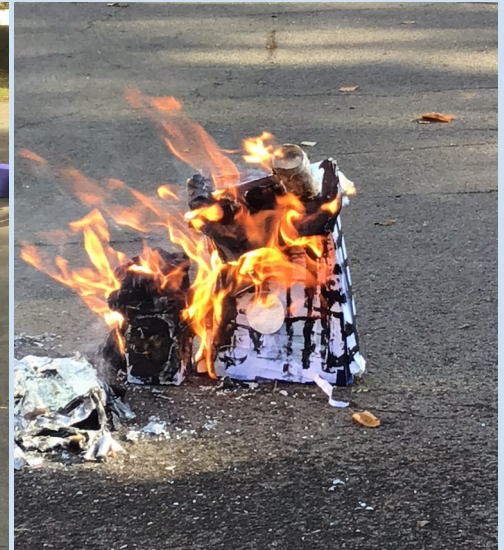


Newsletter



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Friday 21st October 2022



This week Oak class enjoyed a special 'Great Fire of London Day'!

See their page on the school website for more photos.

Have a lovely half term.

Please remember there is an

Inset Day on Monday 31st October!



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THANKS FOR REMEMBERING THIS IS A



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.

New Chickens!

Last week we rescued another 3 chickens through the British Hen Welfare Trust. These were hens that had always lived in cages and the farm didn't want them anymore because they had reached an age when egg production had started to decrease. They are very friendly and settling in well (although our 'old' hens are being a bit more territorial than we had anticipated!) and they are already laying eggs.

You can see on Rosie all the white patches—this is where all her feathers have been pecked out. Over time, the feathers will grow back, and their combs will return to being a nice healthy red colour. The other new chickens are called Hen Solo and Princess Layer.



Rosie

If anybody has access to any woodchip, the chickens would greatly appreciate them! With all of this heavy rain, their run is turning into a bit of a quagmire! Thank you.

JUDO

Judo returns to Friday mornings on 4th November at 7:45am. More details on the website—www.oxfordshirejudo.com/

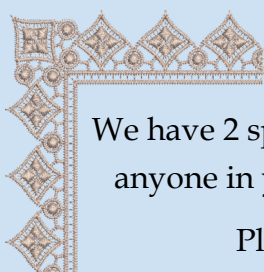
There is also the Golden Anniversary Tournament on Sunday 27th November. Sign up can be done here! www.oxfordshirejudo.com/tournament

TENNIS CLUB

Tennis club is returning after half term, starting on Thursday 10th November. Please go to the website to book—www.exceltennisacademy.co.uk

School Choir will be restarting on Tuesday lunchtimes after the half-term break.

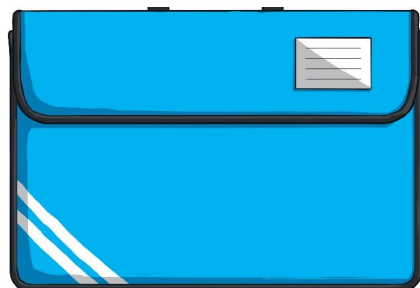
Choir will be open to children in Years 2-6 and there is a sign-up sheet on the office door for those children who would like to participate.



Lace Club

We have 2 spaces for children to join Mrs Howe's lace club. This is open to anyone in year 4, 5 or 6 and is held after school until 4pm on Thursdays.

Please email the office if your child would like to try it.



Bookbags

The bookbags have finally arrived, so if you are owed one, or you want to buy one (£7 through ParentMail, please) then please come and collect one from the office.

Yenworthy

There will be an information evening for the Willow class Yenworthy residential trip on **Thursday 3rd November at 3:20pm**. The staff who will be taking the children away are Mr Miles, Ms Williams-Sharkey, Mrs Howe and Emily. There will be short presentation and an opportunity to ask questions. The children are welcome to come along. We look forward to seeing you

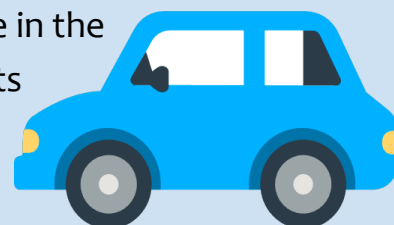


then. If you are unable to make the evening, the slides will be shared on Google classroom and the Willow class page and Mr Miles will be happy to field any questions in the run up to the trip.

Please remember that the first 2 instalments should now have been paid, leaving only the final £75 due by **4th November**. If you are intending to pay it all in one go, this also needs to be done before 4th November, as that is the date we need to send payment to Yenworthy. Thank you.

