

Newsletter



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Friday 13th January 2023



This week It's the turn of Maple Class to show us what they've been doing over the last few months. Have a look inside for more details!



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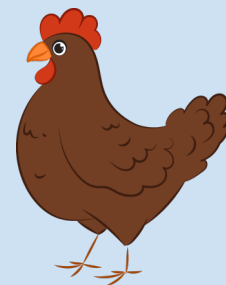


PEANUT/NUT FREE SCHOOL

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.

Dear parents and carers,

We are having a fundraiser!



Perhaps you were wondering why we are having a fundraiser! We need to make as much money as we can because we care a lot about animals. Once we have got the money, we will split it half way between the Oxfordshire Wildlife Rescue and our St Peter's Chickens. This is what we want to use the money for:

1. We are going to donate half of the money to the Oxfordshire Wildlife Rescue (our 'official' charity) who have recently built a new hospital and are saving up for a new ambulance. They had over 6000 patients last year and are expanding to cope with the amount of animals needing them.
2. We also need to buy our chickens some new flooring. Hard wood chip and wooden planks that will help keep their feet dry and prevent them from getting anything horrible like trench foot.
3. In addition we were aiming to buy our rescue chickens some treats so we can give them a wide variety of nutrients, some toys to entertain them and some greenery to keep them healthy and well.



Please come to our fundraiser on
Wednesday 8th of February
3:15-4:30pm

There will be lots of stalls, lots of games and a cake stall & café!

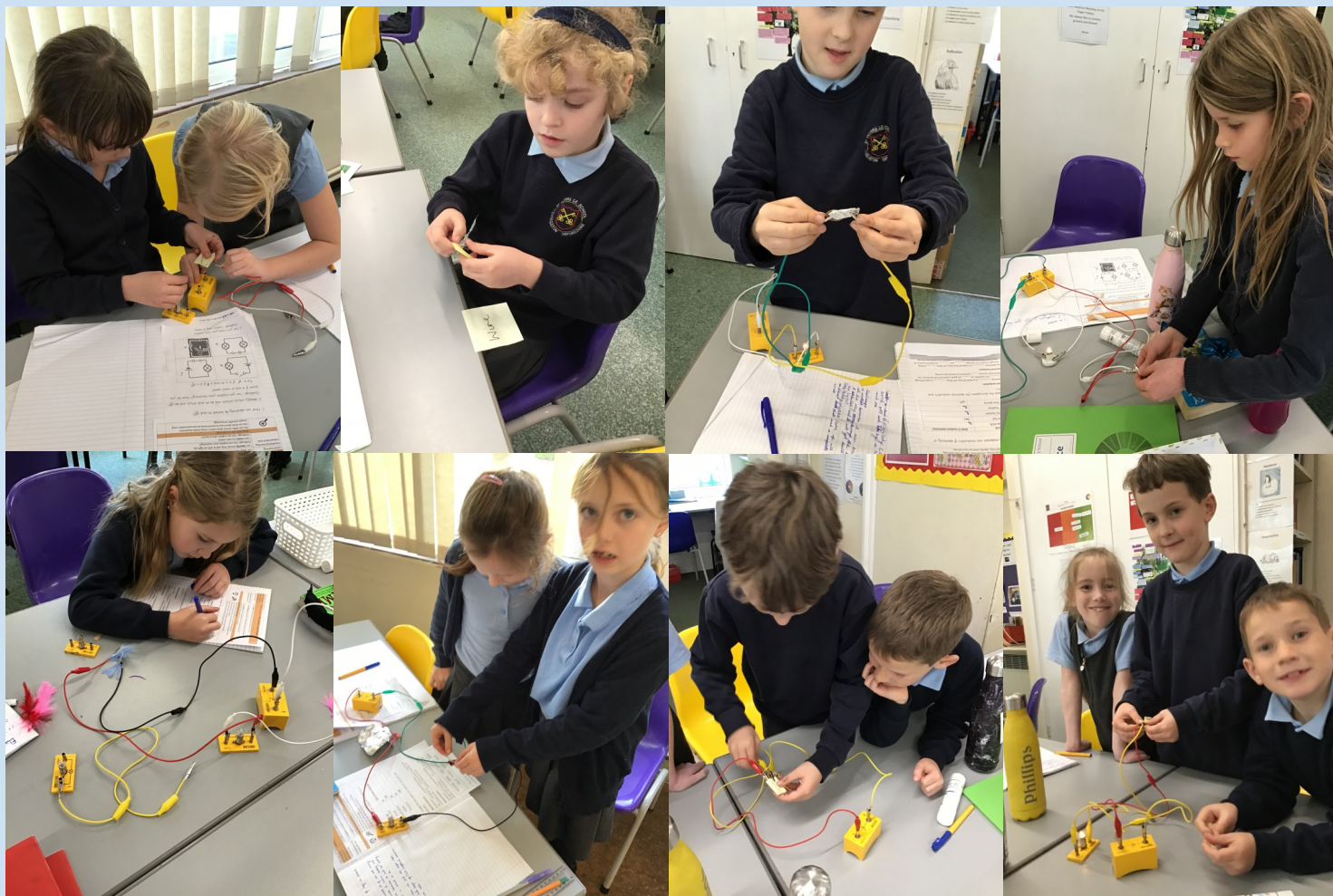
We will be asking for donations of cakes and biscuits nearer the time. Also, if you have any second hand toys, games or books in good condition, we are collecting them, too!

