Newsletter

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Friday 7th October 2022



Oak Class: In Topic and Art we are delving deeper and deeper into The Great Fire of London and understanding why it spread and where it started! We have created amazing silhouette scenes of London in 1666 using tissue paper and card.

Thank you to Oak Class parents & carers for all your extra support on our topic – the children are brimming with facts!

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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

Football Review

On Wednesday afternoon last week at 3:15, a girl's football team went to Bartholomew school and played 6 matches for a football tournament. We had fun and scored goals whilst Emily saved a lot of them too. We had a good time and we worked together well as a team.



That's how we won 2 matches out of the 6 and drew one. Isla E. defended the goal with her side, legs, face and shins, and Emily P. saved a goal with her face but we were alright!

Then Isla and Layla defended the goal whilst Leila and Lorelai went up front. We all switched round but these were our best places.
By Lorelai

Meadow planting

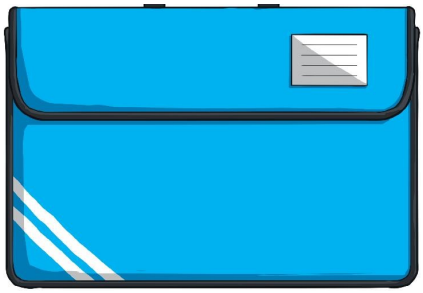
Today, with huge thanks to the Nature Recovery Network and Long Mead Foundation, we have planted our very own mini meadow here at St Peter's! This was one of the projects we have undertaken to increase our biodiversity. Children from the Pupil Voice leadership group planted various wildflower plants that Willow and Maple classes had planted in the Summer term and the Reception children sowed and trampled in some wildflower seeds. We are looking forward to seeing the plants flower and attracting lots of bees and butterflies!







Information



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.

Parents' Evening

Apple Tree Parents' Evening slots went 'live' for booking on ParentMail last night. The KS1 and KS2 Parents' Evenings will go live tonight at 7pm. If you have any problems booking a slot, please email Emily in 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.

Next September's year 7s

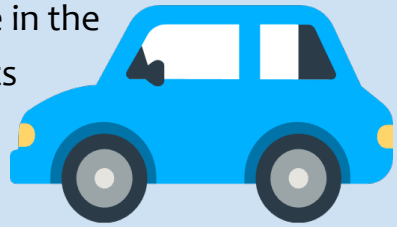
The deadline for applying for a year 7 secondary school place online is **31st October 22**. For more information, or to apply, the link is:

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

Information

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.



Tissues!



It's that time of year again when people are getting coughs and colds and we need a huge supply of tissues in school. If we buy tissues, this takes a big chunk of money from our budget, which could be spent on better things! So every now and then, when you go shopping, if you could put a box of tissues in your trolley for us we'd greatly appreciate it!

Change of school charity

As you probably know, over the last few years, the school's 'official' charity that we support and fundraise for has been the amazing Marine Conservation Society.

However, partly because of our childrens' love of the local wildlife, and partly because they need all the help they can get, we are now going to be adopting the just-as-amazing **Oxfordshire Wildlife Rescue.**

Oxfordshire Wildlife Rescue is a Wildlife Charity that rescues, cares, and rehabilitates over 4000 sick, injured, and orphaned wild animals a year. They offer a 24-hour wildlife ambulance service and operate from their hospital, based in Blewbury.

They rescue all species of wildlife here in the UK, including tiny mice, foxes, badgers, owls, swans, hedgehogs, and deer. Their motto is 'Every patient Matters'.

At the moment, they are closed to any further admissions due to their facilities being upgraded and revamped, but it should only be a matter of weeks until they are accepting new patients.

Our pupil leadership group has lots of ideas to help raise some money for them. More to come soon!

OXFORDSHIRE WILDLIFE RESCUE

For more information, watch Countryfile from 14th August 22 - www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m001b77f/countryfile-wonderful-wildlife?page=1

Oak Class

At the start of the term, in our first science lesson, we had a go at being real scientists. We discovered, with great excitement, that we could make water walk from one cup to another! Working together, we set up an investigation to test which material was the best at moving the water from one cup to another. Our investigation required some careful observing, timing and measuring as well as some considered predicting of the results. Everyone worked brilliantly in their teams sharing out the different jobs. We came to some interesting conclusions and thought about what we might do differently if we were to repeat the experiment.









