



*"Growing and Learning Together with God"*

*Summer Term 2 Value : Community, Citizenship and Service*



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# **Newsletter 8 Summer Term**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

**Dear Parents and Carers,**



### **Message from Mr Hart**

It has been great seeing the different problem solving and reasoning activities being undertaken in class as we challenge children's thinking. The Year 4 children have taken part in their multiplication times tables check and the Upper School are stepping up rehearsals for our school production in a couple of weeks' time.

This week I have attended the Bicester Heads Partnership meeting and visited a school to discuss school improvement and keep abreast of local developments.

Mrs Churchill has been working collaboratively with other maths colleagues on her mastery course as we look to further improve our pupils' experiences.

Ms Allen has started the Senior Mental Health Lead training as we look to further enhance our provision for pastoral support.

Last week the children from Reception upwards were presented with a commemorative Queen's Jubilee book, which is a lovely memento to keep. Meanwhile our wonderful FoFS committee organised and supplied a special Fritwell 150 years bookmark which were given out to the children today.

We look forward to sports week with many activities planned, culminating in our Sports Day next Friday.



## Class Activities

### Tiddlers & Minnows

The Minnows and Tiddlers have been very busy getting ready for their Sharing Worship next week and are very excited for their grown-ups to come and see what they have been learning.

They also started the week with an exciting Forest School session with Mr Pemble; they did such a great job of listening to Mr Pemble when toasting marshmallows. As if that wasn't exciting enough for the Minnows, they also got to go on their first ever school trip to the Gurdwara. They were so excited to go on the bus and were very respectful to the guides.

In Maths, the Minnows have continued their learning on doubling numbers and the Tiddlers have played a range of games to help improve their counting skills.

They have also been learning about the artist Wassily Kandinsky and recreated one of his paintings.

Another busy week in Early Years!

### Sticklebacks

This week Sticklebacks have been writing about their trip to the Gurdwara. They could remember a lot about the day and what they learnt about Sikhs and their beliefs.

In Maths the children have been counting forwards and backwards, and working with numbers up to 100.

In Science, they looked at plants and trees and learnt the names of the different parts such as trunk, branches, stem, roots. They made their own Sticklebacks forest out of handprints, leaves and wool.



The class is looking ahead to Sports Week next week and have already started practising their races for Sports Day. Some of them have had to show *resilience* when the races were hard but they didn't give up.

## Class Activities (continued)

### Seahorses

Following on from Victorian week, the Seahorses have been writing letters to persuade Mr Bumble to improve the conditions in the workhouse from *Oliver Twist*.

The year 2s have been making patterns with 2-D shapes and have begun exploring the sides, faces and vertices of 3-D shapes, while the Year 3s have all achieved great *Personal Success* when adding and subtracting fractions.

In science they were exploring the functions of the body parts used in digestion.



### Stingrays

Following their week focusing on assessments, Stingrays have gone back to continue their work on understanding decimals this week, in particular concentrating on multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100. They have been developing their skills of problem solving, concentrating on how to explain their answers logically.

In English they have started a new learning journey linked to their topic 'Disasters' and are currently gathering the tools to be able to create a new report about a Tsunami! The class novel '*Running Wild*', by Michael Morpurgo, is also helping them generate ideas.

In Science they are continuing their work on classifying living things and it was great to hear them discuss, in depth, the similarities and differences between humans and chimpanzees; though Mrs Churchill is still waiting for the explanation of how scientists decided which creature is most intelligent! (5 family group points on offer for an answer plus evidence).

They have also been practising the songs for their end of year production and are already sounding pretty good. They now have songbooks to learn the lyrics, so please encourage them to practise over the weekend. Also look out for letters about costumes which will be coming home next week. As always, please let us know if you have any problems providing what we have asked for.

In their first Puberty session they learnt about some of the changes they can expect and how normal these can be. The children were super and showed great maturity with using words, asking questions, or making sensible comments.

In their French they have learnt the names of classroom equipment and used the iPad to play some interactive games to help their memory with new vocabulary.





## Class Activities (continued)

### Sharks

Sharks have had a science-focused week, completing three different investigations about the absorbency of materials, how shadows are formed, and which materials conduct electricity. This has helped them to revise different areas of the science curriculum and develop their investigation skills.

In English Sharks have been focusing on using techniques to create character, setting and suspense as they have written the next chapter for their class novel, *When the Mountains Roared*, where the main character is lost in a Himalayan forest. They have achieved **Personal Success** with some powerful writing which will have the reader on the edge of their seat!