Yours sincerely,

The St Peter's Charity and Chicken Leaders



After October half term, we started our new science topic - electricity. We created our own circuits and investigated a range of materials to see if they were conductors or insulators. With great excitement, the children replaced wires in their circuits with different materials to test whether the electricity still flowed. We discovered paperclips and tin foil are excellent conductors, whereas lollipop sticks and feathers are not so good! We are now starting our new topic on forces and magnets. Our first lesson explored whether a force is a push or a pull and the children were very inventive, creating different actions and activities to demonstrate these forces.



To finish off our Stone Age art, we created a whole class collaborative piece using neutral and dark paint colours to print handprints like we had seen on cave walls. "I like that everyone was so excited to do the painting altogether and it looked amazing!" - Ivy.



To start our new topic on Ancient Egypt, we have explored some of their artwork. In our first lesson, we wanted to create rough paper (like their papyrus) for us to draw on. To do this, we created colour washes with paints, we used tea-stained water and we used different materials such as tissue paper, coloured paper and card to create different textures. In our second lesson, we explored different patterns and pictures and drew these onto our backgrounds using pastels and water colour pencils. The children have taken great care over their drawings and are paying close attention to the detail from the original artwork of Ancient Egypt.



As one of our milestone moments, we took a visit to St Mary's Church in Witney. Our topic was on 'light' and our big question was, 'Is light a good symbol for celebration?' We looked around the church for examples of light and also symbols of light. We talked about the concept of 'Jesus the light of the World' and also compared St Mary's to St Peter's. The children gave thoughtful and reflective ideas.

"I liked when we had time to pray and reflect." - Acton

"I think it was a very peaceful place to be reflective." - Tobias



In maths, we have started off this term learning how to measure length. The children have had fun measuring different objects around our classroom and converting the lengths to mm, cm and m! Next week, we will be looking at measuring perimeter.

Awards of the Week

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— <i>Creativity</i>	'R' Award— <i>Reciprocity</i>
 Apple	<i>Olivia Ostridge</i>	<i>Zak Tamer</i>	<i>Zaheer Chudry</i>
 Oak	<i>Masa Milivojevic</i>	<i>Finley Britton</i>	<i>Peter Woolley</i>
 Maple	<i>Rueben Faulkner</i>	<i>Ciara Boyne-Ryan</i>	<i>Phoebe Thomas</i>
 Willow	<i>Osian Jones</i>	<i>Thomas Andrews</i>	<i>George Hatwell</i>
 Headteacher's Award	<i>Bradley Knight</i>		

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



A Message From Mr Jeffries



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the first newsletter of the new year. If I haven't spoken to you already in person, I hope that you all had as much of a peaceful and relaxing Christmas as possible - I know there was a lot of illness around! The children are straight back into their learning and we are looking forward to an exciting term which includes visits to the Ashmolean, and Mandarin Calligraphy lessons for Oak, Maple and Willow classes.

