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Year Group Updates

After completing some super models of Stonehenge over the half term holidays (thanks to all parents for their support with this), Year 3 are ending their work on the Stone age with a visit from Celtic Harmony next week. They will then be moving on to learning about the UK in their Geography lessons. They are starting off by identifying the different countries that make up the UK and creating a fact file about each country. Their theme in English lessons this half term is 'Challenge' and they are beginning by reading 'Cliffhanger' by Jacqueline Wilson.



Year 4 have finished off their France topic by producing some great pictures of 'Paris at Night' using pastels and they are now embarking on an Ancient Egyptian adventure. They have started this topic with a visit from Crew Theatre, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. James in 4A said, "It was lots of fun. I had to hold a shield and spear and be part of the army. When the trumpet sounded, we had to throw our spears." Amelia in 4A enjoyed it too. She said, 'I really liked it. I had to blow a trumpet to start a war.'

Year 5 are beginning to learn about the Vikings. They have also had a visit from Crew Theatre. Everyone got to take part in the workshop and learnt a lot. Naomi looked lovely as King Ragnar with a bushy brown beard and wig and Rowan made a great monk with his tonsure. As part of the Viking topic, year 5 are reading 'How to Train Your Dragon' by Cressida Cowell and are shortly going to be starting their own Viking stories.



In year 6, rehearsals are underway for their production of 'Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits' which promises to be a great show full of laughs. We're all looking forward to the last week of term when the production will come together and we get to see all the characters in their finery (especially Ethan and Anuveer as the two halves of Humphrey the camel!) Back in class, year 6 are continuing to work very hard. They are learning about World War 2 in History and their English theme for this half term is 'Mystery', where they have been covering some rather mysterious tales in the news in their journalism work.

Christmas Tree Decorations

This year, we would love to decorate the Christmas trees around the school with some amazing decorations. If your child would like to make one at home and bring it in, we would love to use them.

In order to fit as many decorations on the trees as we can, try to make them quite small and use lightweight materials. Christmas designs are essential and they can be as sparkly and glittery as you like.

Please make sure that you attach your child's name onto the decoration and then hand them in to Miss Killick by November 30th. They will be then be displayed on the Christmas trees around the school.

Have fun!



Star of the Week Awards

Well done to the following children who were awarded the star of the week award in the last two weeks:

3K: Julia and Max

5D: Adam and Namrah

3H: Taran and Warwick

5M: Syra and Neha

3S: Suruthiga and Xerise

5L: Tayyeba and Naomi

4A: Jasmine and Isabella

6M: Levi and Jake

4KR: Lemuel and Charlie M

6S: Stanley and Sienna

4B: Lenny and Jasmine

6H: Emily R. and James

Music: Reece (4A) and Rihanna (3H)

French: Yashvi (6M) and Jack (6S)



Non-Uniform Days

We will be holding non-uniform days on the following days:

Thursday 26th November for Year 6 children

Friday 27th November for Years 3, 4 and 5



We would ask children to bring in £1 towards buying items for the tombola for the Christmas Bazaar.

Friends of Oak Farm - New Fundraising opportunity:

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be raising a free donation for Friends of Oak Farm? There are nearly 3,000 retailers including Amazon, Next, John Lewis, Aviva, thetrainline, Marks and Spencer and Sainsbury's who will donate a percentage of the amount you spend to Friends of Oak Farm (PTA) to say thank you for shopping with them.

It's really simple, and doesn't cost you anything. There are no catches or hidden charges either.

All you have to do is:

1. Go to <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/oakfarmprimary>
2. Sign up for free



3. **Get shopping** - your donations will be collected by easyfundraising and automatically sent to Friends of Oak Farm (PTA) - Uxbridge. It couldn't be easier!

Or if you shop on your mobile or tablet, get the free easyfundraising app and you'll never miss a donation.

To get it, visit the App Store or Google Play and search for 'easyfundraising' or find out more here:

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/raise-more/easyfundraising-app

FoOF thank you for your continued support!

Football TournamentsPackham 6-a-side Tournament

The boys' football team took part in the annual Packham 6-a-side tournament last Saturday. Despite the pouring rain, the team performed extremely well. Following wins against both Cowley St. Laurence and Hillingdon, and a narrow defeat by St. Bernadette, Oak Farm progressed as group winners to the quarter-final.

A hard-fought match against Hillingdon was won with a fantastic strike from James Ford, setting up a semi-final encounter with Cherry Lane. Oak Farm played well, creating some good opportunities, but unfortunately ended up losing a close game 2-1.

Well done to the team for a great effort in awful weather conditions and congratulations to them for their bronze medals. Huge thanks to Mr Sweeney and Miss Mitchell and to all of our very wet supporters!

