

Newsletter



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Friday 21st January 2022



Apple Tree Class enjoyed making binoculars so they could take part in the RSPB Big Schools' Bird Watch!

If you haven't signed up to the Big Garden Bird Watch at home, you can register here: <https://www.rspb.org.uk/>



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PEANUT/NUT FREE SCHOOL

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



Apple Tree Class



This month our topic is explorers, so we have been learning all about different transport and ways to explore. We have spoken about past and present and have made a large timeline showing when the first car was made, when our grandparents and parents were born and when we were born. We have learnt that things that happened before today is called the past, today is the present and events still to come are the future. Our families kindly sent in pictures of the past, before we were born, and we arranged these on our timeline! We are adding to it as the days pass and we collect more photos, thinking carefully about where they fit in.

Apple tree have been busy being imaginative in our bus station role play where there have been lots of fun and exciting journeys to varying places - Yarnton is a favourite! The children have been taking turns to drive the bus, sell tickets and be passengers. We have been learning about various modes of transport from cars to hot air balloons and rockets and are now able to name some parts of



these. We have had some great small world scenes, shared some lovely books together and have been racing cars down drain-pipes. We have moved in different ways and paces to represent these vehicles and have been building with large construction outside. There has been aeroplanes and obstacle courses and the children have been so creative and collaborative in constructing and playing in these. They even turned the brooms into horses to represent how people travelled in the past and sometimes still do in present day.

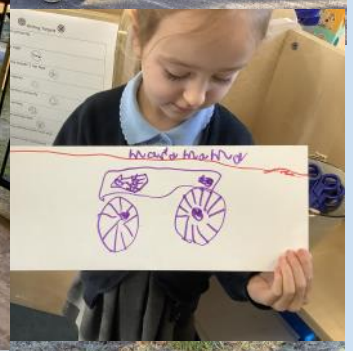
Amelia Earhart has been a key historical figure through this topic and the children have shown a keen interest in her achievements and have been interested to learn that she was the first woman to fly across the Atlantic in 1928. We looked at the plane she flew and have compared this to planes today; leading into labelling a plane together. This sparked discussion around where Apple tree have been on an aeroplane, if anywhere, and where they might like to fly to. Some places they have visited are Dubai and Italy and some would like to fly to Australia, California and London. Some of the children said they would love to fly and see their families, which I'm sure we can all agree would be lovely.

Junk modelling has been popular throughout and the children have been working hard to create all sorts of transport, including a bike, a digger and a submarine, to name a few. We have been getting creative through cutting and sticking, painting, foam soap play and modelling various modes of transport with playdough.





During this time we have also been practising our scissor skills and learning how to comfortably hold scissors to be able to cut materials successfully. Apple tree also became explorers during forest school this week by making their very own binoculars to take part in the big garden birdwatch. They spotted blackbirds, house sparrows and lots of pigeons. We are very much looking forward to continuing this and seeing what other adventures we experience!





Our Book Review winners for this week!

Please encourage your child to submit a book review (or as many as they want!) When they bring in a book review, their name goes into a hat and each week Mr Jeffries will draw names to win a book.

If they would like to join in, please see www.st-petersoxon.co.uk/reading/ where you can download book review forms. We also have some printed out in our Reception. We have special book review forms for Apple Tree, however, their review could also be a picture or a short video uploaded to tapestry.

FAMILY TICKETS TO WATCH ICE HOCKEY



Free entry for 2 Adults & 2 Children to any Oxford City Stars Home Game

James Clarke (Bella's Dad) has very kindly invited St Peter's Primary School to see the Oxford City Stars in action!

Claim your tickets here icehockey@theredcorner.co.uk

(Just email how many adult/child tickets you would like, and for which homegame. Please remember to include your name, email address and mobile number as all tickets will be sent electronically)

Visit www.OxfordCityStars.com/fixtures for details of their next home game.

