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## Newsletter 13th January 2023



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# HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

Our first full week back in the spring term has been a packed one! On Monday, the school community came together to celebrate World Religion Day in our assembly. The children learnt about some of the similarities between different religions of the world whilst also celebrating the diversity of our own school community. It was lovely to see that we can celebrate a range of faiths amongst our pupils, creating a strong sense of acceptance and inclusiveness.

On Monday, I completed a learning walk of Reading, Geography and Art with Mr Rayner as part of an external monitoring visit. It was a really positive experience which showcased excellent behaviour for learning and high pupil engagement across the school. Children spoke with enthusiasm about their learning and we saw some fabulous work, including some incredible artist studies from our upper juniors. I felt incredibly proud of the positive feedback I received about our school – it reinforced the continued improvements we are making to teaching and learning.

The school council have also been busy leading class assemblies at the end of the week on the theme of safeguarding. Classes have considered what makes us safe in school as well as whether there are any times when we don't feel safe and what we should do in these situations. A new litter-picking competition was also launched in a bid to take collective ownership and help tidy up the school grounds.

Next week, will see our first FOSS meeting of the new year. Please come along to the school on Thursday 19th January at 6.00pm and get involved in our fundraising efforts for this year.

**Mrs J Lewry, Headteacher**



## Well Done Alexis!

Alexis, from Juniper Class, had her hair cut off to raise money for the Little Princess Trust. Her hair was then donated to the Trust to be turned into a beautiful wig to help young people going through cancer treatment.

**Follow link below if you would like to donate:**

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sarah-tingay1>



## SCHOOL CENSUS SPECIAL MENU Thursday 19 January

### Reminder to ALL EYFS and Infants

Don't forget to order cook's delicious special menu and help support your school to receive vital funding for every child at Speenhamland.

Even if you bring in a packed lunch, please still order a meal via Parent Pay. You will **not be charged** and your child would not be forced to eat the meal.

**The more meals ordered,  
the more funding received.**  
*Thank you for your valued support.*

**Breaded Fish Fingers or  
Vegetable Fingers  
Served with Chips and Baked Beans  
or**

**Filled Jacket Potatoes  
Hot tomato Pasta  
Packed Lunch Bags**

**Chocolate Muffins  
Fresh Fruit**



## HEADLICE

It's not always possible to prevent lice, but below are some tips for spotting them early!



- Once a week take a peek! - Check your child's head regularly with a fine-toothed detection comb.
- If you spot lice check the rest of the family and treat all infected heads at the same time.
- Avoid head-to-head contact and sharing brushes/combs with infected people.

## Achievement and PSHE Awards

SCHOOL	PSHE
Wisteria	Jakub Maciejewski
Cherry	Isla Hooper
Oak	Ashwanth Keerthy Suganya
Ash	Light Imoniedafe
Willow	Asher Love-Clements
Hawthorn	Maria-Elisa Mihai
Juniper	Jerome Prakash
Maple	Ava Jerome
Acer	Ayden Moisa
Redwood	Emma Leeming
Cedar	Oscar Smith
	Vladislav Somyk
	Aleha Malik
	Abaan Patil
	Leo Cordova Valdiviezo
	Finley Fisk
	Chloe Flitton
	Diana Gomzyakova
	Tululah Fidler
	Alfie Brown
	Jana Alharbat
	Logan Goddard



### DRAGON CLUB February Half Term

February half term booking forms are now available from the Dragon Club.  
Hurry and book your child's place now.

***Lots of exciting activities planned!***



### HOUSE WINNER THIS WEEK

The Dragon's Eggs results for this week are:

- 1st Laal 378
- 2nd Verde 354
- 3rd Zolty 306
- 4th Azul 304

***Congratulations to Laal!***



### Congratulations!

Evie in Redwood Class and Isla in Cherry Class, perform with MF Street Dance.

In December, Evie was invited to join the Junior Instructor programme and on Sunday she attended her first training day and will hopefully graduate in November.