On Sunday there was the opening event of the year to commemorate 900 years of St Peter's Church. The children were really pleased to be involved with this through the unveiling of their artwork on the church wall depicting how the times have changed in Cassington since the church was built. Art Club, led by Jess Jones, had also spent many weeks designing, and making life size figures of people through the ages. This was a huge project from start to finish and it was wonderful for the children's ideas to be showcased in this way.

Also a big thank you to the children who formed the school choir to be a part of the service in the morning. It is wonderful to see such passion, enthusiasm and pride to take part in this event. Thanks to Duncan Fraser and Sara Partridge who organised this and supported on the day. There are pictures on the website and there will also be an in-depth feature in next month's CAWN. <https://st-peters-cofe-primary-school-cassington.secure-primariesite.net/st-peters-church/>

It was wonderful to see the village and school community coming together in this way. Thank you to John Hemingway for the organisation of the event and Hannah Farncombe, Kevin Hinton and Sue Hemingway who guided our creativity with the whole school art project.

In the newsletter you will see two guests we have recently enjoyed the company of for our 'People Who Inspire Us' project. The first was James Davies who is a lawyer. He inspired us to work on behalf of others and shared the benefits this can bring. Thank you Anne Armitage for kindly arranging this. The second was Robert Courts MP who shared his fascinating journey to becoming an MP and his thoughts on working on behalf of and representing others. We hope you enjoy reading the posters and seeing the children's thoughts.

Wishing you a peaceful weekend,

Jon Jeffries



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.

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

JANUARY

- Thursday 19th - Maple Class visit to Ashmolean Museum
- Tuesday 24th - Stay & Play in Apple Tree - 2-3pm - £3 per family
- Friday 27th - Maple Class to Dance Festival at Bartholomew School
- Friday 27th to Sunday 29th - RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch
- Tuesday 31st - Calligraphy workshop for Oak Class

FEBRUARY

- Wednesday 1st - People who inspire us assembly
- Monday 6th to Friday 10th - Safer internet week
- Tuesday 7th - Oak Class visit to Ashmolean Museum
- Wednesday 8th - **Wildlife & Chicken Rescue Fundraiser! 3:15 - 4:30pm**
- 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

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

JAMES DAVIES



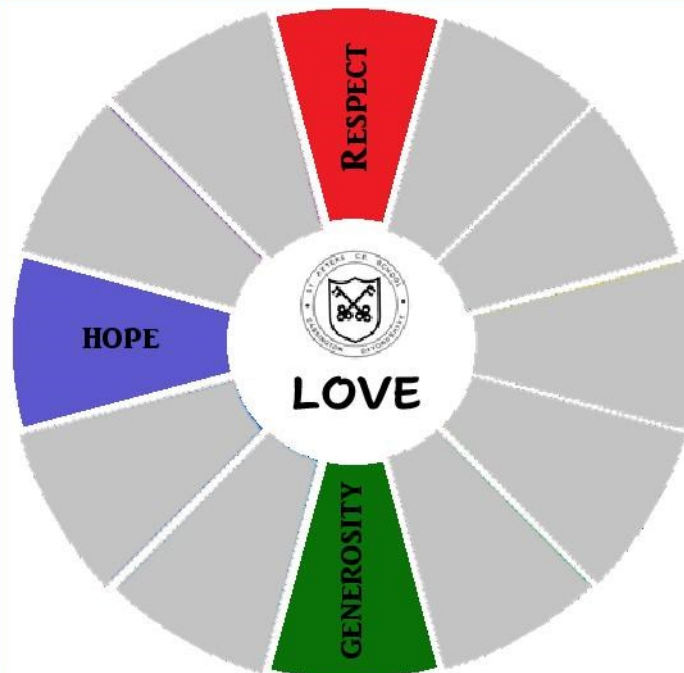
James is a lawyer which means he is there to help people with rules about what people can do and what they can't do. He is a specialist in serious injury law which means he helps people with their legal rights when they have had an accident for example, and gets the best possible help for them. James has always believed that you cannot be successful without the help of others so he tries to help others whenever he can. When James was 3 years old, he moved with his family to South Africa. He learned a lot about Nelson Mandela and he became James' inspiration. Before becoming president, Nelson Mandela was also a lawyer!

