News from Cumnor School

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Dear Parents,

The Great Science Share

Tuesday 13th June was the Great Science Share for Schools. Schools across the country engaged in science activities and shared their science within their schools and across the nation.
At Cumnor, we held a science day with activities for all the children on the theme of falling and flying. Mrs Pottle shared her latest book 'Gary Vity' with us and inspired us to find out more about the topic of gravity with an assembly on rockets and how to think like a scientist and find ways to make the rocket go further. At the end of a very warm and exciting day of bubble blowing, making gliders, dropping parachutes and flying paper planes we met together as a school and shared all the wonderful things we had done. What an amazing day and what brilliant scientists we all were. Many thanks to Mrs Pottle who arranged the day.

Festival of voices

Our choir were AMAZING on Thursday evening as they sang together with several other choirs from across the county in the beautiful surroundings of Dorchester Abbey. Their singing was part of the Festival of Voices held in Dorchester each year. It was a wonderful afternoon and evening and the children sang like angels. Very well done to all of them and a special thank you to Miss Davidson and Miss O'Neill for preparing them so well. If you would like to hear them yourselves, come along to the PTA summer fete next Friday!!

REVISED Sports Day Arrangements

Having reflected on last year's Sports Day arrangements and after looking at the long range weather forecast (which says HOT! HOT! HOT!) We have decided to move our annual Sports Day from the afternoon of the 11th July to the morning. This will give us a little more time to enjoy the sporting events and also catch the cooler part of the day; avoiding what could be a very hot afternoon. We will still enjoy our family picnic event on the back field from 12.00pm. You are, therefore, welcome to join us from 9.00am on the front field followed by a family picnic on the back field. If children would like to order a school picnic basket this can be done on the morning (no hot meals that day). I am sorry if this causes any inconvenience, but I'm sure it will be a far more enjoyable experience for all.

PTA Committee News:

HAPPY NON-UNIFORM DAY! Thank you to everyone who brought in prizes for our Summer Fête tombolas! If you forgot your donation or missed us this morning, items can be brought into the office to the KS1 picnic table any morning next week, along with your raffle tickets. Also, a big thank you to everyone who has donated children's books or stuffed toys to the PTA over the last few months. We will do our very best to find everything a happy new home next Friday!

HOORAY! HOORAY! The Cumnor Primary School Summer Fête will take place in the school grounds on Friday June 23rd, 5:30pm – 8:30pm. That's just 1 week from today! Students, parents, grandparents, alumni and members of our community are all invited to an outdoor evening of fun, food and festivities! Tombolas and challenge games, the Bookshop and BIG SUMMER RAFFLE draw, barbecue and bar, student performances, the famous Reception Class Lemonade Stand plus more will be happening on the night. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

GET 'EM WHILE THEY'RE HOT! BIG SUMMER RAFFLE tickets need to be returned in time for the live draw happening next Friday at the Summer Fête. With tickets just 50p each, we hope everyone can be in it to win it! Family, friends and neighbours are welcome to purchase tickets and a few additional booklets are available. Please return your completed booklets with payment (as well as any unbought tickets) to the school office OR to Tara at the KS1 picnic table any morning up until draw day. Thank you and good luck!

Our **BIG SUMMER RAFFLE** is so spectacular thanks to the support of many generous businesses and people in the community. Family days out, restaurant vouchers, drinks, sports and activity camps are all on the growing list of prizes from *Active Camps*, *Barefoot Campsites Canoeing, Batsford Arboretum*, *Blenheim Palace, Buckinghamshire Railway Centre, Chiltern Valley Winery & Brewery, City Sightseeing Oxford*, *Cotswold Motoring Museum, Cotswold Wildlife Park, Crocodiles of the World*, *Cumnor Clinic, Cumnor Cricket Club*, *Fairytale Farm, Gulliver's Theme Park, Laser Kombat Oxford, Mad Science Summer Camps, Michael Cain Butchers, Millets Wildside, Oxford Bus Museum, Oxford Playhouse, Oxford Sail Training Trust, Oxford Sports Lawn Tennis Club*, *Oxford Treatments, Oxford Wet n' Wild*, *Partyman World of Play, Roves Farm, Science Oxford, Snakes and Ladders, The Cocktail Society, The Vine*, *Tiggywinkles Wildlife Hospital, Waitrose Botley Road* AND *WR Activity Camps*!