Oak Class clearly love being scientific and investigating. When learning about which materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting or stretching, they couldn't wait to start investigating with different materials. Year 2 children did a brilliant job at predicting their answers before starting to test the materials. There were some interesting observations made such as the fact that it was easier to squash the plastic bottle if the cap was taken off and that playdough is stretchy but only if you stretch it gently. Some thoughtful discussions were had! The children are now working on applying their knowledge of materials to plan and build some houses for the three little pigs. Hopefully they will choose some materials strong enough to withstand the puffs of the big bad wolf (aka Mrs Carter's hairdyer!).

Oak Class



Looking at the font at St. Peter's Church

In our RE lessons, we have been learning about baptism and why it is important to Christians. We visited St. Peter's Church where Rev. Fraser showed us the font and gave us lots of interesting information about what happens when someone gets baptised and why it is so special for Christians. Before our visit, the children had thought of some really interesting questions to ask Rev Fraser.

The children in Oak Class have all been working so hard and we're very proud of all that they have been achieving since the start of the term.

Oak Class





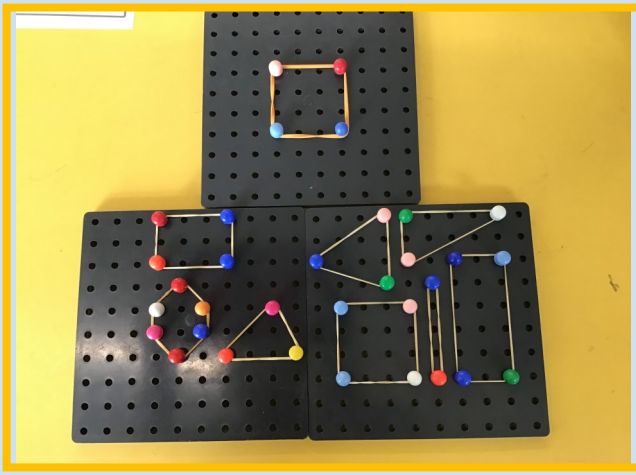
We went to St. Peter's Church to learn about baptism.











In our Maths lessons with Mrs Carter we have been learning about 2D and 3D shape. We have used playdough, lollipop sticks and pegboards to investigate how many different 2D shapes we could make. We've done really well at using mathematical vocabulary to describe the properties of both 2D and 3D shapes.





