News from Cumnor School

Summer Term Number 8 *14th June 2024*

Dear Families,

Class Photographs
Thank you to those who gave positive feedback about the class photos this year. We were sorry to hear of some families who were unhappy with the photos. We had to make a call on the morning to have the photos taken in the format they were due to the unseasonal weather that day. I understand that the feedback in some cases was beyond the format of the photo and referred specifically to the production of the final image. Please rest assured that we have taken this feedback on board in terms of our planning for next year.

Our week in Kilvrough - a reflection on the year 6 residential by Jamie and Freya
When we arrived at Kilvrough Manor we were excited for our first activity which was team building, which involved solving puzzles and teamwork. By the evening, we were settled in and ready for orienteering, our evening activity. On Tuesday, activity groups A and B did rock climbing, scrambling and abseiling, while group C did caving and vice versa on Wednesday. On Thursday, we did bodyboarding all together at Llangennith beach and then packed our suitcases in the evening. On Friday, we went to the beach where we did art on the sand which was followed by some rock pooling after lunch where we found a variety of interesting sea creatures. Later in the afternoon, we left Kilvrough after five enjoyable days there and returned home. Overall, we had an incredible experience on the residential, one that I am sure we will find hard to forget!

Aspirations Morning
On Tuesday, we were very fortunate to be joined by people from a wide range of different professions who gave up their time to talk to our year 6 pupils about their job roles. The aim is to excite our pupils about their learning and how it will help them in the future. We are hugely grateful to everyone who came in to share their experiences and to give our pupils a glimpse of so many different careers. Bianca and Charlie from Year 6 share their experiences below:

Aspirations morning is learning about different peoples professions and how it impacts the world and different communities. The purpose of aspirations morning was to give us the chance to think about our future and what we would like to do. Here are a few of the professions that we got to explore: Oncology, Policing, Human Rights, Mercedes F1, Aerodynamics design. We had the opportunity to ask questions such as what qualifications were needed and what working that profession was actually like. It was great to be able to have a conversation with them because we also learnt some new things. Overall, it was a fun and helpful experience.

Y3 guitar concert

All the hard work and practise that Year 3 have been putting into learning the songs for their guitar concert paid off on Thursday. They performed the songs brilliantly and all had a fabulous time performing for their grown ups. Thank you to all the parents and family members that were able to join us.

Lunches next week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Margherita pizza OR Ham / Cheese / Tuna Picnic Basket	Vegan bolognese OR Ham / Cheese / Tuna Picnic Basket	Roast chicken OR Ham / Cheese / Tuna Picnic Basket	Crispy chicken bites OR Ham / Cheese / Tuna Picnic Basket	Quorn dippers OR Ham / Cheese / Tuna Picnic Basket

What has my child been doing this week?

School Value of the week:	Humility
Reception	It's been another busy week in Acorn Class! We have been carefully writing invitations to our famous Lemonade Stand which will be open for one afternoon only at the Summer Fayre. We have visited Pre School to remember what it was like to be three and to see how much we have grown and changed in the past year and we have also been creating an edible surprise for some important people in our lives - which may not last until Sunday!
Year 1	This week we have been learning all about the first ascent of Mount Everest by Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay! We have asked questions about Mount Everest in English, created our own flags in the style of Tibetan Prayer Flags in Art, and studied photos and videos of Hillary and Norgay in History. We have also been working on comparing numbers to 100 in maths.
Year 2	We have been learning to tell the time in 5 minute intervals this week. In English we have been writing newspaper articles and looking at past,present and future tense. On Wednesday we went to the cricket club and had a fantastic afternoon in the sunshine! We took part in lots of fun activities to improve our batting and bowling.
Year 3	This week, Year 3 have been looking at the features of poetry and have had great fun writing their own Haiku and Kenning style poems. We have been consolidating our time telling skills and have learnt how to use both digital and analogue clocks. In art we have been using pencils, biros and fine liners to create texture and tone.
Year 4	Our week began with a wonderful trip to Coleshill where the children learned more about rivers and had a very enjoyable day. We have also been converting to and from the 24 hour clock and learning about areas of high ground in the UK.
Year 5	Our week has been made extra special due to the arrival of the chicks! We have seen them hatch and move from the incubator to the brooder box. We have handled them and made diary entries about our observations. In maths we have explored volume and capacity. In geography we have explained how tsunamis are formed and found out about the Japanese tsunami of 2011.
Year 6	This week we have been reflecting on our residential in English and we have written thank you letters to the staff of Kilvrough and have started to work on diary entries. In maths we have progressed on our theme park project and we have started to calculate how much initial profit we may make. In computing we have been creating code and programming our micro:bits to become pedometers.

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, it's not too late!** Items can be brought into the office or 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 a happy new home for everything next week!

The **Cumnor Primary School Summer Fête is happening next Friday (June 21st) from 5:30pm.** Students, parents, grandparents, alumni and friends are all invited to an outdoor evening of fun, food and seaside-themed festivities! There you'll find a fabulous barbecue and bar, games of chance and challenge, multiple tombolas, the Big Bookshop and Summer Raffle draw, student performances, the Great Seaside Bake-off, arts & crafts to make, beach volley-ball, football and other sports to try, the famous Reception Class Lemonade Stand and more! Our wonderful Year 5 students will even be running some of the stalls! There's something for everyone and we sincerely hope to see you all there!

