



Summer Newsletter 1

Dear Families

The sun is finally shining and I can (hopefully) stop complaining about mud for another school year! The bugs are out in force on our grassy areas, so please make sure your child comes to school either with legs covered or wearing insect repellent. Apparently, [citronella oil](#) is particularly effective.

Come along to our school Spring Fair tomorrow (Saturday 18th May) from 12-3pm to help raise much needed funds. Huge thanks to FOGMS and all of their volunteers for your hard work in preparing for this event.

Well done to our Hawk Owls (Y6) for smiling through their SATs tests this week. You are all superstars.

We had a great week with Hawk Owls in Marlow at the start of this term. They were all such good company and rose to every challenge. What an incredible bunch of children Hawk Owls are. Thank you so much to Sue Green and Nicola Hawksworth who came on the residential; you kept me laughing through the exhaustion and worked your socks off before, during and after the trip.

Huge congratulations to the Y5/6 netball team, who represented our school at the South Oxfordshire Schools Finals at Wallingford School on Tuesday. They won! Vicki Coyle, who coaches the team, said:

Very proud of the netball team. They represented the school beautifully. A close game 10-9 to Great Milton. So pleased for the team. Well done! Thank you to Vicki for your commitment to this team and thanks to the parents who did the picking up and dropping off- we couldn't do it without you!

Congratulations also to the Y3/4 athletes who represented us at the Wheatley Park Quad Kids event on Wednesday. Mrs Pearce said:

We came 2nd out of 7 schools. The whole team performed so well! The 300m was tough but each of them completed it and didn't give up. Otto had a clear lead from the start in his race and Ethan really pushed himself to overtake the lead runner on the final stretch which won him the race! Well done to all who took part; we are very proud of you all. Thank you to Mrs Pearce and Miss Bush who accompanied the children in the afternoon.

I experimented with sending out information via ParentMail as it came up, but I missed writing a newsletter to you all! I am not sure how many of you read it, but I know it is valued by those who do. I will keep them brief, but more regular...

Best Wishes

Alyson Frost and Team GM











1 - Athletics Stars!



2 - Great Team!



3 - Netball Champions!

Dates



Summer Term 😎

May

Mon-Thurs 13-16: KS2 SATs Week

Wed 15th: Y3/4 Quad Kids @Wheatley Park

Sat 18th: Spring Fair 12-3pm

Mon 20th: Big Summer Sing

Wed 22nd: School Nurse visit Y6

Fri 24th: Term Ends @3.30pm

Mon 27th-Fri 31st: Half Term

June

Mon 3rd: INSET DAY

Tues 4th: Term Starts

Wed 5th: Chance 2 Shine Cricket, KS2

Sat 8th: Great Milton Church Fete

Mon 10th- Fri 14th: Phonics Screening Week

Tues 11th: Swimming starts for Y3

Fri 14th: Y6 Euro 24 Live Writing Lesson

Wed 19th: Chance 2 Shine Cricket, KS2

Fri 21st: Sports Day 9.30-12pm

Mon 24th: IMPS Y6

Wed 26th: New Elf session with parents 1.30-3pm

Wed 26th: Chance 2 Shine Cricket, KS2

Wed 26th: Y6 Top Link at WPS

Thurs: 27th: SWIFT course with Lucy Beerling 9.30-10.30am

Sat 29th: BIG BASH @7.30pm

July

Mon 1st: Wheatley Park Transition Day 1

Mon 1st: Whole school transition day

Mon 1st: New Elf visit and new parent welcome meeting 9.30-11am

Tues 2nd: Wheatley Park Transition Day 2

Tues 2nd: Elf trip to Science Oxford

Wed 3rd: Chance 2 Shine Cricket, KS2

Thurs 4th: ODBE Year 6 Service at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford

Fri 5th: Lord Williams's School Transition Day

Tues 9th: Y5/Y6 Performance 2.00 -3.30pm

Wed 10th: Chance 2 Shine Cricket

Thurs 11th: Y3 trip to Harcourt Arboretum

Thurs 11th: Y5/Y6 Performance 6.30 -8.00pm

Fri 12th: KS2 Campout

Mon 15th-Fri 19th: WPS Work Experience students in school

Wed 17th: Chance 2 Shine Cricket, KS2

Thurs 18th: Y6 Leavers Service at St Mary's Church 1.45-3pm

Fri 19th: Rock Steady Concert 9.30am

Fri 19th: End of Term Celebration Worship 2-3pm

Tues 23rd: End of Term Tea Party

Wed 24th: Term Ends 1.30pm

September

Mon 2nd: INSET DAY

Tues 3rd: INSET DAY

Wed 4th: Term Starts (Elf 8.45-11.30am)

Thurs 5th: Elf 8.45-1pm

Fri 6th: Elf 8.45-3.30pm

Online Safety

Stay safe online
Remember the 5 SMART rules when using the Internet and mobile phones.

