



## Newsletter 15<sup>th</sup> June 2018

### Dates for your diary

22<sup>nd</sup> June 2018

Celebration Assembly –  
Nursery parents invited

26<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Year 2 Sports afternoon at  
Garland

29<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Move up day  
Year 2 go to Garland

3<sup>rd</sup> July 2018

Acorns and Reception Classes

Pirates & Mermaids Day

6<sup>th</sup> July 2018

3.25pm Cake Sale – Maple  
Class

9<sup>th</sup> July 2018

School reports sent home

11<sup>th</sup> July 2018

9.30 – 11.30am School Sports  
Day  
1.30pm Open Afternoon & Art  
Exhibition

13<sup>th</sup> July 2018

EYFS Seaside Day (on site)  
3.30 – 4.30pm Reception Disco  
4.45 – 5.45pm Yr 1 & 2 Disco

19<sup>th</sup> July 2018

9.30am Leavers Assembly

20<sup>th</sup> July 2018

12.30pm Nursery closes  
1.45pm School Finishes

### School News

What a fabulous end to the week. Well done to everyone for taking part in the Scootathlon. It was fun to watch, we even seem to have some budding Lewis Hamilton's in the making. We hope you also enjoyed the Summer Fayre. It was lovely to see so many of you here today.

We would like to say thank you to the PTA for the organisation and execution of the day, it is amazing how much money is raised by this small band of dedicated members. Thank you also to all the mums and dads who helped to set up, run and clear away at the end of the event.

As a community we would like to say a very BIG thank you to Rachel James who has been chairperson of the PTA for the last 2 years and a member for a few years more. To honour her contribution to raising funds for the school, as she is now moving on to a new school we have presented her with a card and flowers to say 'Thank You'.

### Year 1 Trip

Thank you to the parents who helped take the Yr 1 children to the Oxford Museum. Seeing the Dinosaurs really made the topic come to life and the children all had a rewarding time. The children were a credit to the school and behaved really well and were so interested in the collection of dinosaur skeletons. The workshop was also fantastic and the children learned all about dinosaur bones and coprolite. See if your child can tell you what it is?

### Art Exhibition

Parents of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes are invited to visit our Art exhibition on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

You will be able to view the children's artwork from 1.30pm during the open afternoon, or when collecting at the end of day until 4.00pm. The pictures will be professionally framed and will be available for sale in support of school fund-raising for £10.

### Vacancies

We are currently looking for a play worker to help at Funzone on Monday and Tuesday mornings from 7.30-8.45am term time only. If you are interested, please speak to the office staff.

## Little Acorns Pre-Nursery

### PTA Dates

Don't forget to bring in your coppers this June

14<sup>th</sup> June 2018  
8pm PTA Meeting

15<sup>th</sup> June 2018  
2.00pm Scootathlon and Summer Fair!

13<sup>th</sup> July 2018  
3.30 – 4.30pm Reception  
Disco  
4.45 – 5.45pm Yr 1 & 2  
Disco

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or catch someone in the playground –

Rachel James, Gareth Bowen, Lizi Hawkins, Beki Streeter

We have continued to have lots of fun exploring and talking about water this week. We looked at pictures of sea creatures and learnt some of their names as well as playing with them in our water tray outside. We have counted fish and made special jelly fish with our feet and hands for a display in the hall.

We celebrated Eid with Blnd and Malik by sharing some special food. This week we were very excited to dig up our new potatoes! We then washed and cooked them before eating them on Wednesday at snack time. We talked about how they had grown and what sizes they were.

## Acorn Nursery

This week in Nursery, we have been looking at rhythm and rhyme through the book 'Commotion in the Ocean'. We have also been practising water based songs for our sharing assembly in the morning of Friday 22nd June. In maths, we have used cloud and raindrop shapes to help us understand that we can split up numbers but the total remains the same. The children particularly enjoyed a listening quiz to identify water sounds in the world and we will be adding their comments to our display board. Please can you all make sure you check and label your children's uniform and hats, we have some lost items and lots of property to be claimed.