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.



Next September's year 7s

The deadline for applying for a year 7 secondary school place online is **31st October 22**. For more information, or to apply, the link is:

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/apply-school-place/year-7-applications>

What an exciting start we have had to this academic year in Maple! The new year 3s have taken to the greater responsibility and independence like ducks to water and the year 4s have been wonderful at helping them to settle in. Their strong sense of teamwork and excitement has made all our learning extra enjoyable!

This term, our topic is The Stone Age. In English, we have studied the book, 'Stone Age Boy,' which has led us to write diary entries from the point of view of a child who has travelled back in time, newspaper reports about a new prehistoric discovery at Skara Brae and setting descriptions of a Stone Age camp.

In History lessons, we have covered a great range of key concept questions so far. We have explored the three time periods from the Stone Age: Palaeolithic; Mesolithic and the Neolithic and how they differ. We have practised our research skills collecting information from a variety of sources to explore what they ate as hunter-gatherers, what their homes were like and how their farming community developed. Last week, we also had a very exciting visit from The History Man who brought with him a plethora of Stone Age treasures! We ground wheat and barley to make flour, used flint to chop sticks and leather, played some games and instruments, drew some animals using rocks and created our own pottery using clay. The children were impeccably behaved and had such great fun.

Our weekly Mandarin lessons have also taken off with a blast! We have learnt greetings, how to ask someone's name, how someone is feeling and (through lots of bingo!) we are quickly mastering the numbers from 0 to 10. Last Tuesday, we even practiced some calligraphy - the children were very focused, as you can see!



Our science topic this term has been sound. We have conducted investigations exploring how sound is created, how it travels, how sound can be changed and we have even created cone shaped ears to trial how we can best hear sound!





In Art, we have created our own prehistoric paint palettes experimenting with natural resources. We searched the field to find resources such as leaves, raspberries and moss and even used some spices (from Miss Williams-Sharkey's kitchen cupboard!) such as cinnamon and tumeric, to create bright and vibrant colours!



Creating a prehistoric paint palette



Creating cave walls



A Message From Mr Jeffries



Dear Parents/Carers,

I know lots of you have responded to Louise Judd's Facebook request for help at the Christmas Fair. With Covid curtailing many of the normal SPSA events in recent years, we really want to be back with a bang for this and the more people volunteering to help, the easier and more successful it will be. A prosperous Christmas fair will help boost funds that we can use for the benefit of the children and families. This year, the SPSA have agreed to double the amount they give to classes to subsidise trips from £500 per class to £1,000 per class. This will go towards transport costs, entrance fees and workshops/visitors we invite to school.

As part of our People Who Inspire Us project this week, our guest was Lisa West who works for an organisation called Women In Sport. She talked to the children about her love of sport, how traditionally women have not had the same opportunities as men, and her mission to redress this balance! She recently went to the Houses of Parliament to address a selection of MPs about her work and what they can do to encourage and support more women in sport. See the poster in the newsletter for more information and please do talk to your children about her visit, what they learned, and if they were inspired! If you know of an inspirational person that can come and talk to the children in this way, then please do let us know; the children get so much out of having visitors that can give them first hand experience of the impact one person can have.

There has been lots going on in these final weeks of term to support the children with their learning. Maple class had Stone Age day where they invited 'The History Man' to give a first hand experience of what life was like in the stone age. Children developed their art skills by creating their own prehistoric paint palettes using natural resources to make bright and vibrant colours.

On Tuesday, Oak had their Fire of London day which involved dressing up in period costume (including some children coming dressed as the fire!), baking bread, making models of Pudding Lane before recreating the fire by setting their buildings alight on the playground!

Apple Tree class were also very excited to be making bread this term as one of their Milestone Moments. Linking to our value of generosity, the children took the bread home to share with their families – so many life lessons in one experience!

Willow class have been studying Hundertwasser's art and architecture and been creating their own designs in his style. This culminated in the children designing their own monuments and schools! There were some really creative ideas and it was fantastic to see the children showing our value of creativity in this way.

After such a busy first half term, I wish you all a peaceful break before we look forward to all of the excitement the Christmas term brings.

Warmest wishes,

Jon Jeffries

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, 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.





Information



School Dinners

PLEASE remember to cancel school dinners if your child is absent from school for any reason, or if your child brings in a packed lunch. Unfortunately, if the kitchen cooks your child a lunch, you (or the school if your child gets free school meals) will still get charged. Thank you.



