

# Newsletter



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Friday 22nd October 2021



Oak Class making a **Fizzy Fairy Potion** for Fairy Tale Day.

See inside for the Recipe! Also, see what Maple Class have been up to!



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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.



# Maple Class



We have had a brilliant start to the school year in Maple Class!

Our topic has been a study of our local area. We have explored our immediate area and created artwork of our school field and playground using watercolour pencils. We also had a worrying letter from an alien called Zog who threatened to crush parts of Cassington for a new intergalactic supermarket! Thankfully, our letters in response were so convincing we persuaded him not to! We have also explored the history of Cassington, Oxford and the surrounding villages.

## Maths

This term, we have been looking at addition and subtraction, fractions and multiplication. We have been making use of dienes, multi-link and lots of pictorial representations to support our learning and the children have been incredibly creative and resourceful when doing so.

## English

Our English lessons have been full of all sorts of creative writing! Our book has been, 'The Firework Maker's Daughter,' and the children have come up with some brilliant ideas.

We've been writing instructions on how to make our own imaginary firework, extending chapters from the book with some new speech and doing some drama conducting interviews for our newspaper reports about the final firework display!

We have also written some descriptive stories after having been inspired by our trip to the Story Museum.

## Art and DT

Our art and DT lessons have consisted of a range of materials. Whilst exploring our local area, we have created drawings with water colour pencils, we have painted beautiful skies and silhouettes of Oxford after our walk there. We have also used water colour paints to create pictures from the final firework display to go into our newspaper reports!

## Music

In music we've been focusing on percussion instruments. We have created group pieces to fit a poem of the seasons and music that represents fireworks. This was a great lesson as the children could only use two instruments then had to use their bodies for the rest. They were incredibly creative which resulted in some excellent pieces.

## Story Museum

Our trip to the story museum was great fun! The children were read exciting stories, took part in a drama class where they flew through different portals into their own imaginary worlds, they explored the different galleries allowing them to step into Narnia, Horrid Henry world and Alice in Wonderland and they had a walk around Oxford to learn about the authors: Philip Pullman, CS Lewis and Charles Dodgeson.

All the teachers were so impressed with the children's engagement and behaviour throughout the day!



Art -  
Oxford Silhouette



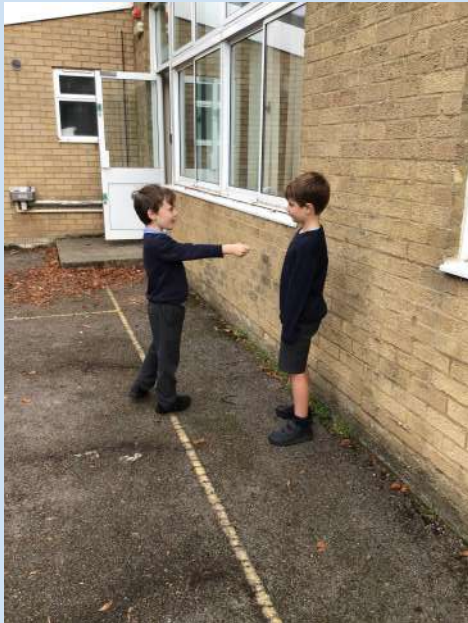
## Firework Art





## Trip to the Story Museum





## Drama - English Reports

## Children In Need

This year, Children In Need is on **Friday 19th November**.

We are going to be asking all the children to come to school **spotty!** This could be wearing spotty clothes, sticking spots all over an old t-shirt, facepainting spots on their face, etc. They can be as creative as they wish!

We will be asking for a small donation towards Children In Need.



Because of the exciting new play equipment that will be going into nursery after half term, we are after a few volunteers to help us move the sandpit, on **Saturday 6th November**. If anyone is able to help, it would be greatly appreciated! Unfortunately, due to there being some unfinished building work in the nursery, we can't have children in, even if they are with their parents.



If you are able to help, please speak to Mrs Gardner in Apple Tree Class.

