Newsletter

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Friday 8th March 2024





These are our wooden spoon winners!

See inside for lots more World Book Day fun!

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We currently have children who have serious nut allergies. Please remember that we don't allow any nuts or nut products in school. **<u>This includes Nutella.</u>** Thank you for helping us to keep St Peter's School a safe place.

Information

We are celebrating **British Wildlife Day on Wednesday 13th**. On this day we are asking everyone to dress up as any sort of British wildlife, and if they want, to bring in a small donation to the school's adopted charity, Oxfordshire Wildlife Rescue. We will also be having Luke, the founder of OWR, to talk to us about British wildlife and what the charity does.

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Please could we ask that if you are dropping off or picking up children from Maple or Willow classes that you do so from the gate to the playground, rather than in the playground itself. If your children are in Apple or Oak then please feel free to come up to the classroom entrance for drop off and pick up. Many thanks for your support with this.

Invitation

ST PETER'S CHURCH CASSINGTON

Mothering Sunday

10th March 2024 at 3.30pm

with afternoon tea.

Come and join the celebration.

Suitable for all ages. Everyone welcome.

World Book Day Celebrations

















The children really enjoyed the banana puppet show as part of our World Book Day celebrations.

Paul Sturgess
















Paul Sturgess was a BIG hit with the children and staff! He did a basketball workshop with each class as well as talking about his life and career. Please see the poster elsewhere in the newsletter.

Oak Class

For Oak Class, the end of last term finished on a high with a fabulous Pirate wow day to round off the topic for that term. Great fun was had by all with treasure hunts in Forest School and a drama workshop as well as many more activities. Photos of the day were shared in a previous newsletter, so do look back a couple of weeks if you missed them.



Last term, in Science the focus of our learning was on animals. The children were able to group animals correctly based on lots of different criteria. Now we have moved on to thinking more specifically about Humans. Last week, we found out how many different parts of the human body the children could name and considered the purpose of things such as our legs and arms and toes. The children worked collaboratively to see if they could label a human body. I was really impressed with how well they shared their knowledge with each other.



In Computing, this term, we have started to use the Bee-bots as a way of understanding and using algorithms. The children have had great fun investigating how to make the Bee-bots move around, trying to get them to move through an obstacle course – sometimes human obstacle courses! The children did a great job at creating a program to get the Bee-bot to move from one point to the next as well as investigating ways to record their program. The next step will be spotting mistakes in a program and correcting them.



Recently, in RE we have been learning about the Jewish new year celebration of Rosh Hashanah. The children were fascinated to learn about this festival and enjoyed tasting apples dipped in honey. To represent the challah bread which Jewish people often eat as part of their new year celebrations, the children made their own sweet bread and attempted to shape it into a circle, mirroring the significance of the shape of challah bread at Rosh Hashanah. This term, our RE learning is focusing on the Christian concept of salvation, thinking specifically about the Easter story. So far, the children have considered the idea that salvation means rescue and have given some thoughtful responses relating to images which might be used to represent this concept.



Each week seems to bring a new exciting event at the moment! Last week, the children loved taking part in the basketball worskshop with the tallest professional basketball player! We have some skilled basketball players in Oak class! This week, we had great fun celebrating World Book Day. The children looked fabulous in their costumes and were all superbly confident at talking about their character and the story they were from. Their dance workshop, retelling the story of Pinocchio was a great success. Again, we have some skilled dancers in Oak! During the morning, I set the children a cardboard challenge – they had to create something to do with a book character using just one piece of card. Their creativity was amazing! We had towers and glamorous bags for princesses, a telescope for Captain Hook, wands and kites to name just a few, made just out of cardboard with a few embellishments! Their imaginations clearly know no bounds!

We are all superbly proud of all the hard work which children in Oak are putting into their learning and look forward to all that the rest of this term has to bring!

A selection of photos from the week









Our Boccia team!









