

Friday 22nd March 2024

#### **Dear Families**

As we complete the penultimate week of the Spring term, we continue to have fantastic experiences.

On Monday, author Simon Murray visited EYFS and KS1 classes. The children enjoyed finding out about his stories.

Red Squirrel Class went on their trip to Windsor Great Park, and were biologists for the day, discovering living creatures in the different habitats available there and using keys to identify those they did not know.

Our KS1 classes experienced the interactive and immersive Heritage workshop provided by RISC.

On Wednesday, Year Six parents attended an information meeting on the Year Six SATs. The presentation included how the school is supporting the children to be ready for the SATs, and how parents can also help. I hope the parents who attended found the meeting helpful. We are very optimistic about the children's progress and how they will attain.

We had an excellent special assembly on the Jewish Passover, ably presented by Amelie. The Jewish Passover story is very poignant as well as rejoiceful. Many people have gained much hope and strength from it over the centuries. It was interesting to learn about the representation of the different foods that are ate as part of the celebration.

This morning, our Rock Steady bands performed the end of Spring term Rock Steady concert to their parents. As usual, they were tremendous. They have made such great progress since their Autumn term performance. I can't wait to see their progress by the end of the summer term, when we will have the Outdoor Music Festival on the Field! Flyers for how your child can take part in the Rock Steady bands are coming home today.

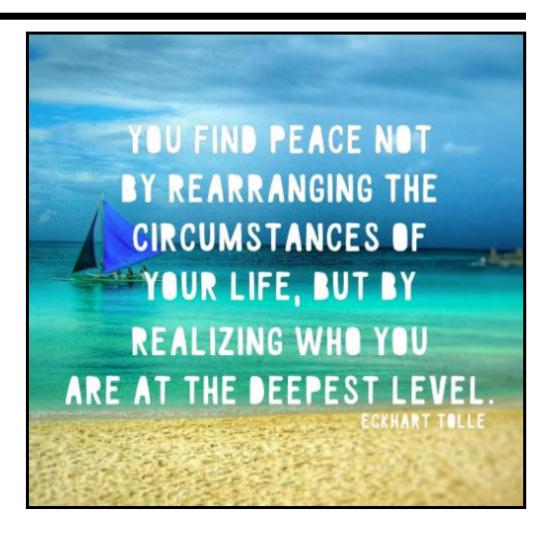
Four of our Eco Warriors came over to the Bearwood Recreation Ground to plant trees with Councillor Fishwick. Well done to Claire, Emma, Robin A and Gracie. We will put photographs on the Facebook page and website.

We have had an exciting Chess Club Tournament this term. Adytia came third; Richard came second; and Elliott came first. Medals will be presented on Monday by a special guest! Well done to all who took part - they were a really great team, and I enjoyed every week. To add to the excitement, Elliott will be playing Mr Bell in a special match on Thursday morning. Information will be sent out to KS2 children. To watch will cost £1, and all proceeds will go to the Year Six fundraiser for the residential. I can't wait to watch!!

**Best wishes** 

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<u>Value for the term –</u>
Peacefulness



#### **Office Notices**

### Growth Mindset Awards

Rabbit - Katie

Otter - Gabrielle

Beaver - Liam

Red Kite - Gyan

Fox - Bella

Dormouse – Rocksteady Pupils

Red Squirrel - Leland

Hedgehog – Damon

Pine Marten - Ayaan

### **Sports Star Awards**

Rabbit - Dana

Otter - Mason

Beaver - Gracie + Anas

Red Kite – Heidi

Fox - Shreya

Dormouse - All Swimmers

Red Squirrel - Eliana

Hedgehog - Milo

Pine Marten - Evie



#### This week's winners of TTRS 'Battle of the Bands'

LKS2 Winners - Fox Class 1076 points

UKS2 Winners – Red Squirrel 248 points



#### Scientist of the week!

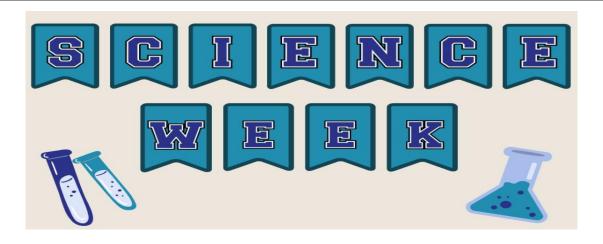
LKS2 - Babri UKS2 - Gopika



#### Performers of the Week!

A huge well done to our Rock
Steady children who performed
their end of term concert to their
Parents this week. They performed
like true Rockstars!

