

Dear Parents and Carers

We have deliberated a lot this week about whether the 'weather' would affect us going ahead with our Sports Day. It is not very often that you hope and pray for the weather to not be as hot as predicted but this week was one of those times. I am so pleased that the forecast was slightly off and we were able to go ahead. The staff and pupils have been working hard to practice their skills. Thank you to the PFSA for supporting us again today by manning the BBQ and drinks stations. I would also like to thank all of our amazing volunteers and parents for supporting the day. This picture is the start of the day, we will share more pictures next week. If you have any pictures that you would like us to include in the newsletter, please send them into the office by using the email address office@kingfisher.oxon.sch.uk



Our pupils have also had a busy week prior to Sports Day, I went into the swimming lesson with Pink Class yesterday. I watched Chloe swim on her back, Ethan and Toby complete some physio exercises, Louisa swimming independently and Yujan swimming a width unaided. I also took a look at our new 'spinners' kindly donated by the PFSA. Hopefully you will find less soggy swimming costumes coming home.

Dates for your Diary

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| Wednesday 10th July: | Parent Consultations-Please see previous letter for detail and return ASAP |
| Wednesday 24th July: | Last Day of this Academic Year-14:00 finish for pupils |

Have a lovely weekend, hopefully it won't be too hot to enjoy being out and about.

Lorraine

Our Kingfisher View

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



News from Spring Cluster

Green Class

Once again, this week the children in Green Class have been engaging fantastically in different activities. Green Class has been focussing on the Communication ILP targets and our students have had great fun choosing different toys, books and musical instruments during our Communication sessions. Some of our students have been using their iPads or their symbol boards to make choices and some others have been using their PODD books or photos to express their choices. We have all been impressed on how well the children are doing and how nicely they have been using their 'pointy fingers' to point to the right symbol or photo.

In Art activities this week the children have been exploring animals that live in the water, as part of our topic 'Water, water everywhere'. The students used clay, star shape or fish shape cutters and rollers to make some lovely clay starfish or fish. The children loved using their hands to feel the texture of the clay, make marks on it and they particularly enjoyed using the rollers to press down on the animal cutter of their choice. On Wednesday afternoon, the children also loved taking part in the Tennis Tournament that took place in the Big Hall. Green Class has been practising their Tennis skills every Friday morning this term and the children have showed great enthusiasm during the sessions.

We have also been very lucky this week, as Laura our Speech and Language Therapist visited Green Class on Tuesday afternoon and made our children smile and have a lot of fun. Laura brought her own Attention Bucket to our Class and showed us some very exciting toys that Green Class students really enjoyed. The highlight of this session was definitely the Attention Builder activity, as our students were encouraged to hold a transparent umbrella as Laura poured water over it. The children loved staying under the umbrella and watching the water falling down.





News from Spring Cluster



Have a lovely, sunny weekend and we are looking forward to seeing you on Monday.

Anna, Clare, Jackie, Jo, Maria C, Pauline and Sue



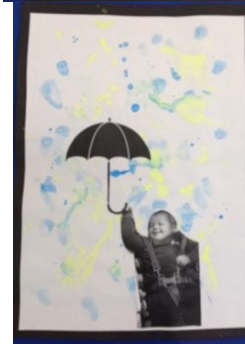
News from Spring Cluster

Yellow Class

A busy week for Yellow Class, we all opened wide for the dentist on Monday morning. Lots of hard work again in the swimming pool, floating and standing in the water. Some of the class enjoyed participating in the School tennis tournament holding the racket really well.

We continued exploring our water topic, enjoying our sensory story and singing in the rain. We had a great time exploring vibrations on the resonance boards, starting with slow pitter patter rain drops getting faster and faster until we had thunder and lightening.

Take a look at our singing in the rain pictures below!



Siobhán, Helen, María C, Yvonne, Sally, Kerryann, Amanda and Hannah



News from Summer Cluster

Pink Class



It has been a lovely week in Pink Class. We felt like everyone had 'had their weetabix' and were ready to give it their all this week. We have had some real wow moments from everyone. We have changed our timetable slightly and now cook on a Tuesday afternoon to allow more time for the various therapies in place on Wednesday mornings, as well as our weekly visit from Leo the Cat and Tennis Coaches. As our Sensory Cooking was a little out of routine it was decided we had to do something good. The result was an 'octopus humous' of which we were very, very proud.





News from Summer Cluster

We thought we would take this opportunity to say a massive thankyou to Sophia. Sophia has been volunteering once a week in our class all year. She has been a fantastic member of the team. She has supported staff and students alike. There is no doubting that she is a firm favourite with the students, particularly Chloe. On top of volunteering she has achieved amazing results in her A Level student. We hope you have a fantastic summer in Thailand.