Our World Book Day costume winners







World Book Day












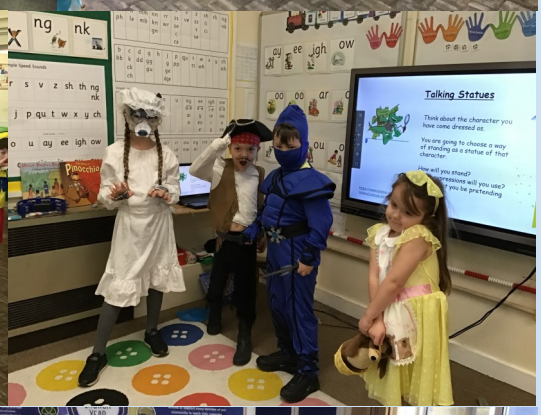

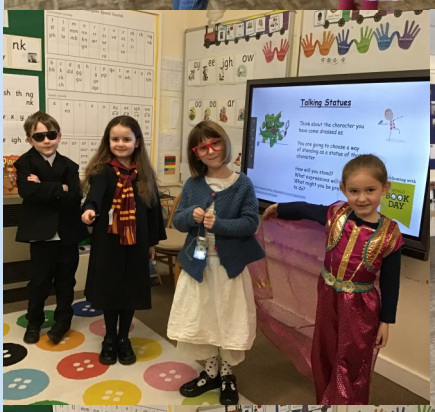











SPSA
St Peter's School Association
CASSINGTON

Family Quiz Night

Wednesday 27th March

6PM FOR A PROMPT 6.15PM START

PUT TOGETHER A TABLE OF 8, OR MAKE A TEAM ON THE NIGHT

£2 for adults

£1 for children

PAY BAR ON THE NIGHT SERVING WINE AND SOFT DRINKS

RAFFLE ON THE NIGHT

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM NEXT WEDNESDAY ON THE GATE AFTER SCHOOL OR FROM THE OFFICE

We also need donations of prizes for the raffle.

BIKE NIGHT

Monday 24th June

This is our major fundraising event of the year and we will need your help. If you have never been to Bike Night before the SPSA runs a BBQ throughout the event as well as looking after the helmet store, serving tea and cake, and shaking buckets around the village.

Nearer the time we will be looking for people to give up an hour of their time to help with one of these things. As a thank you, you will get a voucher for a free burger! SAVE THE DATE!

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Community Dental Services

PARENT SESSION

ST PETERS CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

CDS Oxfordshire Oral Health Team will be holding a virtual session via Teams covering brushing, diet and dental visits, as well as answering any questions you may have!

Monday 25th March 2024
18:30pm - 19:30pm

JOIN CDS OHIMP TEAM TO GET ADVICE AND SUPPORT FOR YOUR CHILDREN ON...



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DIET AND SNACKS



DENTAL VISITS

Scan the QR code or click here to register your attendance

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A Message from Mr Jeffries

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been an incredibly busy couple of weeks and as you will see from all the photos in the newsletter, the children have been having a huge amount of fun!

Last Friday, for our 'People Who Inspire Us' project, we had Paul Sturgess visit St Peter's to talk about his career in professional basketball and what life is like being Britain's tallest man. At 7ft 7in, life for Paul has been challenging in many ways. But with his attitude to life of 'Use your difference to your advantage'. Paul has used his size to his great success through playing professional sport, being an actor and travelling the world. Without this positive attitude, his life could have been completely different. He showed us that life really is about choice and it resonates with our school vision that we make the most of the gifts that we have been given.

On Wednesday this week as a warmup to World Book Day, Mrs Bradley organised a Puppet Theatre Worshop. There was much hilarity in the morning with the real-life puppet show and then workshops for each class where children made their own. For World Book Day itself on Thursday, there was the opportunity to dress up as a character from a traditional story from around the world. The children looked magnificent! Thank you, families, for all your help and support with this. The children thoroughly enjoyed the dance workshop and it was great to have a whole day dedicated to the joy of books! Have a look at the photos in the newsletter to get a flavour of all that went on. Thank you Mrs Bradley for once again organising us a most memorable World Book Day!

After nearly 5 years here at St Peter's, Ms Leggett will be leaving us at Easter to join a special school. She has a real gift for bringing out the best in children and driving their self-belief. I know her new school will benefit greatly from her talents where she will focus on children in most need. I am sure you will all join me in wishing her the best for the future. Thank you Ms Leggett for all the positivity you have brought to St Peter's.

Warmest wishes,

Jon Jeffries

After School Club

3:10pm School finishes
3:15pm—3:30pm Registration/Snack
3:30pm—4:15pm Activities
4:15pm—5:00pm Activities
5:00pm—5:15pm Tidy up
5:15pm After School Club finishes

We give the children the option to be outside as much as possible.

There will be other options for snacks—fresh fruit is always available.

Although we aim to stick to this timetable as much as possible, there may be occasions where we need to substitute food or activities, including the Forest School sessions.