Along with the rest of the school, Sharks enjoyed Tuesday's visit to the Sikh Gurdwara. They learnt lots of useful information for their current RE unit on how Sikhs show commitment to God, now recognising the importance of equality and service in the Sikh way of life.



Next week we hope to be stepping up their play rehearsals so we are asking the children to make sure they are practising their lines at home in the hopes that they are off-script by the end of the week!

## 'Child of the Week'

<i>Tiddlers</i>	Rémy Mc
<i>Minnows</i>	Finley P
<i>Sticklebacks</i>	Aria R-B and Jude R
<i>Seahorses</i>	Isabelle B and Leo S
<i>Stingrays</i>	Hugo W and Sam G
<i>Sharks</i>	Evelyn B and Matthew H



### *Super Sentence Writers :*

<i>Minnows</i>	Amber B and Felix R
<i>Sticklebacks</i>	Noah O and Grace M

### *Family Group Points :*

*Whole School Attendance : 91.76%*

## Rags 2 Riches 4 Schools

Thank you to those who have already brought in Rags2Riches bags – you can bring in as many as you like as any bin liner may be used. Please get together all your good quality, unwanted clothes this weekend!

*Collection will be early on Tuesday morning so bags can be brought in any time up to and including start of school on that day.*

## Sports Week and Sports Day

You should have all received a letter about next week, culminating in Sports Day next Friday, July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Sports week will involve a variety of activities for all classes, from yoga, taekwondo, and handball to table tennis and football, and all the children will have an opportunity to participate in some or all of them.

**Please remember that children are to come to school in PE kit every day next week; navy shorts and t-shirt OR navy shorts and t-shirt of their family group colour.** Our family groups are Phoenix (green), Griffin (yellow), Unicorn (red) and Pegasus (blue). Siblings are always in the same family group but, if you are new to the school and unsure of your child's group, please ask the teacher or Julie in the office.

On Friday the *Tiddlers'*, *Minnows'* and *Sticklebacks'* Sports Day will run from 10.30am to 12 noon. All children will be taking part and you are welcome to attend. If a Tiddler child is not usually in nursery on that day you are welcome to bring in him/her for the morning to take part. A picnic lunch will follow (weather permitting) and parents and carers are invited to join in prior to the start of second half of Sports Day with the *Seahorses*, *Stingrays* and *Sharks* from approximately 1.15pm.

There will be a variety of 'fun' races – egg and spoon, skipping, sack, obstacle, hurdles – followed by a sprint, sprint relay and a long distance race made up of members from each year group.

We look forward to seeing our families.



## **\*\* Current Vacancy \*\***

We are still looking for a 1:1 part-time Teaching Assistant in September 2022. If you, or anyone you know, may be interested, please look at the website under 'About Us' and 'Vacancies' to read about the job and find out more details.

Enjoy the weekend!

Kind regards,

**Jon Hart**  
Headteacher



*Mondays*  
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*Tuesdays*  
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*Wednesdays*  
*Thursdays*  
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MfSF Music Lessons  
Forest School Club – Years 1 to 3  
Year 6 Brass  
Adam Bradley Football Club  
Sewing Club – Years 4 to 6  
Early Years Forest School  
Gymnastics Club – Years 1 to 4  
Field Sports Club – Years 4 to 6

*Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June*  
*Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June*  
*Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June*  
*Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June*  
*Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July*  
*Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July*  
*Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July*  
*Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July*  
*Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July*  
*Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July*  
*Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July*  
*Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July*

Sticklebacks Forest School 'Wellbeing Morning'  
**Rags 2 Riches Clothing Collection**  
**Tiddlers & Minnows** Sharing Assembly 2.45pm  
Year 5 & 6 Boys' Cricket Final  
Sports Day  
Stingrays Forest School 'Wellbeing Morning'  
**Seahorses** Sharing Assembly 2.45pm  
Class Swap Day  
New Starters Nursery and Reception Morning  
Seahorses Forest School 'Wellbeing Morning'  
Upper School Play Performance 6.00pm  
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<i>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July</i>	Minnows, Sticklebacks & Seahorses Trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park
<i>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July</i>	iRock Summer Concert 9.30am
<i>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July</i>	Year 6 Leavers' Trip to Hill End
<i>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July</i>	Sharks Forest School 'Wellbeing Morning'
<i>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July</i>	Year 6 Leavers' Barbeque Party
<i>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July</i>	Year 6 Leavers' Service and Presentation 10.00am
<i>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July</i>	<b>Last Day of School</b>
<i>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July</i>	<b>Start of Summer Holidays!</b>
 <i>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September</i>	 <b>Start of Term and new Academic Year</b>