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# HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

The wonderful sunny weather has helped lift everyone's mood this week as we continue to battle with significant staff shortages due to Covid. The gardeners were in this week cutting the grass and the hope is we can get the children out on the field from next week, which will be lovely as it gives them significantly more space.

Performing Arts has been a big theme in school this week. Year 5 took part in a drama workshop led by staff from the Watermill Theatre. During the workshop, they were challenged to take on different roles and read different scripts. "It was an energetic workshop, which was both exciting and fun!" reported Paveen, Owen and Nandhini. Based on the children's performances, the Watermill Theatre staff will select a group of children to work with weekly in preparation for an exciting performance later in the summer term at Trinity. Watch this space for more details! Year 6 also enjoyed a well-deserved break and visited Trinity to watch their production of Grease. "This musical was one of the best we have seen: the songs were well rehearsed and the dances were sharp!" commented Grace, Jessie, Humayra.

This week, has also seen Speenhamland participate in a number of sporting fixtures. On Tuesday, we competed in the cross country event at Newbury Showground. The children were excellent ambassadors for the school and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the competition. A special thank you needs to go to Mr and Mrs Johnson (Skyla's parents) who bought medals for all of our children - these will be presented in Monday's assembly. Our Junior boys also competed in the Bill McIlvride Cup coming an overall third. "The matches were tough but fun!" reported Jakub.

Finally, thank you to all the parents who took part in our recent survey. We had 158 responses in the end, which was a great representation across the school. I will collate the results and share with you in a future newsletter.

Enjoy the sunny weekend!

**Mrs J Lewry**  
Headteacher



## Sponsored Read

At Speenhamland School, reading is at the forefront of everything we do.

Not only do we want to ensure our pupils develop the necessary reading skills to access the curriculum, we also want them to develop that love of reading. Our school library is at the centre of our school and is a place that all children enjoy visiting weekly. When we asked the children how they would like to develop their library space, there was a unanimous desire to develop an exciting outdoor reading area.

This fits in perfectly with our love of the outdoors and our passions as a Forest School. The children have aspired us to create the perfect library space.

Now we need to challenge ourselves to raise the funds and ensure we support our children in making their reading dream come true. We need your support please to reach our goal to build an extremely important part of our pupils learning journey - we're incredibly grateful for every penny and pound our amazing friends can raise for this cause.

Please add any sponsorship money to our Just Giving Page.

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/speenhamland-outdoor-reading>

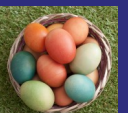
## Book Fair

The Book Fair will be arriving next week and books will be on sale after school in the **Dining Hall** from the **30th March - 4th April 3.10 pm to 3.45 pm**

## Easter with FoSS

On **Friday 1st April**, children will enjoy a non-uniform day in exchange for a donation of Easter chocolate, sweets or crafts. All of the donations will be made up into class hampers and the children will have the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets to try and win the hampers! There will also be a giant chocolate Easter Egg, kindly donated by Newbury Lions, which will be raffled. Raffle tickets will be £1.00 and will be sold in classes during the week of **4th – 7th April**. All money raised will go to FoSS and we will announce all the winners in our final newsletter of the term. We recommend the money comes into school in a named envelope, outlining which raffle/s the children wish to enter:

- A) Class Easter chocolate/sweet raffle
- B) Class Easter craft raffle
- C) School Giant Easter Egg



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## This Week's Teacher Achievement and PSHE Awards

	ACHIEVEMENT
Wisteria	Alisha Ballard
Cherry	Emily Opanowicz
Oak	Jack Leeke
Ash	Harry Davies
Hawthorn	Hollie Davies
Juniper	Aleigha-Mae Terry
Maple	Harry Fairclough
Acer	Vraj Patel
Redwood	Charlie Stokes
Cedar	Teegan Goff
Sport	Swadha Tyagi

PSHE
Jakub Maciejewski
Bright Ninson
Alexandra Taras
Leyla Radbourne
Jessica Lambourne
Freddie Newton
Tommy Lambourne
Elsie Edwards
Anita Soosaipillai -Vasquez
Paveen Jeyaseelan
Evie Garnish

## HOUSE WINNER

The Dragon's Eggs results for this week are:

1st Zolty 147  
2nd Azul 138  
3rd Verde 136  
4th Laal 127

**Congratulations to Zolty!**

## Attendance

This week's attendance is 90,66%.  
which is slightly up on last week  
which was 87.64%.

