

"Growing and Learning Together with God"

Spring Term 2 Value : Love and Agape



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Message from Mr Hart

In this beautiful Spring weather it has been a very busy week for Fritwell school. Ofsted visited on Thursday and their findings will be communicated to you as soon as we are able to do so. I am grateful to all staff for their hard work in this exacting process. Our children were a credit to the school.

Staff Update

Unfortunately our EYFS teacher, Miss Sarah Williams, is off school poorly until after Easter. We wish her a speedy recovery and reassure you that the Early Years unit will be supported by Ms Caroline Allen and myself until her return.

Class Activities

Tiddlers & Minnows

This week the Minnows and Tiddlers have continued their exploration of transport by discovering what it is like to have a ride in a hot air balloon. They have looked at how balloons work and what they can see during a ride. The children had a go at making their own hot air balloon in the outdoor area, using crates for the basket, and their parachute was used to make the balloon.



They have also been working on gross motor skills; the Minnows and Tiddlers have had to use their climbing, balancing and crawling skills to navigate the obstacle course. The children have been making the most of their bikes in the sunny weather and have been practicing their pedalling and coordination.



Class Activities (continued)

Sticklebacks



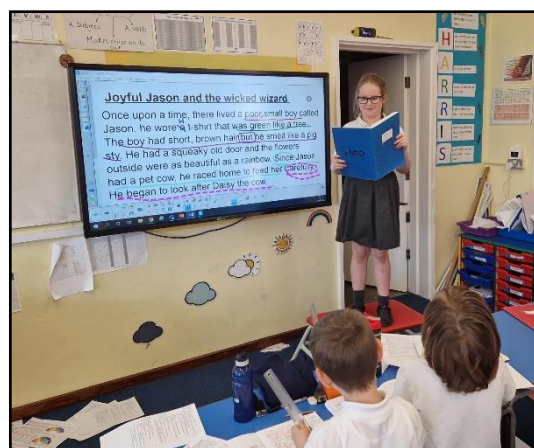
Sticklebacks were inspired by the work of Andy Warhol to create their own piece of pop art. It was linked to their topic of 'No Place Like Home' and the thought about objects that you might find in a home. The children drew their image and then copied it into all four parts of their cushion. They used fabric pens to colour their image and made sure that they chose bright contrasting colours to replicate the style of Andy Warhol. Thank you to Mrs Bartram and Ms Tustian for sewing up the cushions so that the children could stuff them. They really enjoyed making them. What everyday objects can you spot on their cushions?

On Monday Sticklebacks went on a materials hunt around the school. They sorted the objects into the different materials they were made from and the children wrote labels for each section of their chart on the playground.



Seahorses

This week the Seahorses made posters about America in their topic lesson. They have also been writing fairytales in English and, in Maths, have worked more on their times tables as well as developing their problem solving and reasoning skills linked to money and statistics.



In PE the children have been developing their underarm throwing skills.

Stingrays

Stingrays have certainly made the most of the lovely weather this week. Whilst the Year 5 children were completing their Bikeability training, the Year 4 children continued to develop their health and wellbeing, completing a strength circuit outside on the MUGA.



As Wednesday was World Maths Day, the children spent much of their time completing practical Maths tasks, using all of our outdoor area. They had fun playing a multiplication true or false game and then spent the afternoon in the outdoor area investigating shape, patterns and measures.

They also enjoyed performing and writing poems on Monday for World Poetry Day and are hopefully all learning and practising a poem for their performances next Wednesday.

Also, **don't forget that next Tuesday 29th March at 2.45pm** is Stingrays Sharing Assembly and parents of this class are invited to attend; the children have created their own assembly of some of the things they have been learning since January.

Sharks

What a busy week it has been!

Monday was World Poetry Day and Sharks shared a number of classic poems, looking for the different 'tools' like rhythm, rhyme, onomatopoeia and similes that authors used to create different effects in their poems. Sharks then each chose a poem to practise reading aloud with expression to share with the class, and maybe even the whole school, next week. We look forward to hearing everyone's performances.

Wednesday was World Maths Day and Sharks developed their sense of number by using their estimating skills with some outdoor Maths: how far would they travel with 100 steps; how many flowers would there be in their hoop and what types of angles would they find in nature. Sharks have also been learning how to measure and draw angles using a protractor, so they took their protractors out to check the accuracy of their estimates.

It has also been Shakespeare week. Sharks took part in a live lesson to develop their history skills by using primary and secondary sources to find out about Shakespeare's life. In another live lesson, author Michael Rosen shared some of his favourite extracts from *The Tempest* and gave us some ideas to write our own poems inspired by Shakespeare.