- S SAFE:** Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information – such as your full name, email address, phone number, home address, photos or school name – to people you are chatting with online.
- M MEET:** Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parents' or carers' permission and even then only when they can be present.
- A ACCEPTING:** Accepting emails, IM messages, or opening files, pictures or texts from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems – they may contain viruses or nasty messages!
- R RELIABLE:** Information you find on the internet may not be true, or someone online may be lying about who they are. Make sure you check information before you believe it.
- T TELL:** Tell your parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online.

Find out more at [Childnet's website ...](#)

On 19th April 2024, Ofcom released their annual Media Use and Attitudes Report, detailing the findings of several surveys and their implications for parents, children and young people in the UK. These statistics often include plenty of thought-provoking information relating to online safety.

The report itself is extremely extensive, so instead The National College has provided a bespoke selection of data gathered by Ofcom about children and young people's experiences on social media, video games and the like. Check their guide for a thorough breakdown of the headline findings.

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Attendance

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Our attendance target for all pupils is 97%. It only takes four days absence for your child to drop below this target. Please work with us to meet this 97% target. Currently, our attendance to date is 94.46%. This is below National Average for last academic year (95%).

As you know, I will not authorise requests to take children out of school for holidays during term time unless there are extreme circumstances.

Attendance figures for the year to date by class:

Elf: 94%

Tawny: 93%

Barn: 95%

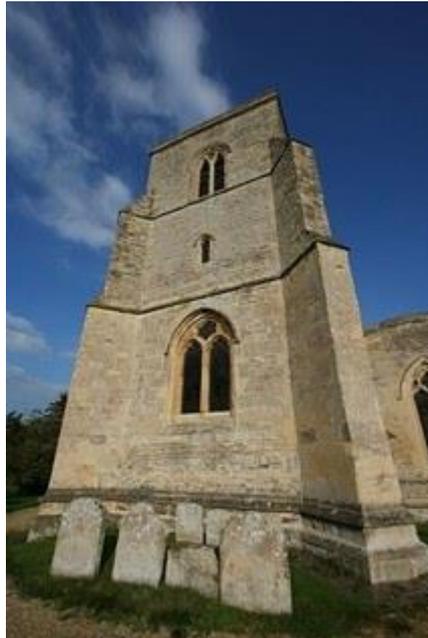
Snowy: 95%

Boreal: 95%

Eagle: 96%

Hawk: 93%

Community News



Come along to Great Milton Church Fete on Saturday 8th June from 2pm. Some of our school choir will be performing songs from The Big Summer Sing.



4 - Special thanks to 'Sam' the black cat from the Post Office for bringing good luck into our Y6 classroom during their SATs this week! I think she came in wondering why it was so quiet...



5 - Our Ox will be on display in Oxfordshire as part of the OxTrail to raise vital funds for Sobell House Hospice. We are close to raising our school target of £600, so if you are able to help us reach our goal, please contact us in the school office. (We are not allowed to show a full picture of the Ox yet!).

**Waterperry farm shop Climbing
the 3 peaks for
Cancer active & for our Geoff**



Katy Liddiard-Springett's
JustGiving Page






Katy Liddiard-Springett



May Normington



Lois Selmes



Gemma Selmes



Kate Hales

We are raising money in memory of my courageous husband Geoff.

On 3rd November 2022, aged 42 Geoff was diagnosed with cancer, only 4 months after we had got married. He died 4 weeks later on the 1st December. Geoff was an incredibly strong, talented, kind man and was the most amazing father to our 2 children. CANCERactive gave us hope and are a wonderful charity. Sadly for Geoff, time was against him, but for others this charity can save lives.

Myself and 4 of my close friends, Lois Selmes, May Normington, Gemma Selmes and Kate Hales are going to be climbing 3 mountains in 3 days. Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Snowdon. Geoff was very sporty and this is something we would have got round to doing together if he was still alive. We are doing this for you Geoff and I know you will be with us every step of the way!

Please help us to raise as much as we can for a charity that gave my husband hope and to help others through such a horrendous disease that takes so many lives!

6 - Call to Action! A family in our school are trying to raise 5k for a charity called Cancer Active. They are climbing the Three Peaks and would love it if you could sponsor them!