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Friday 10th February 2023





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The chicken's name was Eggatha Christie, and it was won by

George Fisher.

There were 80 sweets in the jar, and that was won by

Acton Forest.

Well done to both of you!

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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.

News

IMPORTANT



Please do not park on the bend by the Chequers pub when dropping off or collecting your children from school. It makes it incredibly hard for vehicles to pass safely and there have been a few 'near misses'. 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 in the office.



Like many other villages, Cassington now has a 20mph speed limit, so please drive slowly and carefully. Thank you.

Uniform Amnesty!



We have had a lot of items of uniform going missing recently. Half term is a brilliant time to check your children's uniform to make sure it has their name in and not somebody else's! It's very easy to accidentally take a different item of clothing home because they all look the same. If you do find any uniform that belongs to someone else, please bring it to the office and we will return it to the owner. Thank you.



TENNIS CLUB

This is the link you need to book into the tennis club for next term. It will be on Thursday afternoons.

https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/ExcelTennisAcademy/BookCourse/8b046b46-dfe0-4fa9-a98b-09ffd0cdcd14



Drinking water

Please remember that the children shouldn't be having juice in their bottles. Juice is fine in their packed lunch, but they should only have water in their water bottles.

Thank you.

Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who helped with the fundraiser on Wednesday afternoon, and also to everyone who came and spent money! Half of the money raised will go towards the St Peter's chickens, and half will go to the 'official' school charity - Oxfordshire Wildlife Rescue.

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Apple Tree Class



Apple Tree have been enjoying their brilliant bears topic this term, which began with the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears, sparking discussion around the value of honesty. They loved joining in with this well-known story and thought of some questions they would like to ask Goldilocks about her choices. Apple Tree were very lucky as they got their answers when Goldilocks visited Apple Tree one morning! They helped her write a letter to the three bears to apologise, tried porridge and made a tally chart of their favourite toppings as well as lots of re enacting the story in the three bears cottage role play area.



They continued by following and re-telling the story of 'we're going on a bear hunt.' This gave them the opportunity to create a story map and follow a map to get to a place in the garden. It also offered lots of sensory play and experiences as they recreated the scenes of the story, like the thick oozy mud and swirling whirling snowstorm. Listening to Michael Rosen tell the story was lovely as he added lots of expression and effects.









They have learnt some facts about real bears and looked at the countries bears live and what habitat they live in. Throughout this topic they have thought about their favourite bears and their families' favourite bears (old and new!), linking them to their families old toys and being able to handle and learn about some old toys from the museum. We learnt that some of these toys are still around today and some are not used as much, or may have been adapted or changed. They looked at toys like dolls, marbles and skipping ropes.

Apple Tree Class

Gymnastics has been thoroughly enjoyed in PE and their confidence on the bars and equipment has grown each week. They have used a printing technique as their Art focus this term, like William Morris used in his artwork. William Morris lived locally to Oxfordshire and often used repeating patterns in his work. They thought of different objects they could print with, like Duplo and pine cones, and learnt that print means to make a copy. They tried their hardest to use a repeating pattern, just like William Morris and created some wonderful art!







Apple Tree have looked at the value of kindness and celebrated this through making banana bread together. They all brought their favourite teddies to school and had a teddy bears' picnic at Forest School where they shared the banana cake together – it was a very tasty treat!





Book Reviews

Our Book Review winners for this fortnight!

Please encourage your child to submit a book review (or as many as they want!) When they bring in a book review, we will choose informative and well presented book reviews (age/ ability appropriate!) to be winners that week.

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.







Road Safety

At last the days are getting longer and the weather is beginning to improve, so hopefully in next week's half term, parents, carers and children will be able to spend some time outdoors. Half term would be a great chance for parents and carers to support their children in their journey to becoming safer, independent pedestrians and road users.



The good news is that Oxfordshire County Council have a child pedestrian Road Safety scheme called Footsteps, aimed at parents and carers:

You will know the importance of keeping your child safe when near traffic. This short leaflet, Footsteps guide (pdf format, 3MB), will give you some simple activities to use that will help you achieve this, whilst giving you some interesting things to do and talk about with your children.

As adults we know how to be safe pedestrians. But young children won't have learnt those skills yet.