Milk carton tops

One of our pupil leadership groups, the Happiness, Wellbeing & Values leaders, are trying to collect the lids from plastic milk bottles (NOT the foil tops from glass bottles). If you have any at home that you can donate, or if you can collect some over the next few weeks, please bring them in to Emily to pass on.



Thank you.



Dear Parent / Carer,

Oxfordshire County Council's Road Safety Team are constantly looking to improve the safety of child pedestrians and so are reviewing the advice and guidance we provide to parents and carers.

To help us achieve this, we are evaluating the effectiveness of the Footsteps (Child Pedestrian safety advice for parents / carers) programme and would like parents and carers to help by completing an online questionnaire.

If you would like to keep your child safer on our roads, please visit [Walking with children | 365Alive](#) where you can download a copy of the Footsteps leaflet to provide you with guidance to support your child in becoming a safer and, eventually, an independent pedestrian.

Once you have downloaded the Footsteps guide, the link to the survey can be found further down the page, please click on the link to complete the short questionnaire which will then help us to keep all children safer.

Thank you.

Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue Service Road Safety Team

Be kind
and care

Equality and
integrity in all we do

Taking
responsibility

Daring to do
it differently

Always
learning

Find out how we're living our values to
deliver a better future for Oxfordshire

 **Delivering**
the Future Together

Science Bazaar Saturdays

Oxford Brookes Science Bazaar Saturdays will be hosting a one hour, interactive, virtual session on **Saturday 22nd January at 11am - 12pm**. This session is FREE, fun for all the family and most suitable for 5-12 years.

In the session you will learn about diseases and how our bodies battle them! As well as exploring antibiotic resistance! This session is hosted by Oxford Brookes microbiology researcher Dr Hee-Jeon Hong in collaboration with Bright Sparks Science.

Registration for the event is required: (https://brookes.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwkc--rrzluH9OwNZKZuRNtY0_hn3TC6PP5). We hope to see you there!



EPA Hockey Tournament

Well done to members of Willow class for their efforts at the EPA hockey tournament at St Bartholomew's this week. The children took part in a training session and then played a match against Hanborough Manor C of E School. St Peter's 2 - 0 down at half time but showed tremendous resilience to make an improved showing in the second half, eventually losing out 3 -1. They demonstrated the school values admirably by continuing to apply themselves until the end and graciously congratulating their opponents on their victory after the game.



Awards of the Week

If your child has an award below, you are invited to join us online for our Celebration Assembly next Friday at 9 o'clock. We will email you a link next week.

Class	Special Award Term Focus - Resilience	Star Award
	Esme Griffiths	Teddy Prior Masa Milivojevic
	Otilie Jones	Esmee Boyne-Ryan Isla Griffiths
	Martha Paulin	Sasha Forostovskaya Tom Morton
	Frazer Derbyshire	Osian Jones Maya Batt
	Izzy Butler	



A Message From Mr Jeffries



Dear Parents/Carers,

As we start the new term, there has been so much going on in and around school. The Pupil Leadership Groups are really starting to take off and the children are thinking about the actions they want to achieve by the end of the year. This year's groups are: Happiness, Wellbeing and Values, Charity Leaders, Climate Change and Biodiversity Leaders, Events Leaders, St Peter's Fish Leaders, St Peter's Chickens Leaders, and the Cool Climateers. Expect reports in the newsletter from these groups very soon!

You will see a new 'Book Review' section in the newsletter from this week. This is where we are encouraging the children to submit a thoughtful and considered book review which will be posted on the website. As this develops, we are hoping that children will independently read reviews to help them choose their next book. Every book review will receive a ticket which will be entered into the prize draw. The lucky winners will be able to choose a book to keep from an extensive range. Please encourage your children to take part. We are open to creative book reviews e.g. video entries that can be sent to the office email address.

