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# Newsletter



## MESSAGE FROM MRS MILES

Dear Parents

There has been lots going on in and out of school over the last week and the EYFS children as well as the school choir are busy practicing for their performances and the whole school community are looking forward to watching them. Our Year 6 classes had an enjoyable and informative experience at the Oxford University Natural History Museum and they couldn't believe the age of some of the fossils that have been discovered from around the world.

Congratulations to all of our musicians who took part in the end of term concert, performing in front of friends and family are great opportunities for all and it takes lots of time to practice and develop these skills, well done.

There are still a number of parents that are not yet on Class Dojo, this is going to be our main source of communication and it is important that you are linked to your child's class. Below is a link that you can use.

Please check all the days and times for all of the events that are going to take place before the end of term, we are looking forward to seeing many of you at the Christmas Fair.

Best wishes,  
Mrs Miles

<https://www.classdojo.com/ul/p/addKid?target=school&schoolID=5620a80ae36217c26b1b732d>

# SPOTLIGHT! Nursery

We have been so busy this term! We have been learning all about the season Autumn, including Bonfire night and Remembrance Day. Last week we began our Christmas preparations, which means putting up our Christmas tree, making lots of decorations and playing in our elf workshop role play corner!

Fire work paintings  
and broccoli printed  
Autumn trees



We have been  
learning our  
numbers to 5!



We love using  
the laptops  
and going  
into the hall  
for Fit  
Friday!





We have loved the snow and getting ready for Christmas!



## Spotlight on 3/4 B

This year in 3/B has been great! We started by learning about volcanoes, and made our own models before erupting them.



In Science, we have learnt all about animals including humans. We did an experiment to discover what effects different liquids have on eggs, to represent our teeth.



In RE, we have been studying Hinduism. One of their key beliefs is samsara, which is the cycle of life, death and rebirth. We made our own games to model good and bad karma, and how that would impact on the rebirth process.





In DT, we have recently made our own model triremes, an Ancient Greek warship. This involved doing lots of designing, cutting and sticking.



In Writing, we have written narratives based on the game Rock, Paper, Scissors, another on escaping from a volcanic eruption, as well as writing a non-chronological report on volcanoes.

With a huge sigh, Rock uncurled himself from his ball shape position, and walked, on his fists like a gorilla, over the vast, cold, grey landscape. There were no trees or plants, just cold, grey Rock rock and more cold, grey rock. Rock's home was a gloomy place, tall and dull, overlooking the woodland. He stomped over the loose rocks to the edge of the cliff, where he crouched down. His rocky body was old and rough, his large head was full of crazy ideas. He peered over the edge of the cliff to see the woodland, the huge, green trees, lush, vibrant flowers and peaceful, calm atmosphere. Then Rock saw what he had been hoping to see, Paper. She, Rock thought, was the most beautiful person ever. She had eyes as green as emeralds, hair soft and red, and an angelic, delicate face. Today, Rock gasped in surprise when he saw her lightly stroke a tiny, tender seedling and it turn into almost within a second, into a flower with five delicate petals, the colour of the autumnal sun. He was full of admiration. He <sup>Rock</sup> was still admiring Paper when a loud crashing noise caught his attention, trees were falling down clearly making a path for someone to get to paper. All he saw was a dark, shadowy figure ~~turning~~ keeping to the shadows, when the rock beneath him crumbled, and he fell.

him. the volcano was rumbling  
and bubbling, the volcano was  
+screaming and and grudging. The  
House Slided. BOOM BOOM BOOM -  
the volcanos ash concealed  
the sunlight from the sun.

Ive never seen a volcano  
erupt. Henry thought I'm so  
worried about this volcano  
Dad shouted. "Lies, go now!"  
mhm said quickly.

### the Mysterious Mother Earth

The Earth is like a hard-boiled egg. <sup>It</sup> has the  
core in the center, then the mantle, then the crust on  
the outside. The core is rock solid. It is extremely hot.  
The mantle is a liquid. The crust is a solid. It is  
split into tectonic plates.

It was his fault for he pushed me!

When two tectonic plates move away from each other.  
Magma spews up through the gap. After breaking  
through the surface the lava cools either side of the  
plate boundary. This builds up to build a volcano.



As part of our pupil development in school, a group of our wonderful Year 6 pupils have volunteered to become Breaktime Buddies.