## Competition Winners!

**Well done to Willow class for winning a 'Discover the Hidden World of Trees' competition! Back in September, the children were all asked to collect data on the health of trees. Yesterday we had an email to say that we've won a virtual session with a Natural History Museum scientist!**



**As well as that, by contributing the data from their findings, they've also helped paint a picture of the health of trees in urban spaces for the programme that the Natural History Museum are running.**

**Well done!**

**Remember that we have an inset day on Monday 1st November.**

**Have a lovely week and we'll see you Tuesday 2nd November!**

## PE bags & Bookbags

We now have PE bags back in stock! Unfortunately, they have gone from £6 to **£6.50** due to increased costs. If you would like to purchase one, pay through ParentMail then come along to the office where you can pick one up.

Also, we have had new bookbags delivered, which are slightly different to the old ones. They are better quality and have a more 'boxy' shape (and are hard to photograph!). They also have a removeable shoulder strap.

We have 3 old ones left at **£5** and when they have all gone, the new ones are going to cost **£6.50**

PE bag



Old bookbag



New bookbag



Over half term, I'm going to be doing a 'Big Wild Walk' with my dog, Indi, in aid of the Wildlife Trusts. The Wildlife Trusts, among other things, is trying to raise money to restore at least 30% of land and sea for nature by 2030. We will be walking 30 kilometres over the week, and as you know, this is going to be quite a challenge as I don't find walking very easy! If you'd like to sponsor us, it would be greatly appreciated. The link is - <https://thewildlifetrusts.enthuse.com/pf/emily-lemaire>

If you'd like to get involved and do your own walk, that would be brilliant!

*Thank you to everyone who has sponsored me so far. You're amazing!*

## Handwashing

There are lots of coughs and colds going around at the moment and with the prediction that the winter vomiting virus might be quite virulent this winter, please make sure that you continue to wash your hands and encourage the children to wash their hands frequently during the day and especially before lunchtime.

**Apparently, the sanitiser gels are not effective against norovirus so it is important that we are regularly using soap and water.**

Let's stay safe and well!



## Is anyone missing a judo jacket and belt?

We've had a jacket in the office since last Friday. It's a size 110 from Decathlon, and the belt is size 220. (It's thin material, more like a Karate jacket).

If it belongs to your child, please let Emily in the office know!

We had a magical day on Monday! The children were all so excited when they came into school. We started off by watching a short film of The Gingerbread man. Through the day there were various activities.

We decorated gingerbread men, drew wonderful pictures, created wands out of wooden spoons, made crowns and finally we made magical potions! I think this was the highlight! See below for the recipe!

Here are a few photos from The Fairy Tale Day - There are more on the website!

## Fizzy Fairy Potion.

### Ingredients

*2 spoons of Snow White powder*

*4 drops of troll slime*

*3 tablespoons of Rapunzel's tears*

*4 pinches of fairy sparkles*

*A sprinkle of fizzy pixie dust*

*(Rainbow worms optional!)*

### Method

*First get your empty cup*

*Tip in the Snow White powder.*

*Next add the green slime*

*After that pour in Rapunzel's tears.*

*Then add the fairy sparkles.*

*Finally add the fizzy coloured dust.*

*Give it all a good stir but be very careful not to spill any.*

*Finally add the secret ingredient!!*

*Sit back and watch the magic happen!*





# Oak Class - Fairy Tale Day







# Value of the Term - FRIENDSHIP



## Child quote of the term

Care, share, be there

By Poppy

## This Week's Big Question

Should you trust again once a friend lets you down?

This is the big question that we talked about in collective worship this week.

How about having a discussion about it at home?



## Minds That Learn



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**'MAKE EVERYDAY YOUR MASTERPIECE AND INSPIRE OTHER PEOPLE BY CREATIVITY AND COLOURS'**

Minds that learn  
Hearts that love  
Faith that gives



## HEAD LICE ALERT

PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILD'S HAIR TONIGHT!!

### TO CHECK

Check the scalp for insects or eggs.

Use a fine-tooth comb on wet hair then comb through the hair in sections looking for eggs or lice, repeat over a few days.