***This is an improvement on last week.  
Well done!***

## Science Poster Winners



Wisteria	Coco and Noah
Oak	Lilly, Charlotte, Katie and Clementine
Ash	Elliott, Sham, Georgia, Remi and Nishika
Cherry	Ayansh and Ana
Juniper	Avnish, Evie, Adyan, Abdul and Kian
Maple	Charlie, Caleb and Thomas
Hawthorn	Isla, Emilia, Millie and Jess
Cedar	Poppy, Riley, Theo and Brittany
Acer	Flora, Logan, Mercedes and Awstin
Redwood	<b>Joint Winners:</b> Sam, Isabelle, Kaleb, Rania, Jana, Oliver, John and Ryan

**Congratulations! The winners will now be invited to Trinity to see their Science labs.**

## Laal House Event

On **Monday 4th April**, Laal House will be busy raising money for their chosen charity – ***Swings and Smiles.***

The day will be launched with an exciting assembly from this local charity, explaining to the children how their donations will make a difference.

Children are allowed to wear their own clothes to school that day with the theme, Express Yourself.

They could dress in sporty clothes, in their favourite colour, or a t-shirt of their favourite band and give a £1.00 donation.

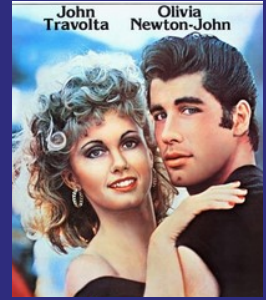
Over the course of the day, the children will take part in a number of exciting activities linked to Neurodiversity and Physical Disabilities.



# CHILDREN'S AMAZING WORK THIS WEEK

## The Year 6 pupils have written some reviews after watching 'Grease' at Trinity School on Wednesday:

On Wednesday, all of Year 6 were invited to Trinity to watch their amazing performance of Grease the musical. We saw many skilled actors perform some wonderful, exciting and fun songs for us to enjoy. The main characters from the musical were Sandy and Danny. There were also lots of funny jokes that made everyone giggle. We had a great time! **By Chloe and Javeria**



On Wednesday morning, Cedar, Acer and Redwood Year 6's went to see the play Grease being performed at Trinity School. We all enjoyed the singing and dancing and overall thought the musical was amazing. My favourite part was when Sandy threw a pie, I laughed a lot at this part! It was a really great experience and I would love to go again! **By Miranda**

On Wednesday we went to Trinity to watch Grease. I really enjoyed it and hope I can see it again! My favourite character was Rizzo because she was really funny! **By Bella**



Year 5 had a fantastic STEM morning this week, where they had to create a container that would protect an egg when dropped from 2 metres.



This week in Wisteria, the children have loved the warm weather! In their new planting area, they planted Strawberries and Fuchsias. They will make sure they water them daily to make them grow!



Cherry Class completing their Science investigation this week. They made mice rockets out of different materials to see which one could travel the furthest.



Lower Juniors have enjoyed more DT this week. They explored why vegetables are an important part of a healthy diet and made a Roman specialty called Mixtura cum caseo with leeks, lettuce and herbs.

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# SPORT NEWS

## Cross Country



**O**n Tuesday afternoon we attended the West Berkshire/North Hampshire Cross Country event hosted at Newbury Showground. We took 45 Junior children and they all persevered during their races and worked incredibly hard to finish as strongly as they could. Each race had at least 300 runners taking part and we had individual success as Jakub Nowak finished 3rd in his race! The pupils supported each other and cheered each other on as they ran past on the way towards the finishing line. Collectively as a school we finished 10th which is a fantastic result considering 47 schools from the local area took part. We are immensely proud of our school and the children who took part in this event. We have been blown away by the generosity shown by the Johnson family who were so impressed with our pupils they have provided all 45 children with a medal as a reward for their efforts. Special thanks to Mrs Neale and Mrs Flitton for assisting with this event!



## Football

On Monday afternoon, our Upper Junior boys took part in the Newbury District 7-a-side competition.

We were drawn in a difficult group with St Joseph's, Spurcroft and St Nicolas.

In our opening fixture, we beat St Joseph's 4-1. with Mamadou Diallo and Jakub Nowak scoring twice each.

Next up, we played St Nic's and after a tight game, St Nic's scored two late goals to win the game 2-0.

We finished the group with a decisive fixture against Spurcroft, with goals from Tyler Jupp and Mamadou Diallo ensuring our second win in the group and a deserved second place.

This sees us qualify for the District 7-a-side finals which will take place after the Easter Holidays.

Following Monday evenings success, our Upper Junior boys also played both Downsway and Birch Copse in a round robin event in the Bill McIlvride Cup.

We opened the tournament against Downsway and got off to a flying start as Mamadou Diallo danced his way through the opposition defence and around the goalkeeper to score the opening goal inside a minute.

Unfortunately for us. Downsway grew into the game and eventually ran out as 4-1 winners.

With Birch Copse then beating Downsway 2-0, we played Birch Copse knowing we still had a chance of qualifying through to the next round.

Jakub Nowak scored two very well taken goals either side of a Birch Copse goal to give us a 2-1 victory.

All three schools finished the tournament level on points but it was Downsway who progress to the next round on goals scored.

***Well done boys, fantastic effort this week!***



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