By teaching your child road awareness, you are enabling your child to make their own choices and decisions with your help when walking and crossing the road.

- Ask questions rather than tell your child what to do.
- Involve your child in the decision making and explain why you are doing things.
- And remember your child will copy your behaviour so be consistent, even if you are in a hurry.
- Never do anything you wouldn't want your child to do when they are on their own.

Start Footsteps as soon as you feel your child is ready, the sooner the better. This is a learning journey and it may take a long time before your child can cope on their own.

Please don't expect quick results, take it at their pace. As your child shows you they can cope, move on to more challenging tasks. You know your child best, so you will know when they are ready to go out without you.

Download our Footsteps guide (pdf. 3MB) and start your child's road awareness journey.

From the Oxfordshire County Council website

A Message From Mr Jeffries

Dear Parents/Carers,

It never ceases to amaze me the love and support we have for the school and the lengths the children, parents and community will go to in support of good causes. I am of course referring to the fundraiser on Wednesday where the proceeds will be split between our school charity, Oxfordshire Wildlife Rescue, and raising funds to keep our chickens happy. The children raised an incredible **£352.25!** Thank you to our fantastic children who put in countless hours organising this to make sure it would be as successful as possible and making such fun and exciting activities and stalls. Also huge thanks to the parents who supported their children and helped run stalls on the day, and to everyone who came and had fun and spent lots of money! Thank you to everyone who contributed in many ways including baking cakes and donating items. Emily, as always, is an absolute star and spent many hours helping the children plan and prepare for the event. What a great note to end the term on.

Last week we were delighted to welcome Taz Hoesli to the school as part of our People Who Inspire Us project. Taz used to be a pupil at St Peter's and some of you will know her through her work with children as a dance teacher. Taz contracted sepsis in October '22 and has been working hard to bounce back from this. As well as building herself back up for dancing, she is now also an ambassador for the UK Sepsis Trust. Read all about how she inspired the children from her People Who Inspire Us poster in the newsletter.

For World Book Day this year, we will be having a dance and theatre company in on Thursday 2nd March to work with the children on the theme of Alice in Wonderland. There will be lots of activities throughout the day and we will all be dressing up as a character from the book. This should give families and children plenty of time to think about which character they want to dress up as.

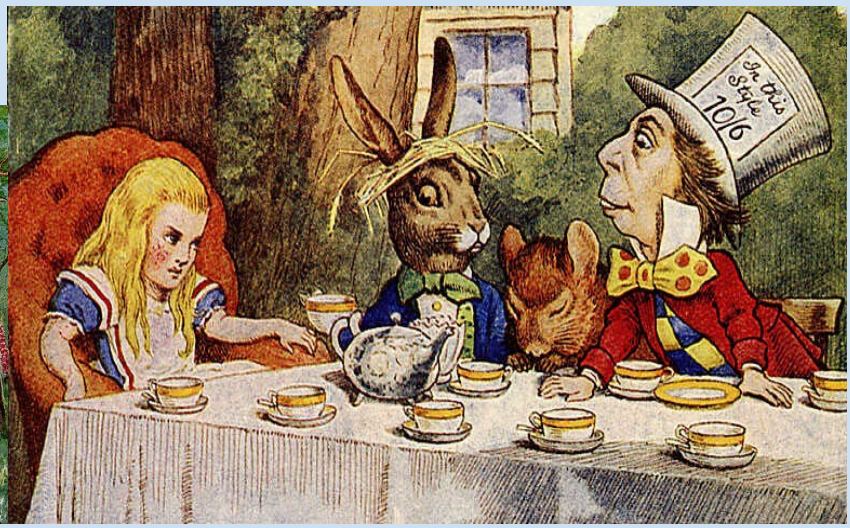
With so much sickness around this term and especially so many children going down with chickenpox, I hope you all have a peaceful and relaxing half term.