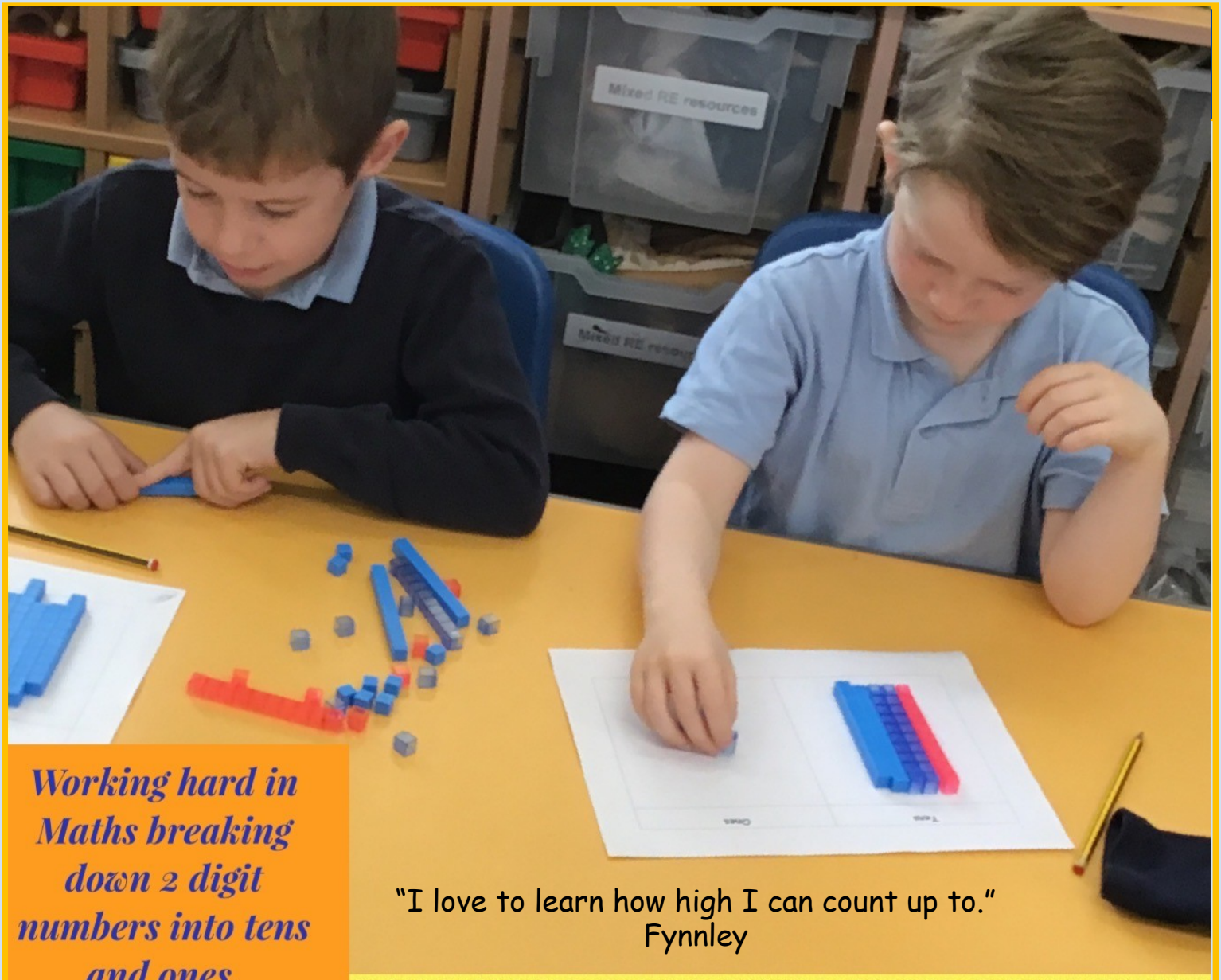


WORKING HARD IN OUR RWI LESSON.