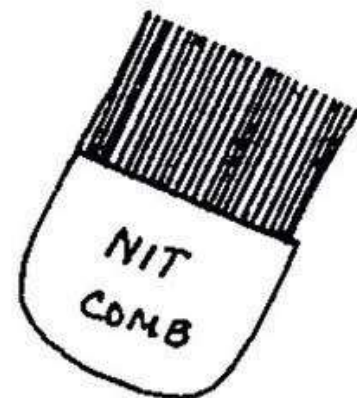
### TO TREAT

Wet the hair and scalp with conditioner or use chemical shampoo/ lotion (containing insecticide) – this will kill the lice and eggs. Using a fine metal comb, or special head lice comb you can get from a chemist, go through the hair in sections to comb the lice and eggs out.

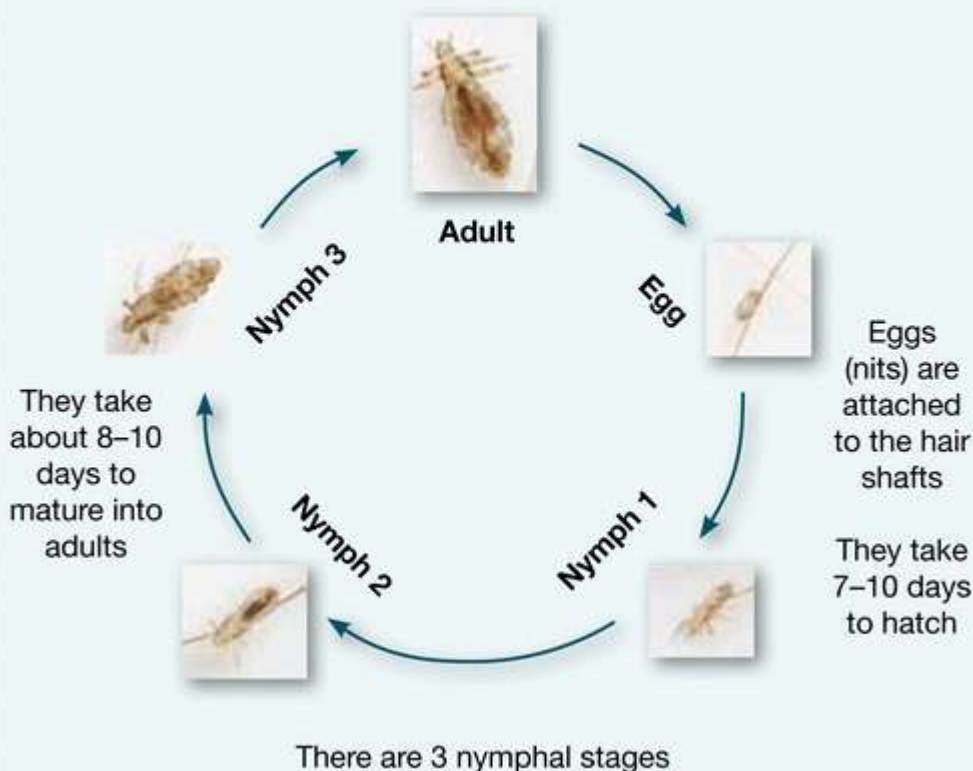
*Always re-treat 7–10 days after the first treatment, to kill any head lice that may have hatched from eggs that survived the first treatment.*

### TIPS

- ✓ Check and treat the hair every night
- ✓ Please tie up long hair for school
- ✓ If your child has head lice please check everyone in the family home
- ✓ Do not share hairbrushes, towels, hats/ scarves etc.



An adult female louse can lay up to 6–8 eggs a day



We have had a few cases of head lice in school. Please check your child's hair and treat if nits are found. Don't forget they need to be treated again

Thank you.

For more information please see the NHS website:

[www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/)



# A Message From Mr Jeffries



Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a very busy and long term and I am sure everyone is relieved to reach half term! There have been lots of colds and a handful of Covid cases over the last few weeks but once again, St Peter's seems to have escaped the worst with our cases continuing to be very low compared to other schools in the partnership and local area. We will continue to assess our routines and procedures and take it one step at a time to Christmas. It is disappointing that we were unable to have the end of term disco and needed to cancel the Christmas Fair though I know there are still plans afoot to do some fundraising over the festive period and have some fun with this.