With very best wishes,

Jon Jeffries







Calendar

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

FEBRUARY

Monday 13th to Friday 17th - **HALF TERM**

Tuesday 21st - Heights and Weights for Reception & Year 6

Tuesday 21st - Stay & Play in Apple Tree - 2-3pm - £3 per family

Tuesday 28th - Apple Tree visit to Crocodiles of the World

MARCH

Thursday 2nd - WORLD BOOK DAY

Tuesday 7th - SPSA get together - Red Lion at 8pm

Wednesday 8th - Yr 6 NHS Dental survey

Thursday 9th - Shang Dynasty Workshop for Willow Class

Week beginning Monday 20th - Apple Tree Parents Evenings

Tuesday 21st - Oak Class - Dance Workshop - **!CHANGE OF DATE!**

Friday 24th - iRock concert 2:30pm

Monday 27th - Maple Play

Tuesday 28th - Oak Class - Florence Nightingale Drama Workshop

Tuesday 28th - Stay & Play in Apple Tree - 2-3pm - £3 per family

Tuesday 28th - Maple Play

Friday 31st - Finish Term at 1:15pm

APRIL

Monday 3rd—Friday 14th - Easter Holidays

If you would like to put anything in the newsletter, please get it to Emily in the office, by Friday 11am at the latest!

Value of the term

Creativity

Child quote of the term

Creativity is a superpower which lets you unlock your imagination - Ivy

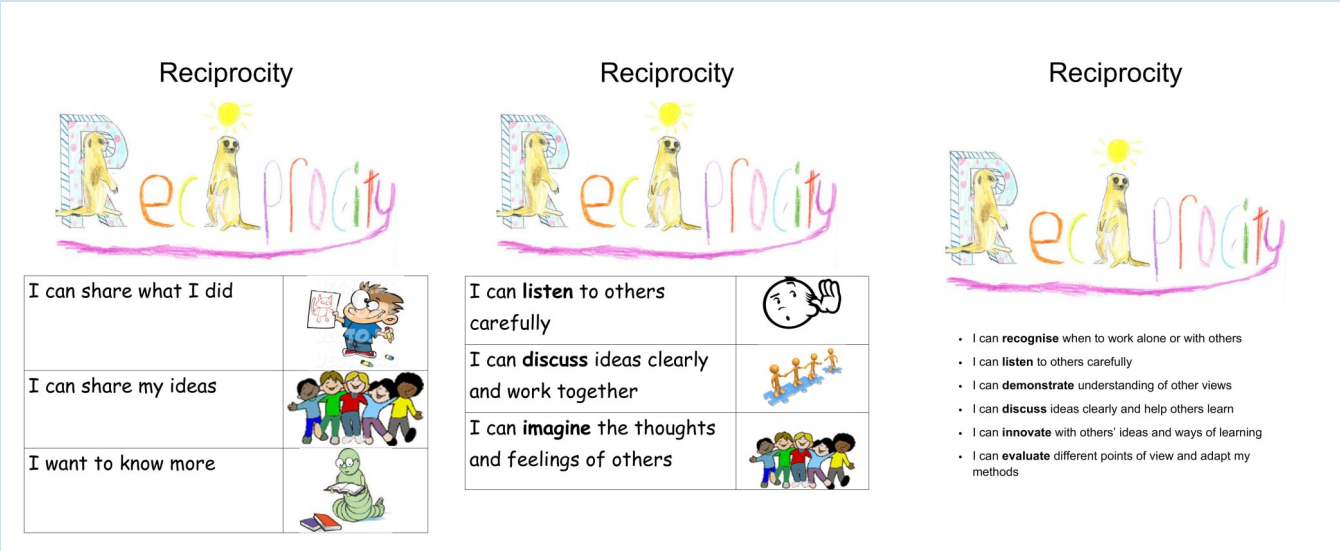
This Week's Big Question

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

Which of our senses is the most important?

'R' of the Term

Reciprocity



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.

OXFORD BROOKES UNIVERSITY

SCIENCE BAZAAR BEYOND

Saturday 18 February 2023

9:30am - 11:30am
Relaxed autism-friendly early opening

11:30am - 4pm
Open to all
(no need to book just drop-in and explore)

BOOK HERE

FREE FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY!
MOST SUITABLE FOR 5-12YRS

Oxford Brookes University, Clerici Building, Headington Campus, Gipsy Lane, Headington, OX3 0BP





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TIMED ACTIVITIES

These can be booked upon your arrival

MEGA ROBO MORAL MACHINES

Can robots be good? In this interactive workshop, professor of AI and Robotics Nigel Crook and comics artist Neill Cameron (Mega Robo Bros, The Phoenix) join forces to make comics looking at the rise of moral machines, how robots might learn to make moral decisions, and what could possibly go wrong along the way!