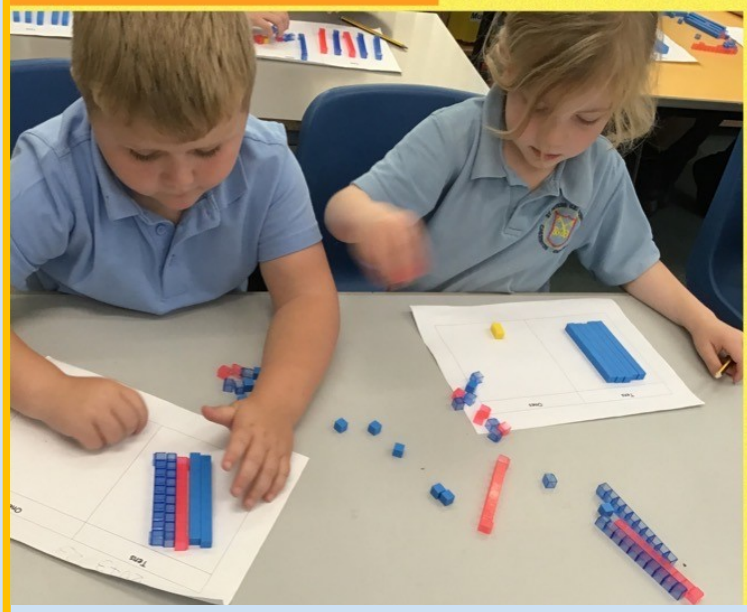


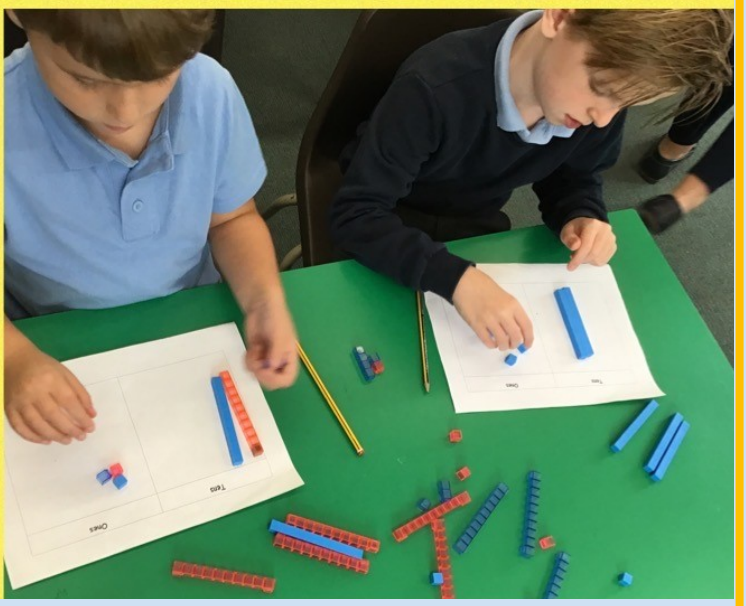
In Read Write Inc we are improving every day in fluency and phonics! The children are thoroughly enjoying it! We have been so impressed by the children's focus and responsibility as they read independently in pairs.



Working hard in Maths breaking down 2 digit numbers into tens and ones.

"I love to learn how high I can count up to."
Fynnley





In maths we have been busy securing our knowledge of 2-digit numbers using tens and ones blocks or counters up to 20. They have been explaining how they reached their answers and why it was easier to use different methods.

"I love maths and phonics because they are so fun!" Alex

FOREST SCHOOL FUN











We have had a fantastic week in Oak Class – so many minds thinking, learning, and having fun!

"I love forest school because I love nature!" Isla

"I love that all my friends are here." Caron

A Message From Mr Jeffries

Dear Parents/Carers,

As it is the start of the academic year and we have lots of new children joining us, we recently did a recap of where our school vision comes from. The children pictured below did a wonderful role play of the story of Peter walking on water and from this the children could talk about where our school vision came from. It would be lovely if families could follow this up at home and have a conversation around our vision. Cheat sheet notes below to help you guide the conversation!



Unlocking… (Jesus giving Peter the keys to heaven means he unlocked the teaching of Jesus so he could share with others. In turn, at St Peter's school, we give each other the keys to help unlock our own learning and teach each other)

Minds that Learn (Having an open mind and learning to be courageous so you too can walk on water and do things you thought were not possible)

Hearts that Love (Having a heart that loves yourself, others and the world around us)

Faith that Gives (Peter trusting Jesus and stepping out of the boat – we can learn to have faith in ourselves and others)

While on the subject of our school vision, we would love some more entries for our Minds That Learn initiative for how children can inspire each other. Have a look on the website for what has previously been done https://www.st-petersoxon.co.uk/minds-that-learn/ All you need to do is email the office a picture of your child doing something they are proud of which exemplifies our vision and add a quote to it. We will then a make a poster which we will display in reception and include on the website and in the newsletter. There is nothing more powerful than children inspiring each other so we really hope you can contribute to this project.

Attached in the newsletter is a letter from UCL in London. They are looking for children to participate in their brain study. Have a look at the letter and if any of you are interested in this, please contact them as per the letter and also let us know and we will contact UCL to follow up and organise their offer of free workshops etc.

Wishing you a peaceful weekend,

Jon Jeffries

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, 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

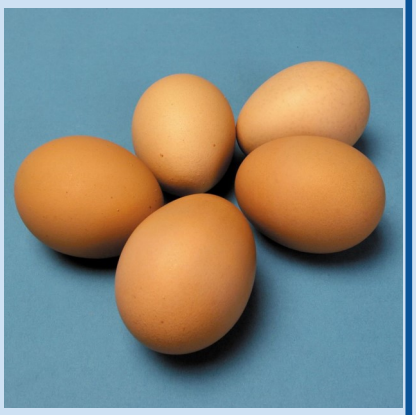
For those of you who are new to the school, we have school chickens!