Tor, Juliette, María, Dawn, Tracy, Norah, Lorna, Janet, Daniel, Clare.



News from Summer Cluster

Blue Class

This week we have had a lovely time exploring our environment and working hard. It was so nice to take our music lesson outside this week where we added some sensory elements into the session to add to Steve's work on communication and rhythm.

We changed our walk this week because of sports day which meant that we have now experienced the fields in many different elements and it was interesting to see how the wildflowers and meadows have shot up with the change of weather recently.

We have also added some new elements into our sensory play sessions which hopes to encourage more positive interaction between students.

We look forward to seeing you at sports day this week and hope that is another positive event which it has been in previous years. We've also made some lovely cakes for the event.



Joe, Matt, Olívia, Esther, Liza and Sarah



News from Summer Cluster

Purple Class

I think the end of the school year is now in sight and students are feeling a little 'end of *termitus*!' Students came in Monday a little more tired than even a usual Monday morning. We shared our news and focused a little on communication skills. At least it was a relaxing swim in the afternoon. Continuing with growing plants at Fitzwaryn for our enterprise project and keeping an eye on our recently seeded sunflowers. William and Matthew attended their work placement at Barnardo's – great job guys! For our topic focussing on our environment this term, we have been looking at signs and labels around us including those for road safety. However, we have also been thinking about keeping ourselves safe and have started to consider 'stranger danger'.

Matthew CS chose lunch this week – sausages again! Although this time some students have opted for mash rather than chips. We thought about ingredients needed but will save our list for the following Friday as most of us will have BBQ Friday. Walk4Wellbeing took place in Tilsley Park and in order to be good citizens we took the litter pickers to support with keeping our environment free of litter. We finished off our sunflower art pieces and continued with our practise for Imagine.

Sports practise at OXSRAD this week for some students who continued with javelin throwing. Harry, Sam and Josh shopped at Tesco for Student Centre supplies, whilst others helped to prepare our plants for the Sports Day event and keep the tomatoes well-watered. We have our first green tomato!! A fabulous end to the week with sports activities and a beautiful sunny day – not forgetting BBQ!! Happy Weekend everyone.

From Purple Class – Leah, Mary, Sean. Laura & Sian





News from Autumn Cluster

Orange Class

We have had a great week, continuing to think about the desert. We have had lots of fun playing with animals and diggers in the sand pit. We also got creative and started to bury our hands and feet in the sand.

In topic we thought about what clothes we would wear in the desert and worked hard to sort clothes for the hot desert and clothes for the rain. We also continued with our walks exploring different environments. This week we went to Radley Nature Reserve. We enjoyed walking through the woods, going up and down a hill and along the muddy paths. We saw lots of birds and insects but our favourite part was going over the bridge.

In literacy we have started to make shape poems. We chose words that matched the sun picture and stuck these inside the sun. Some of us chose our own words, some sorted words and some improved boring words.

In maths we continued to think about sharing – this week sharing different amounts between plates as well as sharing fish between different numbers of ponds. We are so proud of how much more independent the children have become with this.

Other highlights of the week included swimming and art play activities. The children loved making sun collages and sun catchers in our play activities this week and were very proud of them. In swimming Leo and Camron both achieved their 5m badge this week and Patryk got his 10m badge....well done boys!





News from Autumn Cluster



Homework ideas:

- Sharing foods and toys between 2 or more people.
- Talking about describing words i.e. there's a fast car, hot oven etc.
- Sand play - exploring the different ways that sand can be used.

Hope you all have a fantastic weekend!

Charlotte, Tina, Ali, Nina, Maria and Kim



News from Autumn Cluster

Red Class

As the weather is getting hotter and sunnier now, please could we remind you that your child needs to have suncream applied each day before they come to school and bring a hat with them to wear outside. If you send in a named bottle of suncream we can also do top-ups during the day as needed.

We managed to time our walking group to be on the last rainy day for a while! Luckily we missed the worst of it and enjoyed re-visiting Abingdon library where we returned the books we borrowed previously and checked out new ones.

At school we have carried on with division to think about fractions. We have been dividing shapes into and recognising halves, quarters and thirds. In literacy we have been beginning to think about how to read a play script, and we also found time to write return letters to our penpals in Stefanie's school in Germany telling them about what we like doing at school and asking some questions.