Session 1) 10:30am – 11:30am
Session2) 12pm – 1pm

PARASITE COMICS

In this interactive workshop, parasitologist Dr Jack Sunter and comics artist Neill Cameron (Mega Robo Bros, The Phoenix) join forces to make comics exploring the fascinating world of parasites - nature's original transformers!

Session 1) 1:30pm – 2:30pm
Session 2) 3pm – 4pm

CROCODILES OF THE WORLD

Ever wondered how many teeth a crocodiles has? Or what they feel like? Get up close and personal with crocodiles! Discover more about these amazing animals with Crocodiles of the World!

Session 1) 12pm – 12:20pm
Session 2) 12:30pm – 12:50pm
Session 3) 1pm – 1:20pm
Session 4) 1:30pm – 1:50pm

CHINESE HANDCRAFTS

Have a go at creating your very own velvet peach blossom in this workshop led by the Confucius Institute at Oxford Brookes.

Session 1) 1pm – 2pm
Session 2) 3pm- 4pm

KUNG FU

Explore the antient art of Kung Fu in this demonstrator led workshop by the Confucius Institute at Oxford Brookes.

Session 1) 2pm – 3pm

EXPLORE OUR 5 EXCITING ZONES!

- **The Life Factory** (biology, wildlife, and the world around us)
- **Happy and Healthy** (health, exercise, and nutrition)
- **Mind Your Brain** (psychology and your mind)
- **The Tech Zone** (engineering, motorsport, and robotics)
- **The Discovery Zone** (poetry, culture, and people)

HERE IS A SMALL TASTE OF WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT

Bazaar anagram trail - explore the event zones to find hidden letters, find all the letters, unscramble to make a word, and win a prize
Competitions
Interactive, hands-on activities
Timed workshops (you will be able to book on the day)
Slime making!
Build and launch your very own Rocket Car
Meet a crocodile with Crocodiles of the World
Experiment with Bright Sparks Science
LEGO building with The Brick People
Coding LEGO robots with Beyond Blocks
Create a comic book with Neill Cameron, author of MEGA ROBO BROS
Cafe
Film at 4pm: The LEGO Movie

NO PARKING ON SITE EXCEPT FOR ACCESS NEEDS

By attending the Science Bazaar, you will have the opportunity to participate in real-word research. Stop by our 'I am a Researcher' booth and find out more!

Oxfordshire Libraries

SHORT STORY
WRITING COMPETITION!

Are you aged between 7 and 11?
Do you love writing?

Why not have a go at writing a short story for our competition?

It can be on any topic and up to 3,000 words long

The winning story will be published as an eBook for library members to borrow!

More information and instructions on how to enter can be found on the Oxfordshire Libraries website.

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Oxfordshire Libraries

Entries open: 3 January 2023
Closing date: 26 February 2023

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/shortstorycompetition

OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Taz Hoesli







Taz is now 21 but she used to come to school at St Peter's! She has loved dancing since the age of 3 and has followed her dream of being a professional dancer where she now dances on stage for different shows and also teaches dance. She showed us a showreel which she sends to auditions to see if she would be suitable for the role. Taz shows lots of resilience to keep trying when she gets knock-backs. In October '22 she became very poorly with sepsis where she had to stay in hospital for 10 days. In February '23 she is still recovering but she is not letting it get her down! She is working hard to regain her fitness so she can get back to performing and dancing as soon as possible.

