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 Love, Honesty, Courage



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Newsletter

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Note from Mrs Bradbury

I was thrilled this week to see the work children created focussed on safer internet week. A group in school created a brilliant poster with super information on it such as rules for not sharing passwords - well done Amelie, Sam, Avril and Edie.

Parent teacher consultations are now scheduled for 22nd March (White Horse class only), 23rd March (3-6pm all classes) and 25th March (4-7pm - Key Stage 1 & Key Stage 2). These ten minute slots will take place using Google Meet and further information will be available from the school office soon. Owing to lockdown we will not be writing Easter term reports this year as we feel parent teacher consultations will be more valuable, as you will have a lot to tell us about teaching the children at home and how their learning has progressed from your perspective, alongside our information.

The Prime Minister has said that schools will have two weeks' notice to prepare for fuller reopening. As yet we have no further information from the Department for Education as to what this will look like. As a staff we are already thinking and planning for a range of options and thinking carefully about assessment and lesson planning. As soon as I can tell you more operational details following an announcement I will do so, but rest assured that we are planning with hope for a return to full opening!

Finally I hope that you manage to have an enjoyable half term break despite the lockdown. Thank you all for working alongside us to provide the best possible remote learning for your children and for your messages of support for school staff.

Whole School News



Next week's puzzle piece is:
 Working hard to achieve their own goals and dreams.



Oxfordshire Adult Learning have recognised that this is a difficult time for many.

Following the popularity of our previous courses, we are delighted to be able to offer two further FREE short courses designed to support you and your family.
 All courses delivered live via Microsoft Teams.

An introduction to mental health understanding

Course code: ZCZS005P

In this challenging time everyone is aware that an individual's mental health is under constant pressure. This course is designed to help you appreciate what mental health is, the negative and positive impacts to mental health and most importantly give tips on how to deal with some of the challenges involved.

Date: Monday 1st March & 8th March (Run once a week over 2 Weeks)
 Time: 19:00-21:00

How to teach your homeschooled child effectively

Course code: WPZS000P

Ideal for those who are homeschooling for the first time either through the necessity of lockdown or through choice this is a short course of practical tips on how to engage with your child's or young person's education whilst working from home or simply having a child at home.

Date: Tuesday 23rd February-16th March (Run once a week over 4 Weeks)
 Time: 19:00-21:00

Please visit our website to enrol:

www.abingdon-witney.ac.uk

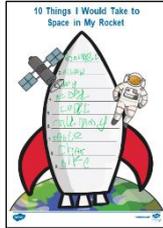
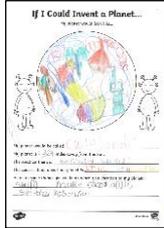
Or alternatively email:

oal.southandeast@abingdon-witney.ac.uk

Class news & other bits

White Horse

In White Horse Class this week we have been looking at Space! We have made space rockets out of pringle/kitchen roll tubes to fly into space, we have rockets with straws attached to shoot them up in the air, we have packed a suitcase to take to the moon, we have written a list of things we would like to take with us to the moon, we have even designed our own planet! We have had to think what it would be like and what you can do there! Remember to keep reading and looking over your tricky words! BUT you need a rest over the half term so don't work too hard! :)



Ridgeway

This week remotely, in Ridgeway Class, we have been writing our non-chronological reports, making sure to include features like headings and subheadings. In Maths, year 2 children have been drawing and interpreting pictograms and year 1 children have been securing their place value knowledge by representing numbers in different ways. This week in history as part of our topic study, we looked at courageous explorers. We learnt about Captain Robert Scott's journey to the South Pole and thought about why he is an important person to remember in history.



Dragon

This week we have been exploring poetry and the children have been making shape poems for objects in the Stone Age. In maths we have been focusing on length and perimeter. For PE this week the children took part in a PE lesson which was a tribute to Captain Sir Tom Moore. The children really took on the challenge and some even managed the 100 lap challenge. They have also been leading their own history projects this week and I have received some fantastic presentations all about the Neolithic period. They have been so creative we have had everything from tourist information leaflets, to large paintings with video explanations, to TV presenters to very impressive PowerPoints. Thank you everyone for your amazing hard work. You all deserve a good break over the half term.



Wayland

This week, we have been thinking about the inspirational inventions from the Ancient Islamic civilisation and have been really surprised to learn that they were doing surgery, trying to fly, creating navigation tools like the astrolabe and lots more ideas that helped Britain 700 years later in their industrial revolution. The children were asked to design stamps to commemorate these achievements and they did not disappoint! We have also been thinking about what we would wish for if we have three wishes from the Genie in the lamp and we even managed a bit of practical science when we investigated the changes in state of snow to water to steam! Well done for all your hard work this half term, Wayland and enjoy the break at half term, hopefully when we come back we will be that much closer to seeing each other in person!



Whole School

IGNITE SPORT

Multi Sports Holiday Camps

Ignite Sport are offering children/families the chance to access **FREE live Zoom sports sessions during half term.**

They are offering: Fun Fitness, Football, Yoga, Ball Skill, Dance & Olympics.

The sessions will be held live, will last between 30-40 minutes and will be with real coaches that your children will recognise! There will be plenty of fun and interaction.

The following link will take you to all the information:

<https://www.ignitesportuk.com/holiday-camp/football-camps>

The **voucher code** to apply at the checkout to ensure the sessions are free is:

FREECAMP (all upper case and one word).

Please book by 5pm on Friday 12th February.

COVID Winter Grant Scheme

The government has awarded councils money under the COVID Winter Grant Scheme designed for vulnerable households and families, with or without children, who are particularly affected by the coronavirus pandemic.

Support is available in the form of advice, supermarket and fuel vouchers or through the direct payment of energy or water bills.

Further guidance is available at the following advice centres.

For South and Vale please contact Citizens Advice on 0808 278 7907. For Vale of White Horse, please contact the team at Wantage Independent Advice Centre on 01235 765348.

If you require an Advice Centre Winter Grant Scheme referral form, please contact the school office.

Please note that only one member (over the age of 18) per household can apply, and you must live in South Oxfordshire or Vale of the White Horse.

This scheme will be available until the end of March 2021.

To find out more about the Government's COVID Winter Grant Scheme, visit www.gov.uk, and to find out what other support is available to you during the pandemic, please visit the COVID support, advice and guidance pages on the following website www.southoxon.gov.uk

School Money Accounts

We kindly request that parents check their SchoolMoney accounts and pay any arrears.

We are a nut free school.

Please do not send your child to school with any food products containing nuts.