	Monday Miss Akers Mrs Partridge	**Tuesday** Miss Akers Mrs Humphris	**Wednesday** Miss Akers Mrs Forest	**Thursday** Miss Akers Mrs Humphris Mrs Forest	**Friday** Miss Akers
W/C **11th March 2024**	*Spaghetti or beans on toast* Free painting and junk modelling Babies Hot wheels track and cars Outside activities	*Pizzas with different toppings* Free painting and junk modelling Logo construction Babies and pushchairs Outside activities	*Toasties with different fillings* Looking after the fish Adventure play with lots of different games Puzzles Outside activities	*Cereal bars and a selection of fruit* **Forest school session -** Please bring suitable clothes Willow crowns	*Yoghurts and cereal bars* Free play Magnetic blocks
W/C **18th March 2024**	*Toasties with different fillings* Create anything you can! Pirate ship and sea creatures Free drawing Outside activities	*Crumpets with Jam or Honey* Easter egg nests Hot wheels track and cars Hama beads Outside activities	*Bagels with a selections of toppings* Games Evening 'pool, snakes and ladders, kids darts and much more' Puzzle Outside activities	*Hot dogs* **Forest school session -** Please bring suitable clothes Easter tree cookies	*Popcorn and cupcakes* Film Easter colouring in sheets

Awards of the Week

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If your child has an award below, you are invited to join us for our Celebration Assembly next Friday at 8:45am in the school hall:

Class	Vision Award	Values Award— ***Honesty***	'R' Award— ***Reflection***
 **Apple**	*Philipp Seidel*	*Reagan Skinner*	*Zaheer Chudry*
 **Oak**	*Celia Sanchez Moril*	*Molly Rees-Horsley*	*Zak Baker*
 **Maple**	*Arthur Prior*	*Luke Wong*	*Alice Cox*
 **Willow**	*Layla Black*	*Ciara Overmire*	*Felix Kemp*
 **Headteacher's Award**	*Elliott Gale*		

If your child is away for any reason and not able to collect their award, we will present it to them the following week.

Calendar

Please see the website for more information - https://www.st-petersoxon.co.uk/diary

MARCH 2024

Sunday 10th - Mothering Sunday service at church 3:30pm - Choir singing. All welcome!

Monday 11th - **Pitt Rivers** trip for Willow Class - 11:45 –3pm

Tuesday 12th - **Farmer Gow's** trip for Apple Tree Class

Wednesday 13th - **Dress as British Wildlife Day!** **Raising money for Oxfordshire Wildlife Rescue**

Wednesday 13th - People who inspire us assembly

Friday 15th - **iRock concert** - starting at 2:15pm

Monday 18th - **Parents Evening** for Oak, Maple

Tuesday 19th - **Vision Screening** for Reception class

Tuesday 19th - **Parents Evening** for Apple

Wednesday 20th - **Cadbury World** trip for Oak Class

Wednesday 20th - **Parents Evening** for Apple, Maple

Please check these dates carefully!

Unfortunately we have had to do some date-swapping to fit everything in!

Thursday 21st - **Chedworth Roman Villa** trip for Maple Class

Thursday 21st - **Parents Evening** for Oak

Friday 22nd - Easter **Stay & Play** in Apple Tree - 2-3pm - £3 per family

Monday 25th - **Maple Play** - Evening performance (Time TBC)

Monday 25th - Virtual **Oral Health** Session for families 6:30pm - see info in newsletter

Tuesday 26th - **Maple Play** - Afternoon performance (Time TBC)

Wednesday 27th - **FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT!** - Run by the SPSA - More info to come soon.

Thursday 28th - Easter **service** - St Peter's Church - 9:15am

Thursday 28th - Easter **Bonnet Parade** - 10:15am

Thursday 28th - **End of term.** School finishes at 1:15pm

Friday 29th—Friday 12th April **EASTER HOLIDAYS - School closed**

APRIL 2024

Monday 15th - **INSET DAY - School closed.** Term starts at 8:30am on Tuesday 16th