Next term, on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November, we are really excited to welcome Rana Ibrahim to school where she will be doing some work with us on our 'People who Inspire Us' project. As part of this she will be doing some art work where we will be making a whole-school collage based around our values. To give you plenty of advanced notice, we would like each child to bring in a photo of themselves and two other images inspired by our school values. This could be a favourite author of theirs who they really connect with or a sportsperson for example and could also be a member of the family. We want to use as many different types of media as possible so this could be from magazines and newspapers for example. For the photos children bring in, we will photocopy them and use a sticky tape technique to lift the image from the photocopy. We hope it inspirational and also a lot of fun.

Rana is running a workshop at Oxfordshire Museum, Woodstock tomorrow between 2-4pm, which you may be interested in. See the flyer in the newsletter for more details.

In a future newsletter we will show you the amazing transformation of the pond area which is being led by Stew Thompson, Graham Mills, Matt Britton and Mark Finch. They have given up a lot of weekends, committed their own resources and we are incredibly grateful to them and everyone else that has helped with this project. We are extremely lucky to live in a community where people are so keen to help us; they have put in more effort and commitment than we could have ever dreamt of – we are eternally grateful!

The first of the Covid Bounceback fundraising money is being spent early next term where the adventure play equipment for nursery and reception children is being installed. We now have a fence, gate and shelter outside Year 1/2 ready for the outdoor learning equipment. The smartscreen TVs have been ordered for the two KS2 classes though there are delays with the delivery. We will keep you updated and share photos as soon as we can.

I hope you all have a relaxing and healthy half-term. Thank you all once again for your understanding and support of the school as we once again look to navigate a potentially tricky winter.

Warmest wishes,

Jon Jeffries



# Important Dates



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

## **OCTOBER**

Friday 22nd End of term DISCO! **CANCELLED**

Monday 25th - Friday 29th **HALF TERM,**

Monday 1st November **Inset Day**

## **NOVEMBER**

Wednesday 3rd SPSA meeting - 8pm in the Red Lion, Cassington. All welcome!

Friday 5th Viking Visitor for Willow Class

Wednesday 10th Year 6 Transition Day to Bartholomew

Monday 15th 'People who inspire us' visitor

Tuesday 23rd Firefighters visit to Apple Tree

Friday 26th Apple Tree Stay & Play for under 5s

Friday 26th Christmas Fayre **CANCELLED**

Thursday 30th KS1 & KS2 Christmas treat!

## **DECEMBER**

Wednesday 1st Christmas challenges start!

Thursday 2nd Flu vaccinations - Reception to Year 6 - Forms to follow

Wednesday 8th Oak Class Nativity - 1:30pm

Thursday 9th Apple Tree Christmas treat!

Thursday 9th Oak Class Nativity - 6pm

Friday 10th Apple Tree Stay & Play for under 5s

Friday 10th iRock Christmas concert - 1:30pm

Tuesday 14th Apple Tree Christmas singing - 9:30am

Wednesday 15th Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 15th Christmas Service - 2pm

Friday 17th 1:15pm finish - **Happy Christmas!**

# Forest School Fun & Under the Trees

Cassington Hallowe'en Forest  
School Fun

**Thursday 28th and Friday 29th  
October**

**10am - 3pm**

We are excited to announce 2 Hallowe'en Forest Sessions taking place at Cassington this half term. It's a chance to get the kids outdoors playing, building, laughing and having fun. There will be the opportunity to use tools safely to saw, carve a pumpkin, drill and whittle as well as having a go at lighting a small fire.

Please send your child with a picnic lunch.

Cooked morning and afternoon campfire snacks and drinks will be provided.

Numbers are limited so make a booking today!

**£30 per child**

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This is an introduction to our **5 Keys to Happiness and Wellbeing**.

The following pages have information about this week's focus key Look Inside.

## 5 KEYS TO HAPPINESS

This year we are working with an education charity called **INSIDE OUT** with a mission to improve the wellbeing of primary school children.

