

West Oxford Community Primary School

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WEST OXFORD COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Inspiring curious minds and responsible citizens.

We have high expectations

We aim for every child to enjoy school and to achieve or exceed expected progress.

We are an inclusive community

We value kindness and we celebrate and respect diversity.

We encourage a growth mindset

We believe that curiosity, effort and resilience are the keys to achievement.

We consider the future

We encourage healthy choices for ourselves, our community and our planet.

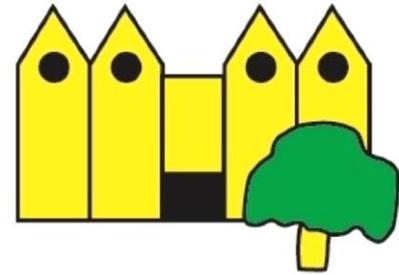
Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to school after half term.

I am writing this Newsletter in Miss Bladen's absence. Joey (our Chair of Governors) has explained that Miss Bladen's brother died during half term and she is now on compassionate leave while she cares for her mother and her nieces during this very difficult time. If you want to send your thoughts and condolences to Miss Bladen, you can do so via Joey or Mrs Carr in the school office.

This week in school is Art Week which has again been brilliant fun and we have enjoyed learning all about Nigeria. We all went to the Pitt Rivers to see up close the exhibits from Nigeria. We were able to handle various objects used in traditional celebrations, which included rather frightening masks. We did trails around the museum to find all of the Nigerian artefacts, a wooden carving of Queen Victoria being one of the more amusing objects. Becca, our guide, gave us lots of information and was also impressed by how much we already knew. She was able to inform us about the Benin culture and what remains of it today in modern day Nigeria.

Back at school, we have been busy applying our new found knowledge to our Art projects for the exhibition and enjoying having plenty of time to be creative. The highlights of this week have been the African Drumming and Dance Workshops. In the dance sessions, KS2 performed traditional celebratory dances from Nigeria and KS1 learnt to move in rhythm to the



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Upcoming Events

Monday 18 June

Multi-intelligence History Day
VICTORIANS

Tuesday 19 June

School Games Day
Year 3, 4, 5 & 6

Wednesday 20 June

School Games Day
Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & Year 2
Year 5 & 6 Parent/Child Book Look

Friday 22 June

Year 6 sports morning at MAS
Festival of Voices at Dorchester Abbey

Monday 25 June

Concert – Starter Orchestra and recorders
9:15am **REVISED DATE**

Friday 29 June

MAS Primary Sports Afternoon
Parent Forum 9:15am

Mon 2 July – Wed 4 July

Art Exhibition

Wednesday 4 July

Year 6 to Matthew Arnold
Whole School Transition

Thursday 5 July

Year 4 to Peter Pan

Friday 6 July

School Barbecue

Tuesday 10 July

West Oxford Wimbledon

Thursday 12 July

Summer Concert 7:00pm

Saturday 14 July

West Oxford Fun Day

Week beginning 16 July

Year 6 end of year production

Tuesday 17 July

EYFS to Bucklebury Farm

Tuesday 24 July

Year 6 leavers evening 6:30pm

Wednesday 25 July

Summer holidays begin at 1.15pm

drum beats. In the drumming workshops, we learnt the importance of following the discipline of African drumming and how to play various rhythms, including when the lead drummer plays solo pieces to contrast, making it far more challenging. Both days we ended with a whole school performance from our Year 6 class, who rose to the challenge and impressed us all with what they had learnt. The whole school was enthusiastic and open to having a go, demonstrating our growth mindsets in all aspects of our learning.



After the successful launch of the class assemblies by Year 3, Year 1 continued the success with a fantastic performance of the Snail and the Whale on Thursday 24 May. Each class in Key Stage 1 and 2 will be performing an assembly. The assemblies start at 9.15 am and are on the following dates:

Tuesday 12 June - Year 6
Thursday 14 June - Year 5
Tuesday 26 June - Year 4
Tuesday 17 July - Year 2

Many thanks to all the staff for organising these class assemblies.

We have welcomed Rebecca Wells to our school this week. Rebecca is our new School Business Manager. Her hours are Monday - Thursday: 9.30-2.30.

Please see the list of Upcoming Events on this Newsletter. The dates are also on the School Calendar on the School's website:

<http://westoxfordschool.co.uk/>

Have a good weekend.

Best wishes

Tessa Palfreyman
Deputy Head Teacher

More Important Information

FRIENDS AND FACEBOOK

New parents may not be aware that Friends of West Oxford has a Facebook group. This is a very useful platform for sharing information between parents and you are welcome to request to join.

Safeguarding children

If you have any concerns about the welfare of any child at West Oxford School, please report your concerns to Ms Clare Bladen, Designated Safeguarding Lead or Mrs Tessa Palfreyman, Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead or Miss Laura Cheeseman Designated Early Years Safeguarding lead at West Oxford Community Primary School.