**Breaktime Buddies will:**

- Aim to help other pupils resolve minor conflicts with friends and make sure everyone has a happy, positive playtime. Examples of conflicts could include: disagreement over which game to play, not sharing equipment, someone feeling left out, someone not having anyone to play with.
- Listen to all children involved and help pupils to come up with a solution to the problem, ensuring pupils follow these rules:
  - Listen to each other and don't talk over each other
  - Speak in a calm way
  - Tell the truth
  - Let us know if you don't understand
- Work in pairs and use a given script to lead the conversation. Pupils have received several sessions of training on how to use this script to facilitate the restorative conversation.
- Begin the support at breaktimes in Year 1/2 and Year 3/4 playgrounds
- Keep a log of pupils supported so staff can identify any pupils who may need additional help with friendships at playtimes.
- Be supported by staff on duty when needed and meet regularly with Mrs Baggus to discuss successes and challenges.
- Pass the situation onto an adult if they haven't managed to resolve the conflict by the end of break/lunch time.

**Breaktime Buddies will not:**

- Attempt to resolve physical incidents or cases of bullying
- Deal with first aid
- Tell other children what to do
- Get involved where there are more than four pupils involved in the incident
- Get involved with conflict involving siblings or close friends
- Replace adults dealing with conflicts but will add to the support for pupils.



## Parking

We have received complaints from the school's neighbours regarding inconsiderate and often illegal parking by parents accessing the school in the mornings and the afternoons, including parking on the zig-zag lines outside school. Please walk to school wherever possible as not only is this a healthy way to get some exercise, but it supports the local community with congestion. In addition, it is better for the environment.

Thank you in advance.

### Dates 2024-25

Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	3.15-5.30pm	Christmas Fair
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December		Pantivity at the Baptist Church KS2 1.30pm
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December		EYFS production to school 9.30am and to parents 2.30pm
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December		EYFS production to parents 9.30am
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	9am	Churn coffee morning
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	2.30pm	Rock Steady Concert
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December		Christmas Discos in hall: EYFS 2.15pm-3.00pm (classroom), Y1/2 3.30pm-4.15pm, Y3/4 4.15pm-5.15pm, Y5/6 5.15pm-6.15pm
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	1.30pm	Y3/4/5/6 Carol Concert at Parish Church
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	2.00pm	Y1/2 Christingle at Holy Trinity Church
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December		Christmas lunch
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December		Finish 1.15pm
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December		INSET

## General Information and Updates

**Bikes and Scooters** – Please can you remind your child these should not be ridden on the school site.

**Naming school uniform** - We have lots of uniform without names on, we cannot return items if we do not know whose it is. Please can you name (even if it is with a biro), your child's name or initials.

**Sickness** – Please can we remind parents that a child that has had sickness or diarrhoea should not return to school or nursery until 48 hours after the last incident.

**Headlice** – Please check your child/ren's hair regularly for headlice and treat immediately if necessary. Supermarket own brand conditioner and a headlice comb should remove the lice.

**Parent Pay** - A kind reminder to all families that we are a zero-debt policy school, please ensure that your school dinner balances are topped up.



# Christmas DISCO!



Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Year	Time	Notes
EYFS	2.15 – 3.15 pm	Please bring disco clothes to school with you in a named bag. Collection as normal.
Yr 1&2	3.15 – 4.15 pm	Please bring disco clothes to school with you in a named bag. Collection from pupil entrance.
Yr 3 & 4	4.15 – 5.15 pm	Drop off at main entrance. Collection from pupil entrance.
Yr 5&6	5.15– 6.15 pm	

**Entry £2** (yr1 – Yr6)

Price includes squash and a packet of crisps.

Please give your money to your class teacher by Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

Sweets available to buy (max £1 per child). Please do not arrive more than 5 minutes before your disco start/end time.

**Please collect your child and exit promptly so that the following disco can start on time.**

**All children must be collected by an adult.**

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## **Multi Sport & Activity Camp 17-21st February**

We are excited to be running a Multi-Sport and Activity Camp at the beautiful Rendcomb College. For children 5-14 years that would like to experience a variety of fun-based sports, and outdoor activities in the holidays.

With nearly a **decade and a half** of running Specialist and Residential Camps, we are now delivering outstanding multi-activity and sports camps.

If you are looking for fun-based, sports, outdoor activities and **screen-free time**, then join us.

Times: 09.00-16.00 (Wrap Around Care Available)

From: £30 p/day - Early Bird + Full Week Bookings.



**Location Details:**

Rendcomb College, Cirencester GL7 7HA

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