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

Wednesday 12th -	Stone Age Day in Maple Class
Wednesday 12th -	SPSA AGM - Red Lion at 7:30pm. All welcome!
Monday 17th -	Parents Evenings for Apple, Maple & Willow
Tuesday 18th -	Oak Class—Great Fire of London Workshop
Wednesday 19th -	Parents Evenings for Apple, Oak & Maple
Thursday 20th -	Parents Evenings for Oak & Willow
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
Tuesday 8th -	SPSA get together - Red Lion at 8pm
Wednesday 9th -	Flu vaccinations
Thursday 10th -	Year 6 transition to Bartholomew School
Tuesday 29th -	Stay & Play in Apple Tree Class - 2-3pm

Star Awards

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	Special Award Term Focus - **Responsibility**	Star Award
	Libby Baxter	Roman Goodwin Reagan Skinner
	Adusia Koper	Teddy Metcalf Oli Rees-Horsley
	Frankie Hutton	Acton Forest Annie Baxter
	Oliver Eaton	Oliver Rees Karys Taylor
	Felix Kemp	

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

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?

Have your belongings ever been disrespected?

'R' of the Term

Responsibility







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.

UCL



DEVELOPMENTAL CHANGE AND PLASTICITY LAB

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are a research group at University College London that studies the neural basis of how prosocial behaviours such as helping, sharing and comforting develop in young children. These important social skills have been shown to be hugely important for healthy development and later life outcomes, yet *how exactly* prosocial behaviours develop and change in children remains poorly understood In our research we are interested in shedding light on this pertinent topic.

Today, we write to you to ask whether you would be interested in allowing your school to participate in this exciting project. We are working with collaborators at Concordia University (Montreal, Canada) and Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich (Germany) on a project which seeks to study children aged between 3 and 6 years in their prosocial behaviours. We will be using various means of testing such as commonly used logic puzzles, questionnaires, computer games. Older children (5-6 year olds) will also be taking part in an interactive game which will be completed in an MRI scanner while we take structural and functional scans of their brain. Children enrolled in this study will be visiting us at UCL with their parents for two different sessions which take place 1 year apart. Each session will take approximately 3-4 hours. We have designed the study in such a way that it is fun and engaging and children very much enjoy participating. Over the years, we have accumulated a lot of experience in conducting brain scans, with sensitivity to children's needs taking priority at all times. Our project has received prior approval from UCL's Research Ethics Committee. Children taking part in the brain scanner part of the study will also be given the chance to get a copy of their brain to take home as a souvenir which we often find is their favourite thing about taking part!

If this is something of interest, the next steps would entail sending this information to parents, who after reading the information can then get in touch with us directly. In exchange for your school's participation be delighted to offer you a workshop so parents and/or teachers as well as a fun science talk for children of your school. We hope that this has piqued your interest and that you would like to collaborate on this together and are happy to visit your school and address any question that you or your members of staff might have about the nature of our study.

We thank you and your members of staff in advance for helping with this important research. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

With warm wishes,

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WOULD YOUR CHILD LIKE TO JOIN THEIR OWN ROCK BAND?

Enrol For September 2022

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Rock and Pop band lessons are available at your child's school with bookings now open for September 2022. iRock is the perfect opportunity for your child to learn new skills and build new friendships by joining their very own rock band.

Our in-school band lessons are not only fun but they can massively help develop your child's life skills: boosting confidence; supporting wellbeing; developing social skills and even helping to improve their academic performance.