GENEROSITY

Isla E – James is generous with his time and resources to help people feel better

Layla – He will try his hardest to get the best for people

Rueben – He is generous because he is going out of his way to help people and he sacrifices his own time



RESPECT

Emily P - James is very respectful of the people who he works for

Felix – He is respectful of people's needs and wants them to recover from what they are having to face

HOPE

Phoebe – He hopes he can help people to live their best lives

Acton – He hopes he will always succeed

MESSAGE TO US

Everything is figure-outable

ROBERT COURTS MP



Robert is the Member of Parliament (MP) for Witney and West Oxfordshire. His job is to understand what people think and to represent them. Before he became an MP he was a barrister which also involves speaking on behalf of people. Robert says that both jobs have been rewarding because you feel like you can get involved and help people. When Robert was at primary school, he became an actor and performed Shakespeare. This involved learning a lot of lines and acting in front of people. By overcoming his nerves and working hard, this speaking in public from an early age gave him the confidence to do these jobs. He learned not to be put off by failure and understood you may have to try many times to succeed.

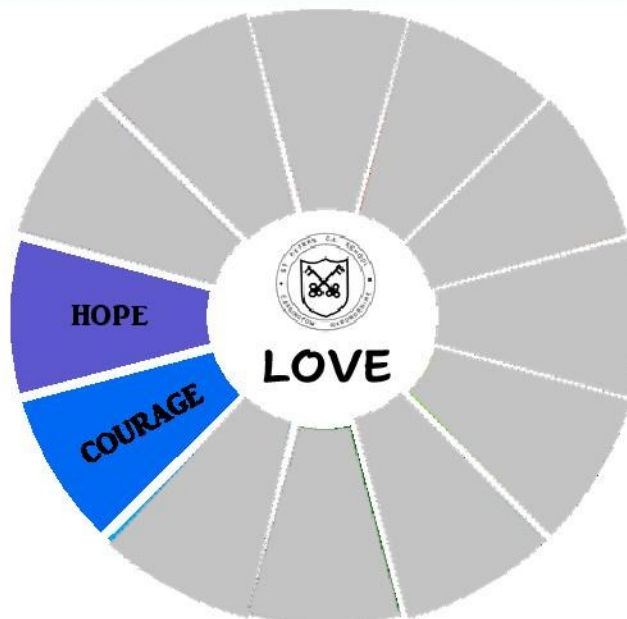
COURAGE

Robert shows courage to represent and argue for other people – Emily

He shows courage to talk to important people that he doesn't know – Abigail

He never, ever gives up – Layla

Courage to go through many interviews to be a barrister and to speak in parliament – Felix



HOPE

Robert has hope for people to be the best they can be – Finley

He has hope that he will succeed and do his job well – Beau

Hope can change peoples' lives for the better – Phoebe

Hope to get the best out of people – Bradley

MESSAGE TO US

No matter how successful you are, what matters most is people and your relationships with them.

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?

Can creativity through the arts, bring people closer to God?

'R' of the Term

Reciprocity

Reciprocity



I can share what I did	
I can share my ideas	
I want to know more	

Reciprocity



I can listen to others carefully	
I can discuss ideas clearly and work together	
I can imagine the thoughts and feelings of others	

Reciprocity



- I can **recognise** when to work alone or with others
- I can **listen** to others carefully
- I can **demonstrate** understanding of other views
- I can **discuss** ideas clearly and help others learn
- I can **innovate** with others' ideas and ways of learning
- I can **evaluate** different points of view and adapt my methods

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.



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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Entries open: **3 January 2023**

 Oxfordshire Libraries

Closing date: **26 February 2023**

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/shortstorycompetition



BE SMART ONLINE



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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.



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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

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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.



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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.



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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.





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

