News from Cumnor School

Summer Term Number 2 *26th April 2024*

Dear Families,

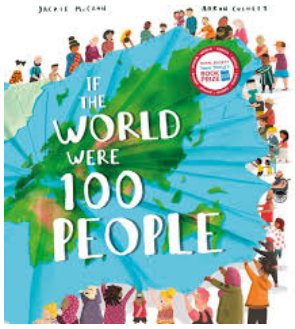
Love your School Morning - THANK YOU!

The sun was shining for us last Saturday as we took part in our first Love your School Morning. My great thanks to those who gave up their time to support this event. We achieved a great deal. Broken items were mended, two sheds dismantled, the Acorn outdoor area given a good clean, the KS2 library stock returned, lunch chairs scrubbed and much more! We managed to fill an entire skip which was kindly donated to us by Aasvogel, too.

I will be looking to plan another similar event due to the success of this one. Many families have already approached me to say that different days/times could work better for them so we will take this into consideration when future planning. I'm also aware that a handful of my direct emails regarding the morning seem to have been filtered by our IT system. My apologies for this. We are continuing our discussions with the company we use regarding such issues.

Waterproof Trousers

We would really appreciate any donations of waterproof trousers or all-in-ones (in any sizes but particularly smaller ones) that your children may have grown out of. The stock that we have left is becoming increasingly worn and we feel that it would be best to reuse good quality items where possible. Please let Mrs Stockford or anyone in the Acorn Team or Office know if you might be able to help.



If the World were 100 People

On Tuesday, Year 1, 2, 5 and 6 all took part in a special assembly. I shared the book, If the World were 100 People by Jackie McCann with the children. The book demonstrates what a global village of 100 would look like. Each person would represent around 80 million people! The children worked incredibly in mixed-age pairs to explore some of what we were finding out. I was so impressed by their team work in what was a very different assembly to normal. Some parents have commented on the children enjoying this so I wanted to share the name of the book.

Buying books

If you find yourself in the market for new books at any point, please do consider purchasing from lovereading4kids.co.uk. You are able to nominate our school to receive 25% of the value of whatever you buy at no extra cost to yourself. The school has already benefited from over £100 generated this year, which has gone into updating both libraries, so if that has been due to you, thank you very much!

LoveReading 4 KIDS BUY BOOKS CHANGE LIVES

Resources for nurture and wellbeing

We sometimes run small group or one-to-one sessions based on creative activities to support children's wellbeing. One of the things we use a lot is Hama beads. If anyone has any that they no longer use and would like to donate to school that would be fantastic!

Zumba club clarification

On *Thursdays, Zumba kids Junior* is available for Reception - now they are getting bigger! Along with Year 1, 2 and 3. (R-3). There is a free trial for the first session, so do sign up and give it a go!

On *Tuesdays- Zumba Big kids* is now running for Year 4, 5 and 6!

There are some spaces and free trials available in both classes, but please book quickly to avoid disappointment. Please email cumnorschool3223@cumnor.oxon.sch.uk to be sent a booking form.

Jo Hobden

Lunch menu next week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Margherita pizza OR Sweet potato, quorn and lentil curry OR Jacket potato with choice of filling	Mild beef tacos OR Vegan bolognese OR Jacket potato with choice of filling	Roast chicken OR Roast quorn OR Jacket potato with choice of filling	Crispy chicken bites OR Cheese & tomato pinwheel OR Jacket potato with choice of filling	Fish fillet OR Quorn dippers OR Jacket potato with choice of filling

What has my child been doing this week?

School Value of the week:	Individual Liberty
Reception	This week we read the story 'Little Red Hen' and took a trip to Cogges Farm where we acted out the story by planting wheat, made flour and baked our own bread. We finished off with a puppet show, picnic in the barn and a play on the outside play equipment! In maths we have been learning to use weighing scales and this week we have even fitted in a talk from Mrs Pottle, the science teacher, who was amazed by how much the children knew about the water cycle.
Year 1	In maths this week, we have been learning to make arrays to help us solve problems, and to look at division as grouping and sharing. We have also been continuing our clay work in art and revising stories of the Old Testament in RE as part of our thinking about why stories are important.
Year 2	This week we have been continuing our learning about speech marks and have been writing speech for the characters in Robin Hood. We have some new members of our Cherry class family (tadpoles) and we made them a lovely home. On Thursday we went down to Cumnor Cricket Club to help with some ground maintenance and snuck in a game of cricket.
Year 3	On Wednesday, we had an amazing time on our French Day. We started the day with a tasty breakfast with Y4 when we tried some traditional breakfast items and entertained them with our French singing. The class then learnt colours and numbers through a variety of games and activities. In the afternoon, we made crepes, played boules and listened to some stories in French.
Year 4	This week, we have been exploring and deepening our knowledge of decimals, developing our use of watercolours to include creating more and less intense colours and getting to know the character of Toad in 'Wind in the Willows'. We also enjoyed being immersed in French food, songs, games, words and phrases on Wednesday morning.
Year 5	This week we have worked on negative numbers in maths and completed a few challenges. We have used modal verbs to help us with our writing about Kensuke's Kingdom. We have labelled layers of the ocean and found creatures that live in each zone. We have collaged some fabulous sea creatures for our classroom display.
Year 6	This week in maths we have started looking at how to read and understand a four-quadrant graph. In English we have been looking at persuasive devices to help us write an advert that is inspired by our class book 'Brightstorm'. In computing, we looked at conditions and variables and programmed our micro:bits to become fortune tellers.

Diary dates:

Wednesday 1st May	Lunchtime	Plastics challenge day
Thursday 2nd May	All day	Year 1 class trip to Oxfordshire Museum
Monday 6th May	All day	Bank Holiday - School Closed
Mon 13th - Thurs 17th		Year 6 SATs week

May		
Wednesday 22nd May	AM	Class Photos
Mon 27th - Fri 30th May		Half Term

Yours sincerely,

Steven Badger

Are you worried about how they are feeling?

DECREASING DEPRESSION

FREE TALK

May 14th 7-8pm

Jane Keyworth, Lead Facilitator at FACE
gives a one hour online talk explaining
what we can do to reduce the symptoms of depression.

Book online at **facefamilyadvice.co.uk** go to **PARENT** page

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Cumnor Pre-school presents...

NEARLY NEW SALE

Cumnor Primary School Hall

£2 entry

Saturday 18th May, 5-7pm
Sunday 19th May, 10am-12pm

Buy and sell top-quality children's clothes (baby to primary school age), toys, books, games, maternity and nursery equipment
Always bargains on offer!
Card payments accepted

Cumnor Pre-school Nursery

To sell (60% seller 40% pre-school split) or for more information email:
nearlynewsalecumnor@gmail.com

BACK TO THE FUTURE II

Botley Sk8s presents:
A Botley Skate Park Fundraiser

- Saturday 27th April -
- 2-5pm at Tap Social Taproom -
- £4 per ticket - Raffle + Popcorn! -

Tickets: www.cinemaunderthestairs.com/whats-on/

Children must be accompanied by an adult.
Adult ticket must be purchased with child tickets.