Fresh eggs

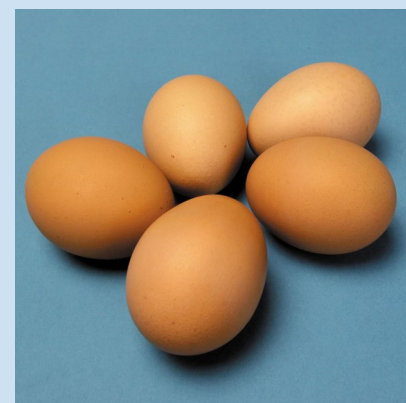
For those of you who are new to the school, we have school chickens!

If you would like some of our delicious eggs, we ask for a contribution of

£1 for 4, or £1.50 for 6

which we put towards the cost of their food.

If you would like some, please email me in the office and I'll pop your name on the waiting list, or just call in!



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

OCTOBER

Monday 24th - **HALF TERM**

Monday 31st - **INSET DAY**

NOVEMBER

Tuesday 1st - School Photos 8:45am

Tuesday 1st - Stay & Play in Apple Tree Class - 2-3pm

Thursday 3rd - **Yenworthy Information Evening for Willow Class - 3:20pm**

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

Wednesday 9th - Flu vaccinations

Thursday 10th - Year 6 transition to Bartholomew School

Monday 14th - Odd Socks Day

Wednesday 16th - Rugby competition (Maple) Please drop your child at Bartholomew School 8:50am

Tuesday 29th - Stay & Play in Apple Tree Class - 2-3pm

Value of the term

Respect

Child quote of the term

If you respect people, they will respect you

- Celyn

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?

How do our school values help us show respect for others?

'R' of the Term

Responsibility

Responsibility



I can **choose** to help others



I can **show** care for the school and equipment



I can **demonstrate** good choices



Responsibility



I can **demonstrate** care for the world around me



I can **choose** to put others' needs before my own



I can **explain** the importance of playing my part



Responsibility



- I can **build** awareness of myself
- I can **show** I own my actions
- I can **demonstrate** maturity and take initiative
- I can **discuss** the importance of playing my part
- I can **imagine** others' feelings
- I can **influence** by creating positive ripples

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.

Help Protect Children From Cyber Crimes With Cybersecurity

LATEST NEWS October 2022

When you hear the term “cyber attack,” you probably think of a large corporation getting hacked with millions of pounds on the line. Yes, those attacks are very real, but they’re also not the only cyber crimes happening.

With so much access to the digital world, it’s critical that children be aware of cybersecurity basics so they know the risks they face and what to be on the lookout for when using the internet.



Children Have Become a Major Cyber Target

Because they’re not online in a business capacity, many children aren’t aware of the potential ramifications of being online. In most cases, they may not know that their actions can have an impact on their families as well.

Teaching children a basic understanding of how to protect their identities online is a crucial first step before they gain access to the internet. Small steps like using anonymous screen names, creating strong passwords, and avoiding strange apps and emails can make a big difference in their cyber safety.

It’s also important to educate children on cyber predators and online bullying. One [Google survey](#) revealed that teachers reported cyberbullying as their No. 1 safety concern in the classroom. Providing students with a knowledge of cybersecurity can help protect them from the horrible effects of cyber harassment.

Cybersecurity Starts at Home

While teachers have a responsibility to teach children the basics of cybersecurity, it’s best that their education begins at home. Most schools will apply filters and blacklist certain websites to help keep students safe online. However, with more students working remotely, parents may not have access to those same safeguards. So what are some basic cybersecurity tips you can teach your children at home?

1. Educate your children on password best practises. Most passwords are alarmingly weak, making them key targets for hackers. By using strong passwords, your child can protect their data and information.
2. Monitor your child’s use of the internet, even when they’re using a device for school purposes. Children tend to sneak around online, so keeping a close eye is critical.
3. Make sure your child is using secure Wi-Fi, such as that from your home. If your child is planning to work remotely from somewhere else, remind them to avoid logging into sites with their valuable information.
4. Take advantage of parental controls on your children’s devices when you can. Use password protection and apply filters to keep children off certain sites that might be dangerous for them.
5. Remind your children of the danger of sharing their location online. Many real-life attacks happen because someone has shared where they’re located at the time.

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.



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.



