

O A K Y

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Updates



Year 3 had a fantastic time on their trip to Celtic Harmony on Wednesday. The children were transported back to the Stone Age and took part in a variety of activities, including hunting & gathering, building shelters and trading goods. The teachers were very impressed by the children's behaviour and the staff at Celtic Harmony commented on what bright, inquisitive children they are! Riya in 3M sums up the experience: 'I don't *like* Celtic Harmony, I LOVE it!'

Year 4 have been learning about the Ancient Egyptians and have been focusing on the River Nile this week. They have also really enjoyed reading 'Iron Man' in class and are moving on to planning and writing their own sequels. In science they have been learning about digestion and created their own (rather messy) digestive systems using tights!

Having finished reading 'Tins' by Alex Shearer, the year 5 children have created their own tin labels in DT lessons and have made their own 'finger' biscuits (complete with fake blood!) to go inside their tins. In English lessons, the children are now enjoying listening to 'How to Train your Dragon' which is set in Viking times and so links nicely with our history topic. Next week, we will be having a Viking workshop, with a visit from Crew Theatre.

Just a reminder...



As the weather is getting colder, just a polite reminder that children are required to wear school shoes (not boots) in school. If you would like your child to travel to and from school in boots, please also provide them with a pair of black or brown school shoes to get changed into when they arrive. Thank you.

Reporting an absence.



Please remember to call the school office if your child is absent from school giving a clear reason so we can record their absence appropriately. Thank you.



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Each week in assembly, teachers announce the 'Star of the week' for their class. These awards celebrate the successes and efforts of the children and encourage all pupils to work hard and demonstrate a positive attitude within school.

Congratulations to the following award winners:

3M: Tiya, Patrick and Om

5B: Mia, Ashwiniy and Robert

3N: Hyab, Suzannah and Oliver

5AS: Anushka, Yasmine and Viya

3W: Danielle and Zaina

5C: Jodie and Evie

4KR: Nathan and Momina

6L: Lexi and Breanna

4LS: Connie and Gurleen

6M: Xerise and Libby

4MS: Kevin and Leia

6H: Beth and Jayden

Music: Kiera (6L)

French: Harley (5AS) and Adam (5C)



Children have been continuing to work hard to earn house points for their houses.

The latest totals for the term are:

Jupiter: 582

Mars: 492

Mercury: 714

Neptune: 712



We have a book fair coming up on 20th November. This will be open in the learning zone before and after school from 20th—27th November and is a great

chance to buy some Christmas presents and support the school at the same time. Any money raised through the book fair will be spent on new books for the school.



Please can you check that the school uniform your child brings home belongs to them. We seem to have had a few cases of children picking up other children's clothes after PE lessons or at the end of lunchtimes, when children have taken off jumpers etc.

Also, please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name and class so that they can be returned to them if they lose them.

Thank you.

Choir are having a very busy half term, rehearsing for a whole range of events including the Pavilions Carol concert; a concert at the Nave in Uxbridge, where they will accompany the Uxbridge Choral Society; an event at Oakwood school alongside a live orchestra; and accompanying the year 6 production. Thank you to everyone involved, especially parents who are encouraging their children to take part in these events and transporting them.



SPORTS UPDATE...



Football

Having won their opening three league games, the football team took on St. Mary's in the first round of the knockout cup competition last week. The first half was a closely-fought contest, with defences generally on top. The closest either team came to scoring was when Daniel's shot from outside the area cannoned back off the crossbar.

In the second half, Oak Farm started to create more problems for the opposition defence but it was St. Mary's who took the lead with a powerful close-range shot. The Oak Farm team pressed for an equaliser, with just the final pass letting us down. With just over a minute left, Oak Farm finally scored. Darius showed great pace to get past the last defender, before producing a calm finish past the goalkeeper and it looked like we were heading for extra-time. However, with only seconds remaining, St. Mary's knocked a ball forward towards the edge of our area and a magnificent looping header dropped just under the bar, to the delight of the St. Mary's players.

Congratulations to all of our players on another spirited performance, despite the 2-1 defeat. The team will now take part in the Packham 6 a-side tournament at Oakwood school on Saturday morning, while the girls' team will be competing in the Uxbridge & District girls' competition at Denham Ladies' FC on Monday.



Netball



Things are looking up for our netballers—our mixed team were victorious over Hillingdon just before half term in a match which was won comfortably (8-2). This was particularly pleasing as we hadn't beaten them in the league since the 2014-2015 season. Well done to all of our players.

Our girls' team welcomed the team from Cowley St. Laurence last week but we had to make some last-minute changes to the team due to injuries and illness and this seemed to unsettle our players somewhat. Despite a valiant effort, we lost 3-6.

However, on Monday this week our fortunes changed. St. Helen's are always very tough competition and had already scored 32 goals this season without conceding any. We need to go even further back to find our last league win against them (5 years ago!). From the first whistle to the last our girls played with skill, accuracy and passion and were a real credit to the school. The match was really nail-biting for those on the sidelines but once we took the lead, we kept hold of it and were eventual (and deserving) winners 8-6. All girls who played deserve huge congratulations for such an excellent result—regardless of where the girls' team finishes in the league this year, the performance in this match alone should be one to be proud of!

Please note that there will be no more netball club this term but it will resume next term.