Well done!



# **Competition Winners**

#### **Poster Competition Winners**

Gopika - Year 6

Niki - Year 3

Claire - Year 5

Lily J - Year 2

Omreyansh - Year 4

#### **Crossword Competition Winners**

KS2 - Kindah - Year 5

KS1 - Labiba - Year 1

#### Scientist at home Winner

Toby - Year 3

Thank you to everybody that took part.

# IMPORTANT dates to remember

- Tues 26<sup>th</sup> March 9:30am LKS2 production to parents
- Tues 26<sup>th</sup> March Reception Public Transport Trip
- Wed 27<sup>th</sup> March 2pm LKS2 production to parents
- Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> March Easter Bonnet Competition/Own Clothes Day £1 donation
- Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> March Attendance Medals Assembly
- Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> March Last day of term 2pm finish
- Mon 15th April Children Return
- Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> April Vaisakhi Assembly
- Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> April Red Kite Assembly
- Fri 26<sup>th</sup> April 9am Prospective Parents Tour
- Tues 30<sup>th</sup> April LKS2 Roman Workshop
- Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> May EID Assembly
- Mon 6<sup>th</sup> May Bank Holiday
- W/C 13<sup>th</sup> May Year 6 SATs
- Thurs 23rd May 9am Beaver Class Assembly
- Fri 24<sup>th</sup> May 2pm Country Dancing Show to Parents
- Mon 27<sup>th</sup> May Fri 31<sup>st</sup> May Half Term
- Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> June Children Return
- W/C 10<sup>th</sup> June Year 1 Phonics Screen Check
- W/C 10<sup>th</sup> June Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
- Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> June GRT History Month assembly
- W/C 17<sup>th</sup> June Year 6 Residential
- Tues 18th June Reception Trip Bucklebury Farm
- Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> June Otter Class Assembly
- W/C 24<sup>th</sup> June Year 6 Secondary Transition Week
- Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> June 9am Rabbit Class Assembly
- Fri 28<sup>th</sup> June 9am Prospective Parents' Tour
- Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> July New Classes
- Fri 5<sup>th</sup> July Sports Day
- Mon 8<sup>th</sup> July Reports Home
- Thurs 11th July 3.30-5pm Parents' Evening Drop-in
- Fri 12th July 9am Prospective Parents' Tour
- Tues 16<sup>th</sup> July 2pm Year 6 Production to Parents
- Wed 17th July 7pm Year 6 Production to Parents
- Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> July End of Class Parties
- Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> July 5pm to 6.30pm Year 6 BBQ
- Fri 19<sup>th</sup> July Attendance Medals Assembly



#### Weekly Updates!

For pictures and information on what each class has been doing this week or enrichment activities that have taken place please click on the year group below or visit the school gallery.

EYFS KS1 LKS2 UKS2 Gallery



School success starts with attendance

#### Weekly Attendance

RJ Koda -89.7%

RM Orsa -96.8%

Rabbit -95.8%

Otter -97.5%

Beaver -90.5%

Red Kite -94.4%

Dormouse -99.3%

Fox -97.8%

Red Squirrel –94%

Hedgehog −99.6% Winners ≥

Pine Marten -94.4%



Please ensure you call or email <u>each day</u> your child is absent.

We spend a lot of time calling parents that have not called in to report an absence. Please ensure you report an absence before 9am.



## Are you entitled?

Free school meals and extra funding for your child's education Across the UK more than 10 per cent of pupils who are eligible for free school meals do not register to get them.

We want to make sure 100 per cent of our pupils claim when they can in Wokingham Borough.

Importantly, it also means schools can get additional funding to support pupils.

To qualify, your child must be in school and you must be receiving one of the following benefits:

- Income support
- Income based <u>Job Seekers Allowance</u>
- Income related <u>Employment and Support Allowance</u>
- NASS support
- Guarantee element of <u>State Pension</u>
- Child Tax Credit, provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit for the four weeks after employment ends
- <u>Universal Credit</u>, provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400

If this applies to you but your child isn't registered for free school meals, complete a form and return it to your child school.