Courage

Osian-

Not giving up – keep trying again and again and again

Flora-

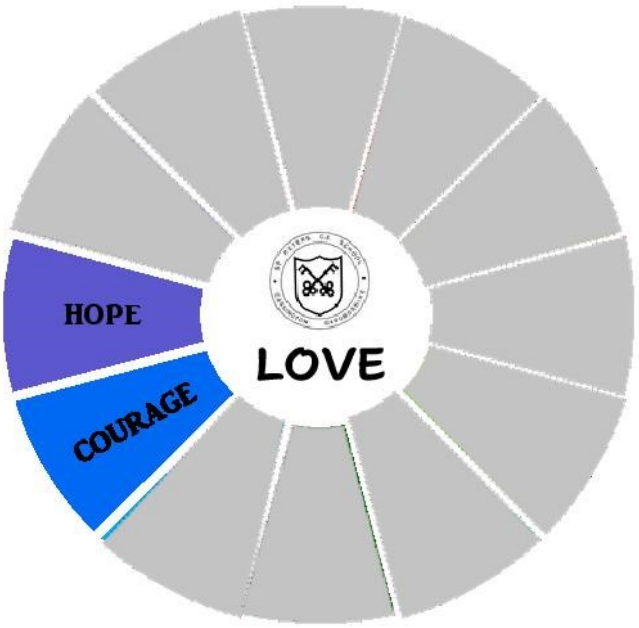
Taz might have been scared to go back to performing after her set-back

Thomas-

Taz never gives up and she is still as enthusiastic as she ever was!

Olly-

Taz showed courage in the hardest of times



Hope

Sasha-

Some people step back but Taz keeps stepping forward

Acton-

Taz hopes she will get better quickly so she can perform again

Layla-

Taz never stopped having hope

MESSAGE TO US

No matter what life throws at you, step up and prove them wrong

Dear Parent / Carer,

Meal Price Increases

We hope your child or children are enjoying our school lunch catering. We strive to provide a range of daily options that remain popular, nutritious and produced from ethically sourced raw ingredients that require a good standard of craft skill to prepare.

However, the issue that all caterers are currently facing, is a significant increase in food inflation (for various reasons) and wage inflation, as dictated by an increase in the national living wage.

The increases of 9.7% on our staffing costs from April 2023 and the current 16 - 17% on food cost needs to be reflected, at least in part, in our charges to you. We will continue to try and mitigate these additional costs by driving efficiencies within our organisation, however, as a result, we will reluctantly need to reflect them in our charges from the start of the summer term.

Your school meal price from 1st April 2023 will be:

£2.66 (For children in Key Stage 2)

Benefit-Related Free School Meal children and Universal Free School Meal children (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) remain free.

We currently allow a pupil's account to fall into debt by five meals. To reduce the risk we are experiencing in increasing unpaid debt and to relieve the financial pressure for families, this will be reduced to three meals from 1st April 2023. Please ensure you keep your account in credit at all times.

If you have any further questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact Customer Care on 01942 707709 / customercare@dolce.co.uk

Kind Regards,

Angie Lingwood
Head of Dolce Customer Care

PARENTS AND CARERS

Education from the National Crime Agency



- Talk regularly with your child about what they like to do online
- Find out what apps, games and sites they use or would like to use
- Use the social web framework to consider the benefits and dangers in each of the four areas
- Support your child to be safer on the apps, games or sites you decide are suitable for them to use



Gaming: what's appropriate for your child? (PEGI ratings)
www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/gaming-whats-appropriate-for-your-child



Personal information: a guide for parents and carers
www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/parents-guide-to-personal-information2



Online contact and staying safe
www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/online-contact-and-staying-safe



In-game chat: what parents and carers need to know
www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/in-game-chat



Is your child ready for social media
www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/is-my-child-ready-for-social-media



What is sexual grooming
www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/what-is-sexual-grooming



Social networks made for children
www.internetmatters.org/resources/social-media-networks-made-for-kids



Age appropriate apps for children and young people
www.internetmatters.org/hub/guidance/child-friendly-apps-your-children-will-enjoy



Social media top tips
www.internetmatters.org/resources/social-media-top-tips-cards



Social media privacy guides
www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/social-media

Help for your child



Report concerns about online sexual abuse to the CEOP Safety Centre **https://www.ceop.police.uk/Safety-Centre**

childline
ONLINE, ON THE PHONE, ANYTIME
childline.org.uk | 0800 1111

Call or message Childline if they are worried and want someone to talk to.

www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents

Childnet International

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

Remember to always be smart with a heart by being kind and respectful to others online. Make the internet a better place by helping your friends if they are worried or upset by anything that happens online.

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Dino Digital Detectives

Name	
Class	
Potential harmful activity detected	
Date handed to office	

Action	
Review	

Unlocking….

Minds that learn, Hearts that love, Faith that gives