## Maple and Beech News (Reception)

Our class book this week has been, 'One is a snail, ten is a crab,' by April Pulley Sayre and Jeff Sayre. In the book, the children learnt to count feet in 1's, 2's and 10's. The children wrote their own version of the book, changing the animals. We were really impressed with how well the children could segment and blend when spelling unknown words. In maths this week, we have looked at sharing using objects both inside and outside of the classroom. The children could use the term equal to describe their sharing and check their answer. Why not ask your child to share objects with you this weekend. Finally, we plan to make our own rainbow fish next week using CD's. We would be grateful for any old CD's or blank discs that you no longer need to help create them. Many thanks in advance.

## Birch and Willow (Year 1)

The week started with us completing our work about the evolution of dinosaurs and thinking about questions we would like to ask a palaeontologist (an expert in fossils) if he or she ever visited our school. We also spent a long time looking at different animal skulls (in particular their teeth) and deciding if the animal had been a carnivore or an herbivore. Great detective skills Year 1! And of course we all enjoyed our visit to the Oxford Museum where we learnt even more about dinosaurs and even handled fossilised bones, teeth and pooh! In maths we are looking at place value – counting the number of 10s and 1s and also continued to focus on direction, full, quarter and half turns. Some of us are not too sure about left and right, so any practising at home would be gratefully appreciated!! And of course we are very proud of our beautiful art work that is being completed for our special exhibition.

Finally, a BIG thank you to parents for all your help at Forest School and our trip. We couldn't do it without you!

## Hazel and Rowan News (Year 2)

This week the children have been working hard, going over a lot of key skills.

In English we have been looking at lots of paintings of boats, and have been thinking about the stories that could be around them. Who are the people in the pictures? Where might they be going? What is going to happen next? We chose to write a story around 'The Boat at Giverny' by Claude Monet and the children have come up with fantastic ideas! We have written our stories using powerful adjectives, noun phrases, different punctuation and adverbs. Everyone has done really well!

We have also been practising to spell our high frequency words. It would be a great idea to help your child with this, and it will certainly help them make a good start to Year 3.

In Maths we have been going over ways to add and subtract, and thinking about the most efficient method to use when working out calculations. In Science we have been continuing our investigation on floating and sinking. What items at home can you find that float and sink?

Spellings for next week:

List 1- how, did, man, going, where

List 2- across, gone, hard, floppy, really, wind, wish



### Forest School



Rowan Class were shipwrecked on an Island for their forest school and needed to complete some tasks in order to survive! Some children learnt how to make a fire whilst others made flags to attract possible rescuers attention. Children also used charcoal to camouflage themselves to hide on the Island and also used it to mark X's in the woods!

Maple class had a wonderful time exploring parts of the woods they have not been in before. We went along tunnels and looked at holes animals had made. Some children used wild flowers to make sticky pictures and some experimented with floating and sinking (although this then became potion making!). Thank you to Olly and Benedict's Mum for coming to help us.

Beech had an exciting Forest School as it was Mrs Wilby's birthday! Some of the children made her a special natural birthday cake and enjoyed playing imaginative games with her. We also made sticky pictures using wild flowers and investigated floating and sinking. The children talked about "heavy" and "light" objects and what happened when they put them in the water. We would really appreciate some parents from Beech coming along to join in the fun with us so please contact the office

Nursery - The morning and afternoon groups had great sessions investigating the newts, with many children being brave enough to hold them. We also investigated things that floated and sank in the water table and spent at least half an hour filling, pouring, watering and sharing with the watering cans and bottles. Some children decorated sea shells and turned them into beautiful necklaces.

Hazel Class enjoyed taking part in the floating and sinking experiments, using natural objects and recording their results. They also did a nature scavenger hunt, looking for various objects found in the woodland, Libby really engaged with this activity. On another base, children were able to build their own fire, Charlie and Aiden came up with some great ideas.

Willow - Mrs Buchan ran a base to construct a dinosaur habitat. The children came up with some fabulous ideas as to what should be included. Zach's Mum and Zoe's Mum kindly helped with the making of salt dough dinosaur fossils, while Davina's Mum observed the children involved with a dinosaur dig. The children told me some amazing dinosaur facts. We finished the session off with a welcome drink.

## Stars of the Week



## Friendship Stars



## Perfect Presentation

Kayla - Rowan