows how our topic work encompasses elements of science, art, DT, literacy and maths through lots of different activities during a term. The children love to look at their own work and spot the things that they have made and it prompts them to talk about their learning.



Our 'butterfly' activities this week have included making symmetrical butterfly patterns using paint. We represented the life cycle of the butterfly using different pasta shapes and a bean as an egg sitting on a leaf. Some children matched up two halves to make a complete butterfly – again, exploring symmetry.

Enjoy the weekend!

Rachael, Tracy, Caitlin, Beccie and Ellie.

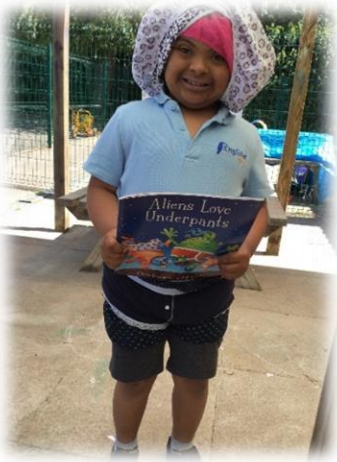


News from Autumn Cluster

Red Class

The children have had another go at writing their own articles for the newsletter this week. They have all tried to write more and improve their sentences – I think they have, what do you think?

Seb:



Aliens Love Underpants the book, I had pants on my head. I liked the book.

Alex:



We watched Nicola open her presents. She is leaving red class. We had a party for her.

Holly:



On Friday, we had a party for Nicola. We had party food and drinks. We made a card for Nicola and flowers. We had music and we danced. I liked the salt and vinegar Pringles.



News from Autumn Cluster

Charlie:



Here we are releasing the butterflies. We have had these from baby caterpillars and we watched them grow. They turned into cocoons and when they came out, they were butterflies.

Henry:



Lorna is lovely. Lorna is my teacher. Lorna is my friend. Lorna is my best teacher. Lorna is red class teacher.

Lewis:



I was looking in the caterpillar pot they went into a cocoon. They were in there for over two weeks and then they went into a butterfly. Then we let them out on the field and the playground. They had beautiful wings. They did not want to fly away at the start.

Leythan:



We were stroking Leo the cat. He was brown and black. He was so cute, it was Ellie's cat. He was so soft that he was soft like a sponge. He had a big smile on his face, he was big.



News from Autumn Cluster

David:



Camron made these glasses out of cardboard.

They didn't help Camron to see better but they were fun to make and play with!

Richard:



The snail is having it's lunch. It's eating lettuce, it can eat tomato, lettuce, cabbage and lots of healthy food. When a snail gets hungry, bring some healthy food to put in the snail tank.

If you would like the snails to come home for the school holidays with your child, call or ask Lorna, our teacher for more information on how to look after them.

We hope you all have a good weekend.

Lorna, Laura, Pauline, Jo and Jennifer.



News from Autumn Cluster

Gold Class

It has been a lovely week. We have been learning more about animal life cycles this week and we are beginning to make some comparisons between different types of animals and their life cycles. We have noticed that both amphibians and insects go through a change in their life cycle and that insects, amphibians, reptiles and birds begin the cycle as eggs. We really enjoyed watching a video of a Blue Tit nesting box and how the male and female birds busily built the nest and looked after the young birds before they were able to fly. We were interested to learn about the life cycle of turtles and enjoyed playing a life cycle game about turtles. Ask us what we know about turtles and where they lay their eggs.



In literacy, we have been working with The Owl and the Pussycat and have picked out the rhyming words. Some pupils have written a new verse using repetition and rhyme. At swimming today, they all swam brilliantly and amazed us all by the distance that they could swim! All pupils swam between 50 m and 200 m. Holly and Hayden both achieved 200m today.





News from Autumn Cluster

Today we say “Goodbye” to Gabe, who is moving house and will be starting at a new school. We had a lovely afternoon playing games as a class. We will miss him and wish him well in his new home and school.

The weather continues to be a bit unpredictable, so sun hats and sun cream and raincoats are a good idea just in case. P.E as always is on a Monday and Wednesday and so P.E kits must be in school on those days.

Have a lovely weekend,

From Maria, Tess, Julie, Esther and Brittany



News from Winter Cluster

Silver Class

Hello everyone,

This week we have continued to learn about zoo animals, we have continued to look at our sensory story 'Dear Zoo' which the children are all enjoying.



The children have all worked hard in PE, the hurdles seemed to be some of the children's favorite.



This week the children enjoyed some time in the light room. Using communication boards to choose which lights they wanted on.





News from Winter Cluster

It's been really lovely this week to see the children making friendships also sharing toys with each other.



In sensory play we have used zebra gloop with zebra toys, the children investigated the feel of the gloop and the effects of the black and white gloop mixed together.



We hope you all have a lovely weekend,

Leann, Tina, Ellie, Zoe and Brittany



News from Winter Cluster

White Class

We hope you all had great weekend!

This week we have continued a new book called 'Dear Zoo', the students have loved cuddling up to the toy animals and experiencing the cheeky behaviour, such as the elephant squirting water. In maths, we have been working on sequences and patterns, the children are really getting to grips with the tasks we are giving them, there is lots of evidence on EviSense if you would like to see. Within Phonics we have been learning the letter L this week, the children thought this was an easy letter! During our cooking lesson, we have continued to focus on mashing bananas on toast, most of the kids really enjoyed eating it too. In Art we have been choosing different patterned fabrics to create a zoo animal with, the children have chosen the zoo animal and then the fabrics to glue on, their artwork looks amazing.

Tasks for parents: Please keep on uploading evidence onto EviSense. Please ensure the privacy setting is for parents and teachers, so I am able to view it.

We hope you have a great weekend!

Jemma, Katie, Ali, Niki and Christina





News from Winter Cluster

Black Class

Happy Friday everyone! We have come to the end of exploring our zoo topic and ready for our minibeast exploration next week. In Literacy this week we practiced our pencil control drawing leopard spots and stripes onto different animals. I would like to make a special mention for Eleonora this week who followed a visual timetable to draw different animals! We also continued to practice using adjectives to describe zoo animals. eg tall giraffe.

During our topic session we chose an animal magnet and painted it to take home at the end of term. Everyone enjoyed choosing colours and animals and in true Black Class style we made a big mess with all of the paint! We also used brushes and sponges to clean muddy zoo animals which was lots of fun!

We continued to practice our recognition of different feelings and emotions this week. We looked at photographs of ourselves and our friends and used communication boards to comment. We also practiced making facial expressions ourselves. I would like to make a special mention for Connor who is brilliant at making all of the faces.



In Cooking this week we kept it simple and used communication boards to choose different topics for toast. It wasn't a surprise that strawberry jam was top of the list for most of us!

Thank you to everyone that has returned their parents evening form. I look forward to speaking with you all and celebrating the amazing achievements that everyone has made this year.

Have a brilliant weekend,

Katie, Amelia, Olivia, Teresa, Brittany, Megan

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