# Weekly newsletter 3.5.24

## Headteacher's welcome



What a rainy week! We hope the weather improves and you have a pleasant bank holiday weekend. No school on Monday.

This week, our children have been busy learning and developing grit within the classrooms, working towards set goals. Our Year 5 pupils are busy rehearsing *The Tempest* and one class have the challenge of learning ALL 8 songs by the end of this week. Year 6 are also working very hard in the run-up to their SATS. Throughout the rest of the school, the children are enjoying their topics and texts.

Lunchtimes continue to transform; the OPAL project is evolving. The pupils have now got a stage with music, crates for building or role play, crutches and walking frames and all of the activities previously introduced. There is a real buzz to the hour and children are engaged in imaginative play.

Don't forget our upcoming school disco. Tickets will be on sale next week on the gate.







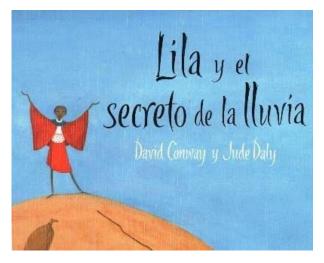
### Learning in the Early Years

Our Reception pupils are growing up very quickly. This week they have started some independent teacher led group activities. I watched as Miss Howlett set the children a task in a group of 5 - to organise some animals into their habitats. The children were so kind towards each other, making sure the cards were given out fairly. They are looking very ready for Y1!

In linking with their topic on habitats and the natural world, the children visiting the Botanic Gardens in Oxford last week. They were so very enthused on their return, especially about the flytraps!



#### Learning in Key Stage 1



Our Year 2 pupils are enjoying their art unit of work which has involved some weaving and looking at African patterns. They are also reading a great text called *Lila and the secret of the rain*. In this text, Lila tells the sky a sad story to save her Kenyan village which has only had a 'burning hot sky' for a while. Crops are failing and and the well is going to run dry.





## Learning in Key Stage 2

Our Y5 pupils are reading a text called *TripWrecked* at the minute. They used their learning from their previous text *The Tempest* to predict what might happen and make connections between the books. The children are very busy working on their production and it promises to be a great show. Make sure you have the date in the diary!

In Y4, the children have begun a very exciting DT unit. We are introducing woodwork into the curriculum, which is enriched through forest school activities, using tools etc. The Y4 class are designing and making some marble runs this term so they developed their understanding of how these words with tubes! This week they are learning how to use a saw safely (Risk assessments are firmly in place!).



#### Making history in the Manor Cup

Our girls made history on Thursday as they competed in the first ever all-girl final of the U11 Manor Cup for the first time in it's 100 year history. Unfortunately, our girls finished runners up to a very good Phil & Jim's team, but they can hold their heads high having reached the final in the first place. It does mean that our football has finished for the academic year and we would like to extend our thanks and congratulations to all who have competed and represented the school in football this year. We have seen competition wins, semi finals galore, national tournaments, group toppers, penalties shootout wins and penalty shoot out losses, tonnes of very very good goals and really impressive saves. We aim to be even better next year.



#### Important dates



The 2023-24 dates can be found here.

6.5.24 - Bank holiday (No school)

10.5.24 - Learn with me afternoon

13.5.24 (Mon-Thurs) - Year 6 SATS

17.5.24 - Year 3 assembly

17.5.24 - School disco

20.5.24 - (Mon-Fri) - Year 2 SATS

20.5.24 - Electives

23.5.24 - Year 5 production