This week, we've added a week of Summer Tennis Camp worth up to £243 from *Excel Tennis Academy* along with prizes from *Co-Op Wootton, Cotswold Falconry Centre, Pendon Museum, Prana Yoga Oxford, The Perch* AND *Wild Boor Ideas' Quick on the Draw* show at *Pegasus Theatre* to the list of prizes!

Lunches next week (week 3)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Vege sausage roll OR Picnic basket (ham, / cheese/ tuna) OR Jacket Potato and Beans	Vege meatballs with rice OR OR OR Picnic basket (ham, / cheese/ tuna) OR Jacket Potato and Cheese	Roast Chicken OR Picnic basket (ham, / cheese/ tuna) OR Jacket Potato and Tuna Mayo	Chicken Pasta Bake OR Picnic basket (ham, / cheese/ tuna) OR Jacket Potato and Beans	Fish Fillet OR Picnic basket (ham, / cheese/ tuna) OR Jacket Potato and Cheese

What has my child been doing this week?

School Value of the week:	**Truthfulness**
Reception	It has been a busy week under the sea! We have enjoyed the Science share day, we have filmed our class song with a local production company (we can't wait to see the final result once it is edited!) and baked up a tasty treat for some special people this weekend!
Year 1	This week we have been learning all about Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay's journey to the top of Mount Everest 70 years ago. We have written facts, exclamations and questions about Mount Everest and created our own wax-resist flags in the style of Tibetan prayer flags. For the Great Science Share, we made bubble wands and blew our own bubbles.
Year 2	This week we have revisited place value and learnt to show numbers in expanded form. We enjoyed the Great Science Share and made gliders out of paper rings and straws with Mrs Pottle. We started to learn our maypole dances for the summer fete and continued to practise our athletics skills for sports day.
Year 3	This week we have been reasoning with fractions in Maths and reciting classic poems in English. We have practised using a compass in Geography and enjoyed using the chromebooks to build our own simply animated games.
Year 4	This week we have been learning French words and phrases which might be needed at breakfast time. In Geography we have learned about high ground, low ground and contours of mountains and in a PSHCE lesson, we have been discussing the difference between needs and wants.
Year 5	This week we have revisited improper fractions and mixed numbers in Maths. We have continued with Alone on a Wide, Wide Sea in English and we have researched the Japanese tsunami of 2011.
Year 6	This week we have continued working the costs of running our theme parks in maths and we have finished our stories of The Girl and The Fox in English. In Geography we have been learning about tectonic plates and earthquakes.

Diary dates next week:

Monday 19th June	PM	Fire Safety Talk for Years 5 and 6
Tuesday 20th June	2.30	Parent meeting for new Reception class 2023 intake in the school hall
Wednesday 21st June	AM	KS1 drama workshops
Friday 23rd June	9.00am	Year 5 sharing assembly- friends and families welcome
Friday 23rd June	PM	Year 6 sports afternoon at Matthew Arnold School
Friday 23rd June	5.30pm	PTA Summer Fete

Yours sincerely,

Ed Read

SUMMER CRICKET ACADEMIES

WEEK 1
24TH-28TH JULY

WEEK 2
31ST-4TH AUGUST

WEEK 3
7TH-11TH AUGUST

SOFTBALL SESSIONS: 9:30-12:30 FOR YEARS 1-4
HARDBALL SESSIONS: 13:00-16:00 FOR YEARS 5-9
NOW WITH OPTIONS TO BOOK IN ALL DAY IN WEEKS 2 AND 3

CUMNOR CRICKET CLUB IS HOLDING ITS POPULAR CRICKET ACADEMY SUMMER CAMPS ONCE MORE.

LED BY GEORGE SETTERFIELD (HEAD OF CRICKET AT BLOXHAM SCHOOL) AND A TEAM OF QUALIFIED COACHES FROM CUMNOR CRICKET CLUB, THEY ARE A FUN WAY OF BUILDING CRICKET SKILLS AND HAVING A GREAT TIME WITH FRIENDS.

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