Last Wednesday it was our great honour (pun intended) to welcome Judge Burgher to our school, live from her court in Birmingham. She is a judge in the family Court and she agreed to talk to us as part of our people who inspire this project. The children were hanging on her every word as she described her life and very humble and poor beginnings where she said that she never thought and nobody else would ever thought that she could have become a judge. Her message to us was that we really can be anything that we want to be. See the poster we made of her in the newsletter and be sure to ask your children for more details. Our next special guest for our People Who Inspire Us Project is someone from our school community and we very much look forward to more inspiration!

As part of our work on spirituality, Duncan has talked a lot to the children about what this means. We are all agreed that it's a very difficult concept, but pictures and stories can help us. We decided on the concept that if our body is a boat that sails on the ocean of life, then our spirit is the rudder which helps guides us to making healthy choices for ourselves and others. Next week we will be sending out a picture, which the children all contributed to with their ideas to represent this thinking, as part of an art competition. More details to follow on Tuesday.

Our child quote of the term for dignity, which we say at the end of every collective worship, is by Isla Edwards – 'If you are nice to others, positive ripples spread'. This was a lovely idea which links back to previous learning we have done on how our actions (both positive and negative) create ripples like a stone being dropped in a pond.

I have been incredibly impressed with our child led collective worship so far this term where a group of children lead the session from start to finish. They are wonderfully engaging and the rest of the children hang on to their every word and can't wait to participate and answer questions. A big thank you to Mrs Carter for her continuing leadership in this; all the children in the school take so much learning from it.

On a final Covid note, we have seen a steady increase in cases through the week and are hopeful that this has now levelled off. For the time being we are back to having all collective worships online and the most affected class, Maple, are having their lunches in the classroom. We are monitoring the situation daily and are hopeful we can get back to normality in the near future.

Warmest wishes,

Jon Jeffries



Important Dates



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

JANUARY

Thursday 27th Year 3 / 4 Dance Festival at Bartholomew School

FEBRUARY

Wednesday 2nd Year 1 / 2 Dance Festival at Bartholomew School

Wednesday 9th Oak Class Pirate Day!

Monday 21st **HALF TERM**

Monday 28th Term 4 starts

MARCH

Monday 7th Height and Weight measuring - Year 6 & Reception

APRIL

Monday 4th Maple Class Play

Tuesday 5th Maple Class Play

Friday 8th 1:15pm finish for **EASTER HOLIDAYS**

CAR PARKING

As a reminder, please do not park on the grass or on the bend by the chequers pub when dropping off or collecting your children. If there is no space in the village hall car park or in the layby on the road, there is usually lots of space in Bell lane. This is just down the footpath by the school. If you aren't sure where, please ask Emily.



Her Honour JUDGE BURGHER



Judge Burgher came from a poor background in a large family and she never imagined that being a judge was a job that she could possibly do. She knew she liked working with young people and became a youth worker before running a youth club. It was while doing this she decided to study law, and to support herself while studying she worked in a supermarket.

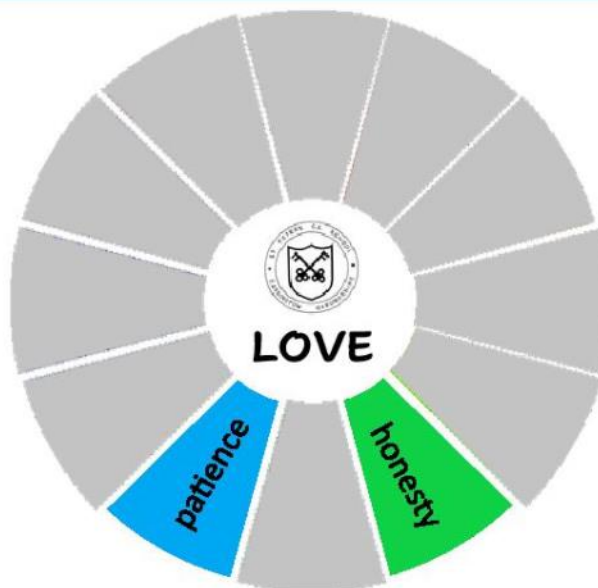
After being a lawyer for more than 20 years helping young people who needed others to support them, she was encouraged to be a judge in the family court. Being a judge in the family court is a great responsibility to help people resolve problems that they can't do by themselves.