***Well done Evie and Isla.***

### ATTENDANCE

This week's attendance is 94.56%  
Las week's attendance was 95.52%

**Attendance Matters!**



**Every Student, Every School, Every Day**



# CHILDREN'S AMAZING WORK THIS WEEK



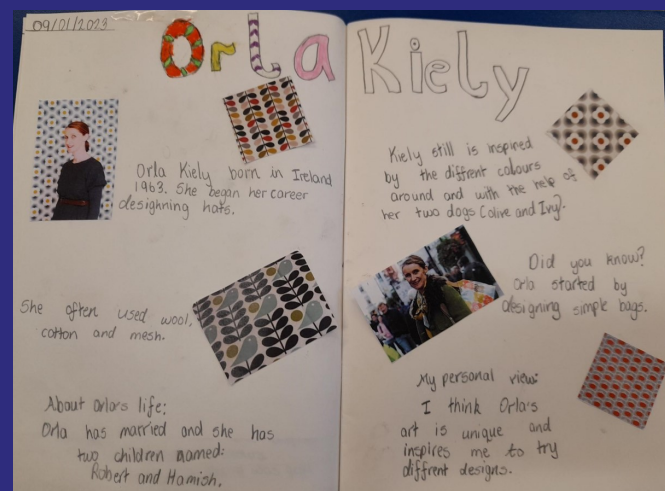
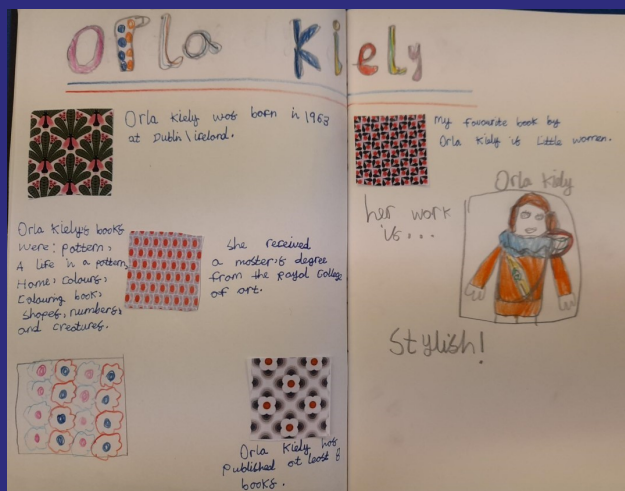
This week, the children in Wisteria have enjoyed learning all about space. They enjoyed exploring the different planets and trying on the space suits!



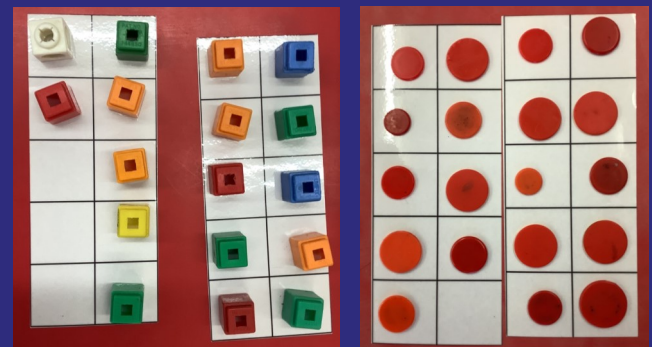
In year 2, during their Experience Day linked to The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark, the children experienced the excitement of our own firework display. Everyone was full of enthusiasm whilst watching this unique experience.



Art studies of Orla Kiely by Swadha and Holly in Acer Class.



Some of the Lower Junior classes had a great morning being history detectives this week. We were tasked with finding out who the first settlers were in Newbury. We used our observation skills to determine that people have lived in Newbury since the Stone Age!



This week Year 1 have been learning about place value within 20 and how to partition numbers into tens and ones. We used tens frames to make teen numbers and have found different ways to represent numbers using words, numerals, objects and pictures. Can your child represent your house number or other numbers they find at home in different ways?