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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

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Potential harmful activity detected	
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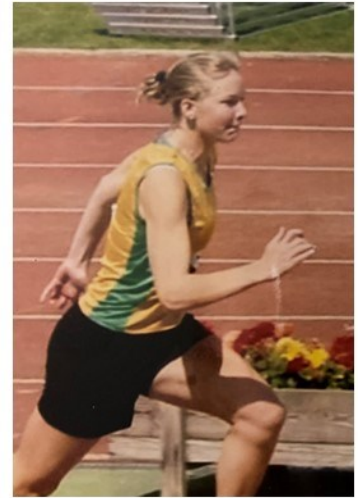
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Unlocking....

Minds that learn, Hearts that love, Faith that gives



LISA WEST



Lisa developed a keen interest in sport from the age of seven where she entered her first running competition. She didn't finish in any of the top places but that didn't matter; she loved taking part and the feeling the physical activity gave her. As an adult, her jobs have focussed on her passion for sport including helping with the running of events in the Olympic Games in London 2012.

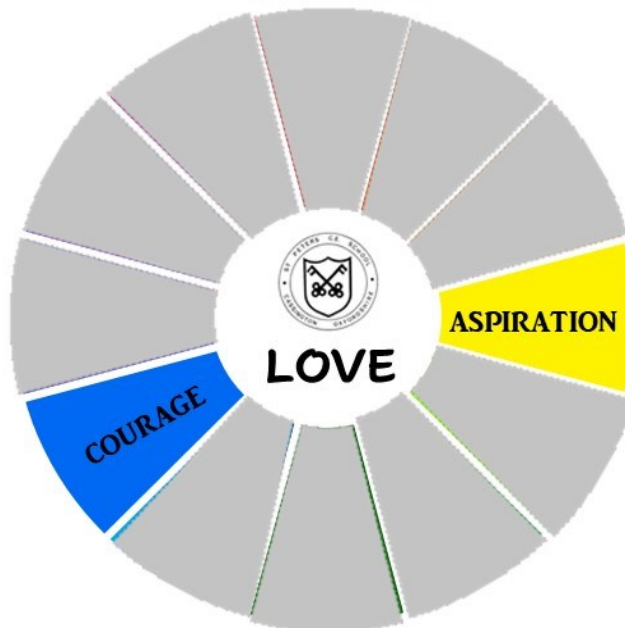
Through her career, she noticed that it was harder for girls and women in sport than it was for men and now works for an organisation called Women In Sport. She recently talked to MPs at the Houses of Parliament to raise awareness and to influence them about what they can do to provide more sporting opportunities for women and girls.

COURAGE

Acton – Lisa has to show courage to change other people's beliefs

Lila – Lisa needs courage to speak in front of other people and make changes

Karys – Lisa needs courage that she can make these changes happen



ASPIRATION

Bradley – Lisa wants the same opportunities for women as men have

Thomas- Lisa wants everyone to have a fair turn

Daniel – Lisa wants other people to live their dreams about sport

MESSAGE TO US

Sport and physical activity is for everyone; find an activity that you love and keep doing it!

Cassington Players present ...



OZ

the panto
by Mandy Constance

Thursday December 15th ~ 7.30

Friday December 16th ~ 7.30

Saturday December 17th ~ 2.00 and 7.30

Cassington Village Hall

TICKETS £12/£6 (children) from Lorna Mills ~ 07711 489463



I don't think we're in Cassington any more Toto ...

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SCIENCE BAZAAR BEYOND



Saturday 29 October 2022
10:30am – 4pm




FREE fun for the whole family! Most suitable for 5-12yrs.

No booking required, just drop in.

Expect to explore, listen, watch and experiment!

Here's a small taster of some of the activities you can expect: Bright Sparks Science show, Crocodiles of the World, Superpillars Assemble, Animal Tai Chi, Forensic Science in pop culture, Microscopy and Rocket cars!



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LIONEL BART'S

Oliver!



MONDAY 24 – SATURDAY 29 OCTOBER, 7.30PM
SATURDAY MATINEE 2.30PM

BLADON METHODIST CHURCH

TICKETS: £12 ADULTS • £8 CHILDREN

WWW.JUNIORCHURCH.COM/OLIVER

Music, book & lyrics by LIONEL BART Based on CHARLES DICKEN'S OLIVER TWIST
This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International (Europe)

Chicken eggs!

Have you ever wondered why chicken eggs are so expensive for just 6 eggs? Well, here at St Peter's Primary School (Cassington) we take eggs very seriously. So put aside your worries about expensive eggs and buy ours!

Only 6 for £1.50 or 4 for £1!

If you are interested and want delicious, freshly laid eggs for a small price, call Emily in the office and she will put you on a waiting list.