Help wanted and needed! By now you will have been invited via your class WhatsApp group(s) to cover a particular stall at the fête. Please sign up and give half an hour or more to help make the night a brilliant one! It's super fun and your children can even help you run things if they like!

The **Summer Raffle** will be drawn live at the fête at **8pm**! Raffle tickets went home with students a few days ago, so hopefully you've seen them by now! Please return your completed booklets & monies as soon as you can. This gives us time to fold them all ahead of the big day! You can drop them into the office OR to Ailsa at the KS1 picnic table before school. Cash or card payments are welcome! This is a vital fundraiser for our school, so we hope you'll take part and buy loads of tickets! Family, friends & neighbours are very welcome to purchase tickets and additional booklets are available. Just ask!

Prizes galore! We always do everything we can to ensure buying tickets is worthwhile and that the raffle is a thrilling event with loads of prizes of all kinds to be won! Local people and businesses have been particularly generous to us this time and we are excited to add several prizes from *Aldi Abingdon, Coop, Cotswold Motoring Museum, Elisa Cristina Permanent Makeup, Hobbycraft, Jump Inc Bicester, The Kings Arms Oxford, Oxford Playhouse, Pegasus Theatre, Roves Farm, The Story Museum* and *Waterperry Gardens* to the list this week! These are in addition to a week of half-day Summer Cricket Academy with the *Cumnor Cricket Club* worth £99, a week-long Summer Holiday Course with *Excel Tennis Academy* worth up to £243, a week-long Junior Multi-Activity, Sailing or Windsurfing Summer Course with *Oxford Sail Training Trust* worth £335 and prizes from *Batsford Arboretum, Blenheim Palace, City Sightseeing Oxford, Caper Books, Cotswold Wildlife Park, Elite Camps, Fairytale Farm, Farmer Gow's, Hill End Outdoor Education Centre, iBrick, Laser Kombat Oxford, Oxford Bus Museum, Oxford Tube, Oxford Wet n' Wild, Oxfordshire Skill Acquisition Academy, Painswick Rococo Garden, Partyman World of Play, Pendon Museum, Pippa's Flower Patch, Science Oxford, Snakes and Ladders, The Perch* and *Ultimate Activity Camps*! We are so lucky and grateful to have such amazing community support for our school!

Seaside Art Competition Thank you for all the fantastic seaside-themed entries we've received so far! We understand a few people need some extra time to complete their artwork so we will still accept entries up to and including Wednesday morning *before* school. Please hand entries (and the £2 entry fee) in to your teacher, to the office or at the KS1 picnic table before school begins. We can't wait to show off everyone's masterpieces at the Summer Fete!

The Great Seaside Bake Off What will you make? Cakes, bakes, biscuits, brownies - you name it, as long as it's baked, it's welcome! Just £2 per entry and you could win in any of three prize categories:

1. "That 'Shore' Is Tasty!" (Best tasting bake)

2. "Sea-ing is Believing!" (Best looking bake)

3. "Are You Squid-ing Me?!" (Most original bake)

Entries from grown-ups and children are welcome! **To be included in the competition, please deliver your bake to school by 3.30pm on Friday June 21st.** Please include a clear list of ingredients used and label your plate/container. **Please do not use any nuts in your baking.** After judging, all entries will be sold at the Summer Fête, raising money for the school. On your marks, get set, *BAKE*!!!

Non-Bake Off donations of baked cakes, cookies or slices to sell on the night would also be much appreciated! You can bring them directly to the fete or drop them off to the school office earlier in the day on the 21st. Thank you!

Diary dates:

Thursday 20th June	Late PM / Evening	Festival of Voices (Choir)
Friday 21st June	Morning	Year 6 PE Morning at Matthew Arnold School
Friday 21st June	Late PM / Evening	Summer Fete
Tuesday 25th June	Afternoon	Year 5 trip to Harwell Science Centre - late return (4pm)
Friday 28th June	AM	Year 6 Junior Citizens course at Rewley Road Fire Station
Tuesday 2nd July	All day	Year 3 class trip to Sutton Courtenay Environmental Education Centre
Monday 1st July	All day	Year 2 class trip to Earth Trust
Wednesday 3rd July	Lunchtime	Plastics challenge day
Monday 8th July	AM	Sports Day (Morning) Parents welcome. Family picnic afterwards, weather dependant

Wed 10th - Fri 12th July		Year 5 Residential trip to Hill House
Tuesday 16th July	All day	Year 6 Treat Day
Friday 19th July	Late PM / Evening	End of year BBQ - all families welcome
Monday 22nd July	AM	Leavers Church Service - Families welcome
Tuesday 23rd July	AM Leavers Assembly	Leavers Assembly - year 6 parents welcome
Tuesday 23rd July	1.15pm	End of year

Yours sincerely,

Steven Badger
Headteacher

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THE SUMMER FETE

5.30-8.30PM FRIDAY 21ST JUNE

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- Lots of toys, games and apparatus
- Weekly craft activity
- Outside play on warmer days
- Led group singing session, or other activity such as yoga or movement
- Lots of coffee, tea and nibbles for the parents
- Themed parties (Halloween, Christmas, Easter, Summer)
- Social events for parents and carers (such as the Christmas meal out)

We ask for £2.00 per family this summer term. You're welcome to turn up to any session, but if you have any questions you can email: appletontots@gmail.com

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