HONESTY

You have to be honest otherwise it affects everybody.

You cannot be biased to one side - you have got to make it fair and honest.

You must have an open mind - you cannot draw conclusions from people when you see them.



PATIENCE

Listen before you talk - you have to do a lot of listening and not much talking to be a judge!

Take the time to hear everybody's reasons. Finally, when you have heard everything you can make your decisions.

Sometimes answers aren't easy to come to so you have to be patient.

MESSAGE TO US

'You can achieve anything you want to achieve and don't ever think that what looks obvious is the answer'

Value of the term

Friendship

Child quote of the term

If you are nice to others, positive ripples spread By Isla E

This Week's Big Question

This is the big question that we talked about in collective worship this week.
How about having a discussion about it at home?

Who needs to be shown more dignity in our community?

'R' of the Term

Resilience



- I can seek a challenge
- I can do it!
- I can focus on my activity for longer

Resilience

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I can **show** I am excited by a challenge

I can **choose** to keep going when things are hard

I can **focus** for a longer period of time

I can **develop** and learn from my mistakes



Resilience



- I can **show** perseverance and keep going when times are tough
- I can **choose** to ignore distractions
- I can **demonstrate** enthusiasm for a challenge
- I can **identify** emerging patterns
- I can **apply** concentration for a long time
- I can **develop** and learn from my mistakes

This is about collaboration and working together. 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.

Chaffinch



Female

Male



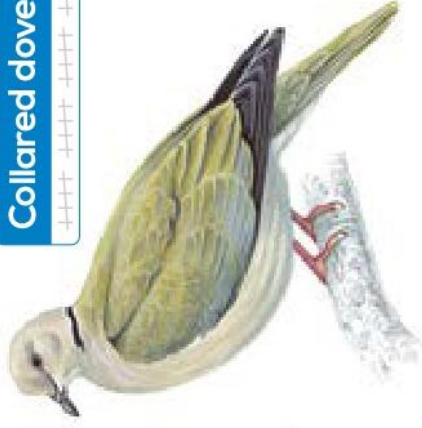
Long-tailed tit



Coal tit



Collared dove



Goldfinch



Blue tit



Great tit



Greenfinch



Starling



Dunnoch



Magpie



Female



Blackbird

Male



Female



Male



House sparrow



Robin

Woodpigeon



These are some of the birds that you might see. You can use the tally to help you count. You'll find lots of tips on identifying birds as well as their calls at [rspb.org.uk/birdwatch](https://www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch)

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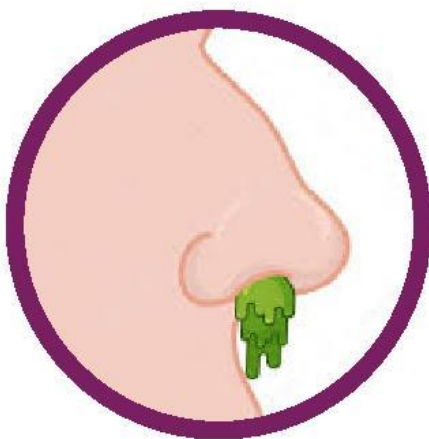
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SCIENCE BAZAAR SATURDAYS



Saturday 22 January 2022
11 am – 12 pm



Science Bazaar Saturdays presents Microbes and Mucus!

Join us for an interactive session to learn all about bacteria, how we treat infections and antibiotic resistance!

This virtual event is FREE and open to all.

Fun for all the family and most suitable for 5 – 12 years.



Register at: https://brookes.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwkc-rrzluH9OwNZKZuRNtY0_hn3TC6PP5



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