<u>Download the form and apply for Free School Meals</u> on Wokingham Borough Council's website.

Easter Bonnet Competition on Thursday 28th March £1 to wear your own clothes along with your Easter Bonnet! Winner of the most imaginative design will win a prize! Raster Bonnet Competiton



Easter 2@24

HOLIDAY CAMP



**Multi Sports Camp** 

Bearwood Primary School

Wokingham RG41 5BB

£25 Per £44 Per Week

5 to 12 Year Olds 9AM TO 3PM 8:30AM 9AM TO 3PM 8:30AM E19.50 Per £35 Per Week

4 Year Olds Only 9AM TO 1PM 8:30AM

10% Sibling Discount

20% Additional HAF Discount

For HAF Children To Book Additional Days On Top Of Free HAF Days



Week One

Wednesday 3rd April -Thursday 4th April Week Two

Wednesday 10th April -Thursday 11th April

u-sports.co.uk/berkshire/wokingham-sports-camp



#### FREE HAF

Spaces Available

Book Via Holiday Activities On Our Website If Your Child Receives Pupil Premium Free School Meals



### EASTER HOLIDAY <u>INSPIRATION</u>

#### WWW.WOKINGHAMROCKS.CO.UK

WOKINGHAM ROCKS IS THE ULTIMATE WHAT'S ON GUIDE FOR FAMILIES TO FIND THINGS TO DO IN THE LOCAL AREA



EASTER EVENTS

Our website is jam packed with ideas of things to do this Easter. Get hands on with One world Animals or pop to the Easter Fair at Home Grange Craft Village. Check out our website for lots more ideas. We also have a whole section on parks and walks for those seeking some spring fresh air.

Check out our events tab here

**CHECK OUT OUR HOLIDAY CLUB GUIDE** 

### EASTER TRAIL

There are lots of Easter Trails on this holidays. These offer a fun low cost activity. Kids love a map and trail. Here are a few ideas:

- Dinton Easter Egg Hunt
- Woodley Airfield Easter Egg Trail
- West Green House Easter Weekend
- Look for a book Easter Hunt
- The Stables Café Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Eggs-travaganza Hunt 29th March-12th April Book online and collect at Reception £2.50 per child

The Royal Berkshire Hotel has a special Easter Afternoon running from 25th March to 14th April

#### FOLLOW US AND JOIN THE COMMUNITY

There are thousands of local parents following us Social Media, and we'd love for you to join in! Just search Wokingham Rocks and like our page!









#### **Osmington Bay Payment Balance**

The final payment will be due 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024, unfortunately we will not be able to accept any late payments.



#### Nursery Closed - Thursday 28th March\*

\*Whilst we prepare for our Summer Intake.



#### End of term - Thursday 28th March

School will finish at 2pm on the last day of term.

### Superstar!



Babri in Year 3 did an amazing science project at home this week.

He is our LKS2 Scientist of the week!

Well done Babri!

### Superstars!



Kayla in Reception has achieved her gymnastics level 10 and awarded a certificate.

Good Job and keep it up Kayla!



Thomas in Year 1 has successfully completed his Stage 2 at swimming and cannot wait to start Stage 3!

After a cautious start he is now enjoying every minute of swimming and is like a little fish in the water.

#### **Well done Thomas!**



Hanna in Year 4 and Katrick in Year 6 went to support the Wokingham Half Marathon last month. They helped to give out medals to the finishers. What an amazing and meaningful event!

Well done Katrick and Hanna!!

### Have some serious fun on bikes



# Sign up for a Bikeability course

Woodford Park, Woodley, RG5 4LD

#### Level 1

2 April 0930-1200 8 April 0930-1200

#### Level 1 & 2

2 & 3 April 0930-1500 (2 days) 5 April 0900-1530 8 & 9 April 0930-1500 (2 days) 12 April 0900-1530

#### Level 3

2 April 0930-1500 3 April 0930-1500 5 April 0930-1500 10 April 0930-1500 11 April 0930-1500



Level 1 - Year 3 and above age 7+ Level 1 & 2 - Year 5 and above age 9+ L3 - Year 6 and above age 10+



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avanticycling.co.uk/holiday-courses