

# Weekly newsletter 15.3.24

## Headteacher's welcome

The week is ending with sunshine, and today has been a glorious day in school. I am sitting in my office listening to Y4 rehearsing songs and lines for the play and have spent the morning supporting pupils with assessments, observing children with real grit and showing good progress.

As our value this term is community, I wanted to include some information on things in our local community (below) and also make a plea to everyone: please can you support us with keeping our environment clean and tidy? We are noticing an increased amount of litter at the front and back of school. Our Eco council are going to be helping with some litter picks, but please do use the bins provided. Thank you!

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**Gloji Energy**

**A FREE healthy lifestyle programme for families with children aged 4-12.**

- Fun weekly physical activity sessions for children taking part.
- Weekly sessions working with parents covering topics like fussy eating, portion sizes, physical activity, and how to lead a healthy lifestyle.
- Free 12-week programme, funded by Oxfordshire County Council.

**When and where?**

📍 Barton park school, Barton Fields Road, Oxford, OX3 9WN

🕒 5pm-6pm

📅 Starting Thursday 9th May

🏃 **10 free multisport sessions** for the children

Scan the QR code to sign up and find out more!

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The poster features a dark purple background with colorful circular accents at the top. It includes a list of program benefits, a 'When and where?' section with icons for location, time, and date, and a QR code for sign-up. A circular inset photo shows children running in a hallway. Icons for Nutrition, Movement, Mind, and Sleep are also present.

## Football



U11 Girls Manor Cup Semi-Final Result:

St Michaels 1 - 4 New Marston

Bella blasted New Marston into the Final of the Manor Cup on Thursday evening with a 4-goal-haul in the first half. New Marston dominated proceedings throughout and were unlucky not to be further than 4 goals ahead at break, having struck the post and been denied by some good saves. Ivy, Nakita and Angeline were dominant at the back and this ensured that Anaiya in goal had very little to do. Grace, Gwen and Aya were free to join the attack as some clever interchanges between Roheeya and Bella were too good for St. Michael's to handle.

Although no goals followed in the second half, the story was the same. Bella enjoyed some more time on the ball and continued to drop deep and spray an array of passes forward and into the box, with the forwards just unable to get on the end of them. Ivy and Nakita drove forwards with confidence and skill, beating players in wider areas and winning corner after corner, but the fifth would not come - to the credit of St. Michael's players. And then late on, the first shot we faced on target from a counter attack snuck in the bottom corner to make the score 4-1.

Up next in this tournament is the final on Thursday 2nd May against Phil & Jim, but first, our girls will travel to Bristol on Saturday to represent Oxfordshire in the South West Regional Finals. What a team.

## A trip to Stonehenge

Our Year 3 pupils went off to Stonehenge this week. They had time looking at the stones, time in a workshop, and then time in the shop. The children were very keen to show me what they had purchased! It's very hard to picture ancient relics without seeing them so it's very important to us that we offer trips and enrichment opportunities. Next week, Year 5 have the Planetarium visiting. Whilst we can't take them to space, this is the next best thing!



## Hearing dogs

We all had a visit from a special dog this week who supports his owner when she needs to know of noises near her. If the doorbell rings, the fire alarm goes off or the cooker timer beeps, Kit will alert his owner. Our children listened really nicely to the assembly this week and now know that they can ask someone to stroke a dog if they see them out and about with their special coat on (see photo). In fact, they know how to sign it!



1 - Meeting Kit

## Easter egg hunt

Our PTA have organised an easter egg hunt again after last year's success. Please do join us for this fun event **next Monday**! It raises vital money for the school (which is going towards our new library) and is a nice way to socialise with other parents and families.



# EASTER



## SCAVENGER HUNT

**Mon 18th March 3.30pm-4.30pm**

Find all the letters hidden in the school grounds, unscramble the clue and win an Easter egg!

**Worksheets: £3 per child**

Refreshments and freshly baked cakes will also be available to purchase:

Tea	£1
Coffee	£1
Hot Chocolate	£2
Cakes	50p



### Safeguarding our pupils

We intentionally have staff on the gate each morning from 8.30am. Pupils in Y5/6 leave breakfast club, some pupils arrive on site alone and we also want to ensure the car park is clear and secure. We cannot accept responsibility for pupils before school starts (other than in breakfast club). We stand in a specific spot so we can observe people coming and going up the drive. We will not be on hand before 8.30am so please do not drop children before this time. We do not recommend children Y4 and under walk to school unaccompanied.

## Important dates



The 2023-24 dates can be found [here](#).

18.3.24 - PTA Easter egg hunt

25.3.24 - Electives

27.3.24 - Y3/4 production (2pm, 6.15pm)

28.3.24 - School finishes at 1.30pm