



Great Rollright C. E. Primary School

Weekly Newsletter



Friday November 4th 2022

Gold Book

This week we presented our Gold Book to:

Meadow: Lena & Sienna

Woodland: Carys & Pola

Ocean: Charlie & Daisy

Mountains: Alex & Roman

Well done!

Attendance

You should have received your child's attendance information for term 1 before half term. Some families will also receive letters and follow-up calls this week in response to the national drive to improve attendance. Whole school attendance information is also displayed in the school entrance hall.

The whole school attendance figure for term 1 is 96.7%. 7 children have taken a total of 16 unauthorised days so far this school year.

We would like our attendance figure to be as close to 100% as possible and I thank all of you for your continued efforts to get your children to school every day on time.

Art day at Oxford Brookes

On Thursday 20th October all of the children from Year 1 up to Year 6 were invited to spend a day at Oxford Brookes University working with trainee teachers to explore sculpture and expression.

The day involved sketching, making clay models and building dens. It was enormous fun for everyone. The trainee teachers will now work with the models and ideas from the children to produce a piece of artwork for the Kingham sculpture trail next May. We very much hope to be able to visit the exhibition and see the end product on display.

We are extremely grateful to the Kingham sculpture charity which organised and funded this opportunity for us and to everyone at Oxford Brookes who worked so hard to make it an enjoyable experience.

Ocean Class Museum – 'Rebellion'

This term, The Ocean Class have been studying a very exciting period of History in our 'Rebellion' topic which runs across the school. They have been busy learning about Boudicca and Roman Britain and, this week, the work in school and at home came together in a class museum which the children organised for everyone to visit.

Every child had their homework to share and could answer questions about their learning as other children visited their tables to learn more.

The class also spent a morning making replica shields and time was spent outside on the playground re-enacting some battle formations!

The Ocean Class have worked really hard and some of their wonderful homework will remain on display in the Dell.

School Christmas Cards

Please see the attached instructions on how to order personalised Christmas cards. Your child will be bringing their design home for you to see today. Please follow the instruction on the accompanying letter to complete your order.

CNS Hockey tournament

On Wednesday 19th October, Chipping Norton School hosted the annual partnership Hockey tournament. We played matches against the other small schools in the partnership and it was all very exciting as the scores were close!

When the winners were announced at the end, we were delighted to find that the boys had won the tournament!

Mrs Bell and Miss Williams accompanied the teams and were very proud of how everyone played and the great team spirit which was shown.

Well done to everyone – that's rugby, football and hockey champions this year!!!

Online safety guides

We have an online safety section under the 'Parent Information' tab of our school website. This is regularly updated with advice from education experts. There are several leaflets to download about the games/apps frequently chosen by children which make very useful reading for parents who want to understand a little more about the potential pitfalls and dangers of the online world.

New - Composer of the week

This year we have introduced a new feature to our daily routine – 'Composer of the week'.

Each week, we showcase the work of a different composer; playing their work in the classrooms as background music, during lunchtimes and at assembly. We will publish our 'composer of the week' in the newsletter in case you'd like to join in and play some of their wonderful music at home!

This week our composer of the week is Vaughan Williams.

Breakfast at Bus Club

This week we offered children the chance to bring their breakfast to school for the first time. Some people have already taken us up on this offer and we are keen to extend it.

If you would like your child to eat breakfast with us then they will obviously need to arrive early enough to achieve this! Morning bus club ends at 8.40am and all food would need to be finished by then. You are welcome to pack whatever your child eats in the morning but we would ask that you make healthy choices in line with our food policy. Ideal packed breakfasts would be ready made pots of cereal, yoghurts, pancakes, fruit etc. Please do remember that we DO NOT ALLOW ANY NUT PRODUCTS in school.

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Bags2school

On the 22nd November, we will be sending a collection of unwanted clothes to Bags2school. This is a charity which supports local fundraising and recycling by collecting and selling unwanted textiles. Please could you consider bagging up any unwanted textiles that you have at home and bring them into school on the morning of 21st November where they will be collected, weighed and then taken away to be re-distributed the next morning. The more we collect, the more money we raise for school. I will send a leaflet with details next term but wanted to give you early notice in case you were planning a half term clear out! Please tell your friends and neighbours about our collection too – every bit helps!

Value for this term

Our Christian Value for this week is **COURAGE**