Tuesday 16th - **Parents Evening** for Willow

Tuesday 16th - **SPSA** meeting - 8pm in the Red Lion

Value of the term

Honesty

Child quote of the term

Honesty is the truth that holds us together

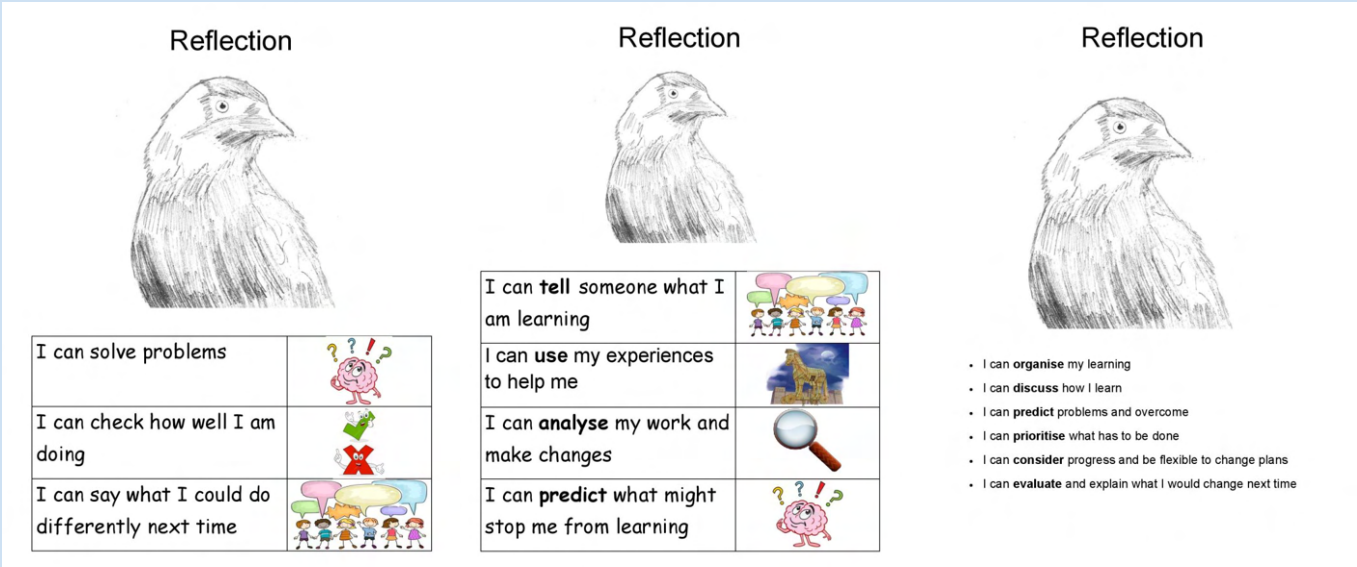
— Leo Seidel

Question of the Week

What qualities do trustworthy people have?

'R' of the Term

Reflection



Your children will recognise these posters from their class. You may find these useful to use at home and to help reinforce what we are doing in school.

Paul Sturgess







Paul Sturgess started playing basketball at the age of 14, when he noticed he was becoming very tall! He had tried many different sports though basketball soon became his passion. When he was 17 he received a full basketball scholarship at a university in America. He played basketball in America for 8 years of which some of this time was spent with the Harlem Globetrotters where he visited 71 countries around the world putting on exhibitions. Paul has now turned his hand to professional acting and has been in 'Fantastic Beasts', 'Doctor Who' and also 'Lord of the Rings – Rings of Power' where he lived for 2 years in New Zealand, filming.

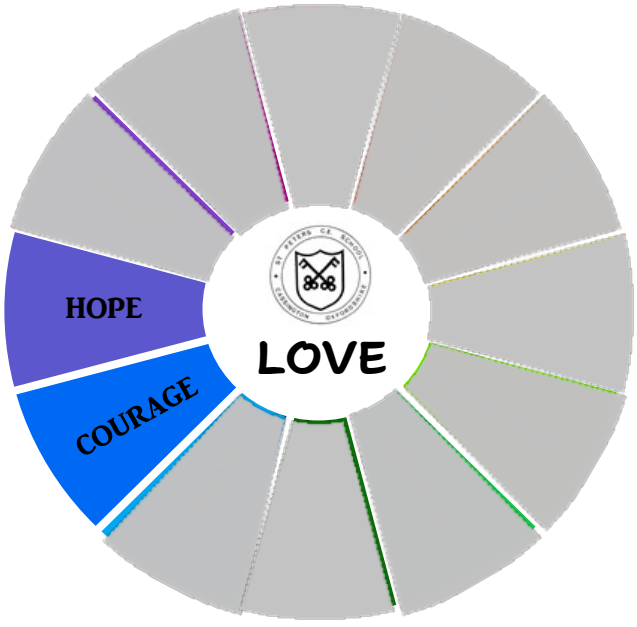
Paul embraced being different. He accepts that people will stare but it doesn't bother him what people say; he is proud to be different and he walks with his head held (very) high!