A group of children from Year 5 have also enjoyed their Bikeability lessons this week, developing their understanding of road safety and safe cycling skills.

World Maths Day



'Child of the Week'

<i>Tiddlers & Minnows</i>	Emilia P and Thomas A
<i>Sticklebacks</i>	Elodie Z and Naomi S
<i>Seahorses</i>	Maddison A and Henry Mc
<i>Stingrays</i>	Miguel P and William K
<i>Sharks</i>	Asta H-E and James H

Super Sentence Writers :

<i>Minnows</i>	Luna K and April M
<i>Sticklebacks</i>	Elih N-B and Sam C

Family Group Points : **Unicorn**

Whole School Attendance : **89.42%**



Year 5 Bikeability Training



Most of our Year 5s from Stingrays and Sharks have just completed four days of Level 2 cycling training with Oxfordshire's Bikeability instructors.

After learning about their own bike and the correct way to cycle, as well as the basic rules of the road, the children were taken in to the village to be taught exactly how to behave in traffic. On the last day the children were tested on the

Highway Code and given the final important information they need for cycling on the open road.

All our pupils passed their Cycling Proficiency course and received a certificate and badge in today's Worship. Well done Fritwell!



Friends of Fritwell School (FoFS)

FRITWELL SCHOOL

FAMILY FUN

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday 2nd April

Gates Open at 12.30pm

Tickets in Advance: £4.00, On the Gate: £4.50
Adult Ticket Price: only £1.00, Under 1s are Free

BBQ - Bar - Refreshments

Tombola - Egg Rolling - Stalls

Card accepted on the BBQ and Bar, otherwise this is a cash only event.

TICKETS SELLING FAST!!

GREAT SOCIAL EVENT

EACH CHILD WINS 3 QUALITY EGGS!!

Tickets available through FoFS, email: fofs@fritwell.oxon.sch.uk or contact: Rebecca Kyte on 07971343885

Mr Hart's Egg rolling competition!!

Decorate a hard boiled egg
Bring it to the egg hunt
The one that rolls the furthest WINS!!
Prizes donated by FOFS for
EYFS

Key Stage 1
Key Stage 2



EGG ROLLING AT 1PM- DON'T FORGET YOUR EGG

Vacancy – Early Years Support Worker 1:1

We are looking for the right applicant to fill a role based in our EYFS unit, supporting a child with additional needs, for 30 hours per week, covering mornings, lunchtime and afternoons during term time only. The contract will be linked to the continued attendance of the child at our school.

For detailed information about the position and an application form please see the school's website, the Oxfordshire County Council school vacancies page, or speak to one of us in the office.

Piano Exam

Congratulations must go to Zoe W who has passed her Grade 1 piano exam with merit. Well done Zoe – keep it up!

School Times

Please be reminded that the school gates open at 8.40am each morning and will be **closed at 8.50am**. This will also apply to the Sticklebacks and Early Years gates in the car park. Staff will be going to classrooms at this point and for security reasons we will not be leaving the gates open. If children are late for any reason they will need to come to the front door of the office.

Enjoy the sunshine this weekend!

Kind regards,

Jon Hart

Headteacher



Mondays a.m.

Tuesdays – 3.30 to 4.30pm

Wednesdays – 3.30 to 4.15pm

Wednesday Lunchtimes

Thursdays a.m.

Thursdays – 3.30 to 4.15pm

Thursdays – 3.30 to 4.30pm

Friday – 1.00pm

Friday – 1.15pm

Music for Schools Music Lessons

Football Club (Adam Bradley) Years 2 - 6

Sewing Circle Club Years 4 - 6

Boys Football Club Years 5 – 6

iRock

MultiSports Club (Premier) Years 1 - 3

Girls Football Club Years 4 - 6

Stingrays plus extras – Swimming

Seahorses – Forest School

Friday 25th March

Tuesday 29th March

Thursday 31st March

Thursday 31st March

Saturday 2nd April

Wednesday 6th April

Wednesday 6th April

Thursday 7th April

Friday 8th April

Monday 25th April

Thursday 26th May

Tuesday 5th July

Tuesday 12th July

FoFS School Disco

Stingrays Sharing Assembly 2.45pm

NCMP Weights & Heights – Reception and Year 6

Girls Football Match vs Chesterton

FoFS Easter Egg Hunt

Girls Football Match – Bure Park – away

Boys Football Match – Langford - home

iRock Concert 9.30am

Start of Easter holidays

Back to School

Sticklebacks Sharing Assembly 2.45pm

Seahorses Sharing Assembly 2.45pm

Tiddlers & Minnows Sharing Assembly 2.45pm