How it works:

- There is no experience necessary to join and all the instruments are provided by iRock.
- Your child can choose from drums, keyboard, electric guitar or vocals (subject to availability). They'll play the same instrument every week and join their band mates in 30 minute weekly lessons.
- Lessons are held during the school day and are led by one of our experienced band coaches who will guide your child through every lesson.
- Lesson are available from foundation to Year 6 with children grouped by age. Children choose their band name and learn their favourite songs.
- Rehearsals build towards a concert at the end of each term, a great way to show you just how far they have come.
- ***NEW*** Your child can achieve a brand new music qualification, regulated by RSL awards. More information about our new qualification coming soon!

A highlight of your child's week for £35.95 a month (no payment in August). The iRock subscription is designed to give parents full flexibility rather than having to commit to a whole year or a whole term. The subscription guarantees a minimum lesson quota of 33 lessons in each academic year.

You can book your child's place today by visiting www.irockschool.com, email info@irockschool.com or call 0330 174 2655. Places are offered on a first come first serve basis.

Kind regards,

Joshua Franklin
Founder

"For me, iRock is about a lot more than music. It teaches children some really valuable life skills - confidence, self esteem and team work."

ANNA HUNT - PARENT

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For Eynsham Youth U5's U6's and U7's







Sunday Morning 10am - 11am

Open to boys and girls. Players will be coached by a FA certified coach, with full first aid, DBS check and safeguarding training. First session is Sunday 11th September. The cost is £35 for the season.

Contact James on: eynsham72@gmail.com



Oxford University Museum of Natural History

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CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

15 October



Science Saturdays

Ages 8+. Meet scientists to investigate real natural history specimens from the collection.

14:00 – 16:00

(Every Saturday!)

16 October



Family Friendly Sundays

Family friendly trails, crafts, and more, all provided by Museum volunteers. Drop in, no booking required.

14:00 – 16:00 (Every Sunday!)

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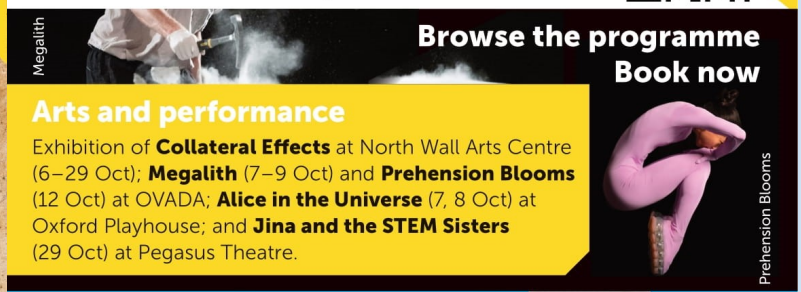
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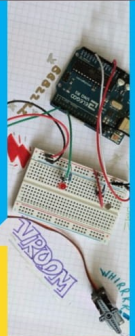
Arts and performance

Exhibition of **Collateral Effects** at North Wall Arts Centre (6–29 Oct); **Megalith** (7–9 Oct) and **Prehension Blooms** (12 Oct) at OVADA; **Alice in the Universe** (7, 8 Oct) at Oxford Playhouse; and **Jina and the STEM Sisters** (29 Oct) at Pegasus Theatre.



Six Festival zones

Packed with hands-on activities for families and adults on weekends and during half term: city centre for **Explorazone** (8 Oct) and **Plants for the future** (9 Oct); south/east Oxford for **Tech Works** (15 Oct), **Science @ Shops** (15,16 Oct) and **BLAST!** (24 Oct); visit Wytham to explore **Animal Senses** (22 Oct).



Talks and conversations

Meet authors of ***Aesop's Animals*** (11 Oct) and ***Mathematical Intelligence*** (20 Oct) at Waterstones; ***A is for Arsenic*** (14 Oct) at Oxford Playhouse; and ***Human Flourishing*** (22 Oct) in University Church.



See Oscar-winner ***Her*** (13 Oct) and new doc. film, ***STAR MAKERS*** (20 Oct) at UPP.



Start a new hobby?

Glow Your Own (12 Oct -16 Nov), the **Big puzzle** (15 Oct) and **Robot race** (28 Oct) get you making.

Uncover stories with **Medical history tours** (9, 23 Oct) and **Geology in cemeteries** (23, 30 Oct).

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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Minds that learn, Hearts that love, Faith that gives