There is a strong public health message on 5 fruits and vegetables a day but what are the 5 things you can do every day to feel happier and look after your mental health?

This is where **INSIDE OUT** helps.

The charity has taken the '5 Ways to Wellbeing', an evidence-based approach to improve wellbeing recommended by the UK government, and made this child-friendly with what they call the '5 Keys to Happiness'.

Through the 5 Keys, children gain a 'toolkit' of fun and practical life skills that they can use in their daily lives to help them reduce stress, increase confidence and build resilience. **INSIDE OUT's** motto is: happy children learn better!

We understand that you want to help your children to be happy and healthy both inside and out. So over the next term, we will be introducing the 5 Keys in our newsletters and sharing fun and simple activities you can try at home with your children, to support our work in school.



This week's Key is **LOOK INSIDE** which inspires self reflection, focusing, being quiet and self-calming

The **LOOK INSIDE** Key helps children develop:

- A common language to discuss emotions
- An awareness that there is a range of emotions and accept it's ok to feel them
- A variety of strategies to focus the mind better, regulate emotions and reduce anxiety

Sometimes it can be hard for children to describe their feelings so **INSIDE OUT** has come up with using the weather to describe them. For example: sad = rainy; happy = sunny. It is important for children to realise that all weather is welcome, just as plants need all types of weather to grow, we need all feelings to be healthy.

This week at school we had a go at an **FBW** which stands for Feet, Breathe, Weather. The **FBW** is a simple breathing technique to help children calm their mind and body and improve their weather inside. It can be used **ANYWHERE** and **ANYTIME**.

If you want to have a go at an **FBW** at home, please follow these simple steps:

**F ...** Feel your **Feet** on the floor.

**B ...** Feel your **Breathing** - place one hand on your belly and one hand on your chest. Close your eyes. Take a few deep breaths. It's a bit like your belly is a balloon getting bigger and then getting smaller.

- Breathe in and feel your belly rise and breathe out and feel your belly fall.
- Breathe in 1...2...3... and breathe out 1...2...3...
- Breathe in and feel your belly rise and breathe out and feel your belly fall.
- Breathe in 1...2...3... and breathe out 1...2...3...

**W ...** Feel your **Weather** inside - you and your child could each share what your weather inside is now. Hopefully, it is calm and the weather inside is sunnier. Remember to emphasise that all weather is welcome.

If you are concerned your child is feeling stormy or unsettled a lot of the time, please come talk to your child's class teacher.

### Please note:

If you'd like anything put into the newsletter, I need it by Friday, **1pm at the latest**. Thank you





THE **STORY** MUSEUM

Soldiers of  
Oxfordshire  
Museum



# Little Amal Step by Step Workshop



Saturday 23rd October 2 - 4pm

Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum, Woodstock

Come and add your footprint to the Step by Step  
scroll, and make a puppet to help welcome Little  
Amal to Oxfordshire!

£2.50 per child, adults and under 5's go free



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25 – 30 OCTOBER 2021, 7.30PM

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TICKETS: £12 ADULTS • £8 CHILDREN

Come and see Oliver  
and Freddie P in the  
Broadway version of  
Disney's

**The Little Mermaid**

– all next week in  
Bladon.

The Broadway version of this Disney classic will take audiences under the sea with spectacular special effects, lavish costuming and an innovative set design. This family friendly show will have children of all ages enjoying popular tunes from the animated film as well as new songs from the Broadway musical.

**TICKETS** for The Little Mermaid cost £12.00 for adults and £8.00 for children under 16 years and can be purchased online using a credit or debit card at [www.juniorchurch.com/mermaid](http://www.juniorchurch.com/mermaid). Tickets will also be on sale at the door subject to seat availability. For last minute ticket enquiries, please telephone the box office on **01993 812766**, open from 6pm on performance days.

**TRAVEL** Bladon is situated on the A4095 just west of the junction with the A44. Car parking is available at the Primary School in the centre of the village by the traffic lights, which will be clearly signposted from the A4095. This is only a short walk from the church. There is very limited on-street parking in nearby side roads.

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