



'Goodgyimmers' finishing off the job

## Dear Parents and Carers



It's been a wet, windswept week in school, but that certainly hasn't stopped the children from having fun in their learning. We have had many visitors to the school this week also.

Speaking of wet, we had pupils splashing around, raising money for both Maidenhead Lions and our school. In total £1,235 was raised through sponsorship donations. Mrs Cox had organised three teams who each gave their all and enjoyed having fun at what is a fantastic community event raising money for a variety of causes. Maidenhead Lions also run an annual talent show which we enter and you may remember that we came second in that. Huge thanks to our swimmers, to parents and staff who attended to cheer on the team and, of course, to Mrs Cox for organising the teams from Wessex!

EYFS and Year 1 had visitors in to school this week. Reception children were excited to meet some very special visitors on Monday: Bailey, Pip and Norman from Furs and Feather Falconry Centre based at Moss End Garden Centre. As part of their work on Understanding the World they have been learning about animals and wanted to find out more about owls. The children saw a Barn Owl, Little Owl and European Eagle Owl up close and even had the chance to hold a Little Owl who was 10 years old. It was a wonderful experience and the children went on to show what they had learnt through independent writing, artwork and a class information poster.

Pupils in Year 1 enjoyed welcoming the Chertsey Toy Museum into school where they got to see how toys have evolved over time. Children loved playing with older toys with no screen, buttons, flashing lights or sounds. This visit has supported pupils from Year 1 in their history topic where they will be investigating artefacts from the past, identifying how teddy bears have changed and what toys may be like in the future

We wanted to share a change to the way in which parents and carers can contact our SENDCO. Currently, we use a SENDCO email address. For the period when Mrs Denning was not in school before Christmas, managing this account became challenging and therefore, should you wish for your email to be directed to the SENDCO, please email the school office and ask for it to be forwarded on.



We currently have a vacancy for the position of Parent Governor. The Governing Body is responsible for directing the school and promoting high standards of educational achievement.

To strengthen and diversify our Governing Body, we would particularly like new governors to have experience or interest in Health & Safety or GDPR & Data.

If you are interested in becoming a part of the Wessex Governing Body, please contact [clerk@wessexprimary.org](mailto:clerk@wessexprimary.org) to arrange to meet with the Chair to find out more. Official nominations and possible election will follow - expressing interest does not commit you to these!

**Mr Beavan**

## Quotes of the week

"I really enjoyed PE on Wednesday" Ethan, Reception

"I liked phonics because it helps me get neater in my writing" Ellis, Year 1

"I liked Art this week because we got to paint animals" Kiara, Year 2

"I enjoyed writing because we are learning about the volcano that erupted in Pompei" Isaac, Year 3

"I liked Art because we are doing explosions of paint on cardboard to make it look like a scene" Jaida, Year 5

"I liked English because of the book we are reading (Origami Yoda)" Talia, Year 5

"Art has been fun this week as we are making a photo montage" Aanya & Daisy, Year 6



# Diary dates coming up



## Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January

Speed Stacking event at Altwood School

## Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February

Y1 to Y6 - Share my Learning - 2.45pm to 3.15pm

## Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February

Y1 Assembly to Parents & Guardians - 9am (upper school hall)

## Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February

Y5 Assembly to Parents & Guardians - 9am (upper school hall)

## Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February

Larch class - Primary Dance Festival at Braywick Leisure Centre

## Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February

Last day of Term 4 - 3.20pm finish

# Good News Certificates



**FS2:** Aubree and Lina

**Year 1:** Daniel and Dylan

**Year 2:** Aiden and Anna

**Year 3:** Arthur and Ciaran

**Year 4:** Darcey and Mia

**Year 5:** Ellie and Theo

**Year 6:** Eva and Ethan

# Attendance

**Lower School:** Alder winners with 98.7%

**Upper School:** Larch & Pine joint winners with 98.4%

## School attendance this week

94%



Last week = 94.6%  
Last year average = 94.9%

**Aiming for 97%**

# School Values



This Wednesday was World Logical Thinking Day and as such we looked in assembly at how thinking logically helps us everyday, not just in school subjects but with friendships and day-to-day life. It gave us an opportunity to reflect on having a Growth Mindset as logical thinking won't always give us the solution right away. We enjoyed solving some puzzles together and identifying where we used logical thinking throughout the week.



# Goodgym

We were delighted to welcome GoodGym back to Wessex for another volunteer session. Their first visit in mid December saw six volunteers make a strong start on digging out and dismantling the raised beds outside Year 2.



They returned this week to finish the job, quickly clearing the remaining beds. Even in light drizzle their enthusiasm never dipped. We are extremely grateful for their time and community spirit and look forward to welcoming them again.

# Mrs Denning baby news

We are thrilled to share that Mrs Denning had her baby son last weekend. We are very pleased for Mrs Denning and her husband, Jon, and look forward to welcoming Mrs Denning and her son to school hopefully in the near future.

# 10@10 fitness

Once again, Braywick Leisure Centre hosted a 10 minutes of exercise at 10am this Wednesday. 10@10 is a short burst of daily exercise designed to get children moving for ten minutes and to help boost their energy, focus and wellbeing.

# Character Curriculum

For this week's focus, we have discussed how to share a difference of opinion with someone. The most important part of this character trait is to understand that we may not always be right; we may **think** we are right but that we have to use problem solving skills to negotiate and compromise. Or sometimes, we may have to conceded to prevent conflict.

## How to disagree with someone politely



- Recognise people have a different point of view
- Take some time
- Speak calmly and politely
- State what you think
- Say what the other person thinks
- Compromise
- Get help to solve the problem
- Understand that we won't always be right



Positivity



Honesty



Respect



Pride



PANTS *productions presents*  
**SPINDERELLA**

**Disclaimer: it won't be as good as this poster.**

Family shows 14.30 Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February. Adults £7 and Children £4  
16+ performance 19.30 Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>. All tickets £8.50

Tickets are available from the Community Centre Office  
[manager@coxgreen.org.uk](mailto:manager@coxgreen.org.uk) | 01628 636715  
Book early to avoid disappointment.