Currently we are all very excited for Sports Day, which we have been practicing for in our PE lessons as well as making some house banners. We look forward to seeing many of you there! The next couple of weeks are going to continue to be very busy with lots of trips and in-school events on, so please keep an eye on the diaries in case of changes of plans.

Katherine, Julie, Nicola, and Sarah





News from Autumn Cluster





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Gold Class



Happy Friday and well done for making it to the weekend! Whilst at the time of writing this we haven't yet made it through Sports Day, I think we can all agree it's been a busy week!

We have absolutely loved our literacy lessons this week - donning our drama hats and investigating play scripts. We started this on Monday with a staff rendition of the play-script 'Long Way Down' (*ssh don't tell Teresa but I'm nominating her for a 'Tony Award'*). Students analysed the script then reproduced the play in groups before crafting their own alternate endings later in the week. We will be continuing this on Monday!

In Maths we have been investigating division in the context of fractions. Using visual fraction mats we have split up objects around the mat to find fractions of different amounts. Higher

ability pupils have been using this as a means of developing some division strategies.

Our Art work has also really started to come together this week as we have now begun to combine some of the different elements that we have been working on to create a bigger, multi-media piece.

SRE was also good fun this week. Some of our more mature students enjoyed giving each other a tough time in a humorous manner as they debated how many children is a good number of children for a family. We also invited the school nurse to join this older group as we talked about how to control a family's size.

On Wednesday we enjoyed sharing P.E. with Red Class as we held a mini tennis tournament and our topic lessons have seen us investigating the desert habitat and plants that live there. Helen's prickly pet cactus certainly shocked a couple of pupils!

Have a superb weekend,

Richard, Teresa, Julie, Marie, Helen, Sian and Lorraine G!
~ The Gold Class Crew





News from Autumn Cluster

Homework

Part of our work on playscripts this week involved looking at 'stage directions' and how the actors should act. You could support your child with their awareness of this by asking them how different characters in stories, comics and shows are acting and feeling. What have they just done? Use adverbs: are they speaking loudly, quietly or perhaps even angrily. For maths, please help your child to find halves/thirds or quarters of different amounts. This is closely tied to the work they have done on division e.g. 'To find a half we need to share between two.' 'To find a quarter we need to share between four'.





News from Winter Cluster

Silver Class

Wow we have celebrated a lot of birthdays recently and enjoyed sharing the cakes sent in. We have been working on our fine motor skills this week, especially when we have had wet play. We have been building lego houses, turning pages in books and carefully painting and sticking in art. We have made our own snails and whales from the story about the Snail and the Whale. We're are looking forward to putting all of the hard work we've been putting into our PE lessons to the test on sports day.



Hope everyone has a good rest after sports day and we'll see you next week Silver Class,

Emily, Niki, Jill, Jimena and Annie



News from Winter Cluster

White Class



The children have enjoyed our story book, Fergus's Big Splash this week. They have started to learn about water safety and they are finding out what is the best material to make lifejackets from – bubblewrap or wool. Next time Fergus and all the animals jump in to the boat on the pond, they can wear their new lifejackets.

The tennis coaches came in this week and ran our whole school Tennis Tournament. All the children had a go passing different sized balls over the net. It was great to choose a sticker at the end. Phew! That was tiring, but so much fun!





News from Winter Cluster



There has been lots of water play this week with the children using fishing nets to go fishing in the 'pond'. This has given them plenty of opportunity to practice counting and in particular, fish out 'one more' floating toy. How many toys can you catch all at once?



Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sunshine!

From Jane, Zoe, Pauline and Lynette

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AT RISK OF EXPLOITATION WORKSHOP



We would like to invite you to an important multiagency workshop to learn about the new partnership arrangements which will be implemented from September 2019 to safeguard all children who are or at risk of, or are being, exploited.

At the workshop you will learn about the new exploitation screening tool and the two main operational forums designed to deliver this work:

- Children at Risk of Exploitation Network. A multi-agency prevention network to discuss children at risk of exploitation who are not open to Children's Social Care (CSC)
- Children Missing or Exploited Panel. A panel who will discuss children who are currently open to CSC that have either gone missing and/or are being exploited.

To book please log onto the training portal via the 'book training' tab on the OSCB website:

www.oscb.org.uk

Once your booking is confirmed, you will be sent the new Child Exploitation Screening Tool and OSCB Protocol.



Monday the 15th July

South 1100-1200

Didcot Civic Hall
Britwell Road
OX11 7JN

Central 1300-1400

Blackbird Leys Children and Family Centre
61/63 Cuddesdon Way
OX4 6SB

North 1500-1600

Banbury Children and Family Centre
New Futures Centre
Hilton Road
OX16 0EF