Courage

Felix-
You showed courage to play basketball in front of 35,000 people

George-
You must fight stage fright when you are in the movies

Wolfie-
Everyone will be staring so you need courage



Hope

Acton-
You have always had hope that you will succeed

Leo-
I stare at you in awe!

Layla-
When you were 14 you hoped you would be a basketball player

MESSAGE TO US

Use your difference to your advantage





KIDS Holiday CLUB

For children aged 5 (Year 1) - 13

DATES:
2nd - 5th April 2024
8:40am - 4:15pm

Eynsham Primary School,
Eynsham, Witney,
OX29 4LJ



Time	Group 1 (5-7)	Group 2 (8-10)	Group 3 (10-12)	COACHING ACADEMY
8:40am - 9:15am	REGISTRATION AND GROUP GAMES			
9:15am - 10:00am	TAG GAMES	BASKETBALL	HANDBALL	ICE BREAKING GAMES
10:00am - 10:40am	DRAMA	QUAD BALL	TENNIS	CREATING A GAME
10:40am - 11:15am	MORNING BREAK			
11:15am - 12:15pm	LASER TAG	VOLLEYBALL	DANCE	LEADING ACTIVITIES
12:15pm - 1:15pm	LUNCH BREAK			
1:15pm - 2:00pm	DODGEBALL	DRAMA	ROUNDERS	LEADING ACTIVITIES
2:00pm - 2:45pm	FOOTBALL	ARCHERY	FENCING	RAFT CHALLENGE
2:45pm - 3:00pm	AFTERNOON BREAK			
3:00pm - 3:45pm	DANCE	FOOTBALL	PAC-MAN	CHOOSE YOUR GAME
3:45pm - 4:15pm	SIGNING OUT AND GROUP GAMES			



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Dear Parent / Carer,

Finally, the days are getting longer and the weather is beginning to improve, so hopefully in next week's half term you and your children will be able to spend some time outdoors.

Half term would be a great chance for you to use our **Footsteps** programme to begin to support your children in their journey to becoming safer, independent pedestrians and road users.

Our **Footsteps** guide will give you some ideas of how to begin to support your child in developing the decision-making skills that will help them become a pedestrian able to keep themselves safer when they eventually walk to school or a friend's home independently.

If they are ill-prepared, children are more likely to be killed or injured in a road traffic incident, as seen by the fact that the number of child pedestrians injured rises significantly around 10 -12 years of age – the time at which they begin to go out unaccompanied by adults.

The **Footsteps** programme is simple to use as it can be carried out in normal everyday situations such as walking to school or to the local shops. Rather than *telling* children what to do, you are encouraged to *ask* lots of open questions to make the children think about the decisions they are making. Making these decisions safely, while in the company of a supporting adult, will mean they will be better prepared for dealing with roads and traffic once they begin going out on their own.

Learning to cope with traffic is a practical skill, which can't be learnt in the classroom. As parents / carers, you are the best people to help your child develop this knowledge as you spend the most time out and about with them.

It is never too early to start talking to your child about road safety as, having a good understanding of road safety skills, could one day save their life.

Please follow the link to the **Footsteps** guide Walking with children | 365Alive and start giving your children the skills and knowledge they will need to stay safer on our roads.

Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue Service Road Safety Team

Oxfordshire County Council



In case the above link doesn't work—this is the web address:

https://www.365alive.co.uk/cms/content/walking-children

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BE SMART ONLINE



S SAFE

Keep your personal information safe. When chatting or posting online don't give away things like your full name, password or home address. Remember personal information can be seen in images and videos you share too. Keep them safe to keep yourself safe.

M MEET

Meeting up with someone you only know online, even a friend of a friend, can be dangerous as this person is still a stranger. If someone you only know online ever asks you to meet up, for personal information or for photos/videos of you then tell an adult straight away and report them together on **www.thinkuknow.co.uk**

A ACCEPTING

Think carefully before you click on or open something online (e.g. links, adverts, friend requests, photos) as you never know where they may lead to or they may contain viruses. Do not accept something if you are unsure of who the person is or what they've sent you.

R RELIABLE

You cannot trust everything you see online as some things can be out of date, inaccurate or not entirely true. To find reliable information compare at least three different websites, check in books and talk to someone about what you have found.

T TELL

Tell a trusted adult if something or someone ever makes you feel upset, worried or confused. This could be if you or someone you know is being bullied online. There are lots of people who will be able to help you like your teachers, parents, carers or contact Childline – **0800 11 11** or **www.childline.org.uk**

BE SMART WITH A HEART

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