Uxbridge and Hayes Girls' Football Tournament

Our girls' football teams competed in the Uxbridge and Hayes Girls' Football Tournament at Guru Nanak School on Wednesday of this week.

Our 'B' team performed valiantly against strong opposition in their group; they drew one of their matches and were narrowly beaten in their other two.

The 'A' team, meanwhile, won all of their three group games, with Kimi Leung scoring a hat-trick in the third of the games. In the semi-final, the team battled hard but came up against a very good Hillingdon team, who went on to win the competition.

Well done to all of year 3, 4 and 5 girls who took part and congratulations to the 'A' team on their bronze medal-winning performance!

Borough Cross Country Finals

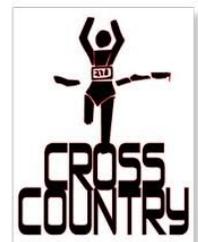
Our boys' and girls' teams both qualified to compete in the Borough Cross Country Finals, which took place at Abbotsfield School last Thursday.

In the girls' race, all of our team ran superbly, to secure a very creditable 6th place out of the 14 finalists. In the individual event, Shauna in Year 6 produced a great run, and a fantastic sprint finish, to grab a brilliant 3rd place. Well done, Shauna!

In the boys' race, Jake in Year 6 was our first athlete home, with a very good 9th place.

In the team event, the Oak Farm team ran well, with our competitors contributing to a very good 5th place overall.

Well done to both Oak Farm teams and thank you to all of those people who supported our athletes.

Football and Netball Updates

The School football team head into the winter break in second place in the Uxbridge and District Large Schools' league with 3 wins and two draws from their opening five fixtures. The team has also progressed into the quarter-finals of the cup competition, following a 3-1 win away to St. Catherine's. Many thanks to Mr. Betts and Mr. Sweeney for all their hard work with the football team this term.

Our girls' netball team bounced back from their defeat against St. Helen's to beat Heathrow Primary School 4-0, meaning we are currently in second place in the Uxbridge and District Girls' Netball League. Meanwhile, our mixed team have really started to gel. After beating a strong team from St. Bernadette's a couple of weeks ago, our players have started to play with real confidence. Last week, we had a comfortable win against Ryefield (11-0) but we had an even better result against St. Matthew's yesterday, scoring an impressive 17 goals without conceding any. Well done to all children involved; Miss Mitchell and Miss Kear are very proud of you all!

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO MORE NETBALL CLUB SESSIONS THIS TERM.

Christmas Bazaar

A few reminders...

We would love to have as many **'Surprise Boxes'** as possible for the Christmas Bazaar. Simply get a **clean** plastic take-away box, decorate it and fill it with small items such as wrapped sweets, stationery, stickers and small toys. Then, send it into school. There will be a prize for the class which donates the most boxes. If you haven't got any of these boxes at home, they can easily be bought at shops such as Poundland.

Any **good quality unwanted items** are always appreciated, e.g. toiletries, chocolates, new socks, unused mugs etc.

Handmade cakes to be sold at the Bazaar can be brought into school on the morning of the event, so please get baking!



Don't forget also, as much **help** as possible is required to set up on the day and to run stalls at the Bazaar.

You can email FoOF on foof1934@gmail.com if you are able to assist in any way.

Thank you very much for your support!

Music News...

Letters will very soon be going out to all parents with regards to learning a musical instrument so please keep an eye out. Guitar learners will receive a "continuation" letter; last term a small number of children lost their slots on the timetable as the reply slip and payment was not returned in time – if you would like your child to continue, please return this slip promptly before I then allocate places to new learners.

The Thursday after school Band Practise is very exciting – with a performance coming up! If your child would like to join this next term, please return the reply slip which will also be attached to the Instrumental Letter. Watch This Space!

More Music news...

A number of children this term have been listening to a variety of instrumental pieces of music, both modern and classical. Lots of our pupils have really listened well and found it inspired their imaginations whether to tell a story or describe images. Please feel free to access these following websites to experience a wider selection of instrumental music:

www.classicfm.co.uk

CBBC – Ten Pieces

There are lots of concerts advertised locally, especially with the Festive Season approaching, to experience a wide range of live music, further afield. Take a look at the Royal Albert Hall website for children's music events and The Cadogan Hall website for their series of concerts entitled: 'Crash, Bang, Wallop'.

www.royalalberthall.co.uk

www.cadoganhall.com

Lateness

It has come to our attention that some children have been late on several occasions since the start of school.

If there are significant problems or circumstances that we need to be aware of please can you meet with your child's class teacher to discuss any issues.

Otherwise please make every effort to ensure your child is in the classroom for registration by 8.50am so they do not miss vital lesson time.

