



Newsletter

Christian Value of the Term: Love

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Friday 23rd February

Oxfordshire Dance Festival

On Tuesday 20th February, dance club took part in the Oxfordshire Schools Dance Festival in the New Theatre Oxford alongside 35 other schools.

They did an amazing job and demonstrated such confidence and enthusiasm. The children helped choreograph the dance alongside Mrs Webb.

Well done to all the dancers and Mrs Webb for working so hard to perfect the dance. You were true superstars.



Diary Dates:

Tuesday 27th February—
Managing Feelings and
Behaviour Course Session 2
from 9am—10.30am in the
school hall

Wednesday 28th February—
Coffee Morning on ‘The
benefits of a growth mindset’
from 8.45am to 9.45am in the
school hall

Tuesday 5th March—
Managing Feelings and
Behaviour Course Session 3
from 9am—10.30am in the
school hall

Thursday 7th March—World
Book Day Please come to school
dressed as your favourite
character from a book. Bring the
book to school with you.

Friday 8th March—World
Maths Day During this day the
children will take part in inter
school maths competitions led
by Miss Stott.

Friday 8th March—Mother’s
Day Service @ St Denys at
2.30pm Please come along as
the children show their love and
thanks for their mums.

Tuesday 12th March—
Managing Feelings and
Behaviour Course Session 4
from 9am—10.30am in the
school hall

Friday 15th March—Comic
Relief Please come into school
dressed in something funny—
funny clothes, hair, socks for a
donation of £1.00. Comic Relief
biscuits will be on sale for £1.00
each. We would love all children
to come in and share one joke.
The best joke from each class
will win a prize.

Girl's Football



On Wednesday 7th February the year 5 and 6 girls were invited to KA's for a 5 a-side football tournament.

They played five games altogether and won two and lost three. All the games were played with the girls giving it their all and working brilliantly as a team.

There were some great goals by Merry, Darcey and Amathst and some fantastic saves from Isla and Caitlin. Lily P and Tessa worked hard in every game, playing different positions on the field. Well done girls!

Help needed!

We desperately need adult help with cycle training on a Tuesday afternoon from 1pm to 3pm. You do not need to ride a bike and Mrs Miozga will train you on what is required. PLEASE HELP otherwise we may have to stop cycle training!

Cake Sale—Sobell House

Thank you for supporting the cake stall on Friday 9th February, we managed to raise £314.83 which is an amazing amount. Combined with donations from Stanford's Got Talent we have raised a total of £439.80 which means we have exceeded our target - so a big thank you to everyone.

Honest Solar Ltd c/o of John Wark have kindly donated £200.00 towards our Sobell House Fund. This means we have raised our £400.00 matched funding, with the £200.00 from Calber FM Services c/o Steve Doman.

Thank you for all your support. I will be collecting our mini Ox next week. Watch this space!



Love

Hope

Community

Many Thanks

MJ Hodgkins has kindly donated two chickens to us. They are currently being looked after by Florence and her mum until Mr Rhodes has completed some improvements to our chicken coop and run.



Many thanks to Lynn who has donated her chicken to us. Her hen will be joining us in the near future.

Will still have room for more chickens if you know of any others. Thank you

Safer Internet Day

This year's theme was all about change and influence online. It was celebrated on the 6th February.

Staying up to date with what children are doing online can feel like a challenge sometimes. However, you don't have to be an expert in every new app or service. Simply having conversations with your children about their lives online, and what to do if they need help or something goes wrong, is what's most important. Here are a few simple steps you can take to help bridge the gap.

▲ Talk little and often

Having a regular open dialogue with your children about their favourite apps, the games they enjoy, and their online friends, will help create an environment where chatting about online experiences becomes a normal part of family life.

● Stay proactive

As a result of discussions with your children about their online activities, take time to research the apps they're using, the accounts or channels they're following, and the games they're playing, to get a better idea of what they're experiencing and what your thoughts are towards it.

✦ Seek support

Knowing where to get help is essential. Each app or platform will have its own safety guidelines and reporting features, and having knowledge of how to use these will ensure you can make a report, seek help, and support your child to get the best out of the services they're using.

Children's Mental Health Week

Children's Mental Health Week took place from 5-11 February 2024. The theme this year was 'my voice matters'.

This theme was about empowering young people by equipping them with tools to express themselves.

When we feel empowered, there's a positive impact on our wellbeing. Children who feel that their voices are heard and can make a difference have a greater sense of community and self-esteem.

Here's what children told us they need:

1. Regular conversations on a journey or at bedtime.
2. I need to know it's okay to talk to you about all my feelings. Please hear what I have to say, without interrupting me.
3. Please listen to me carefully and acknowledge how I am feeling—it might seem silly to you but it is important to me.
4. Don't compare my experiences to your own.
5. Sometimes I just need you to listen and hear what I'm saying—I don't always need answers.
6. Sometimes a hug is all it takes to make me feel supported.

School Disco and Bags to School

On Friday 2nd February, FOSS organised a great school disco.

Lots of children came along to dance the night away. There was a lovely atmosphere.

Many thanks to FOSS for organising the night and thank you to the staff who stayed to help.



Thank you to everyone who donated some unwanted clothing. We managed to raise £165.00.

Sharing Assembly

On Friday 9th February we held our second sharing assembly of the academic year. Lots of parents and grandparents came to watch the children showcase some of their learning.

Foundation performed a Chinese dragon dance and song with actions.

Year 1 retold the story of Handa's Surprise and read one of their own adapted stories.

Year 2 told us some facts about Countries in the UK and local places to visit and finished with a song they learnt.

Year 3 sang Three Little Birds and played their own glockenspiel compositions in the middle.

Year 4 showed us their work based on the artist Hokusai and informed us about earthquakes and volcanoes.

Year 5 read some of their environmental pledges and performed the song 'I am the Earth.'

Year 6 took us through their English, Maths, Science, French and Art learning from this term.

Many thanks to all the staff and children for their hard work and thank you to everyone who attended.

Book Vending Machine Winners

Our winners for last half term visited the vending machine to get their reading prize. Alfie, Skylar, Tyler, Sophia, Toby, Alfie, Caitlin.

Please remember to read a little bit every night, it is so important for the children's learning and it also means their names will go in the drawer for the vending machine prize.



Parents Evening

Thank you to everyone who attended parents evening. It is really important that you understand what is going on at school and we understand what is going on at home so that we can work together to give your child the best possible education we can.

Request

We would love any donations for our Easter bingo raffle that is being held on Saturday 23rd March. If you have anything please drop it into the school office. Thank you