



*'As individuals we let our 'light' shine, but **we shine brighter together.***

There has been some great learning over the past few weeks and I love nothing better than a knock at the door from children who have come to show me their work. I have had lots of visitors lately and seeing the excitement and pride in sharing their learning is always a real highlight. As always, curriculum information about what your child is learning this term is available on class pages of the school website—go to the Classes tab and select your child's class.

Our value this term is 'Courage' and we have started reflecting on times that we have stepped outside our comfort zone in Collective Worship. Year 6s shared their experience of their residential trip and the elements of it that had pushed and challenged them. Last week we held auditions for our KS2 production of 'Hoodwinked' and just yesterday, Mr. Maloney's musicians performed a concert to their parents. All of these are great examples of stepping outside of your comfort zone. There will be lots of other opportunities to do this and embrace new things over the coming weeks with sports events, the KS2 production and class transition days.

Over the next few weeks our Reception pupils next year will be joining us for their induction days and we look forward to welcoming them and their families to our school community. Here's to a busy Term 6!

Miss Prichard



Upcoming Events

Tuesday 16th June

New Reception Parents' Meeting, 6pm

Monday 22nd & Wednesday 24th

Support Plan Meetings, 3:30—5pm

Tuesday 23rd

Y5/6 Cricket Tournament, Malmesbury Cricket Club

Induction Visit: New Reception Pupils

Wednesday 24th

Y6 Athletics Festival, Malmesbury Secondary School

Thursday 25th

Sports Day, 1:15—3:15pm

Friday 26th & Monday 29th
INSET days

Not Just Fairweather Runners!



Given the rain on Monday morning, I didn't think we would have any runners for 'The Monday Mile'. How wrong I was! It was wonderful to see children from Reception to Year 6 running, along with parents and a grandparent. It was really refreshing running in the rain and my favourite 'Monday Mile' yet. If you feel like an active start to your week, come and join us—8:30am on the playing field every Monday.

The Agents of Change are keen to have a distance run on Sports Day, so this year there will be a Y1/2 400m race and a Y3/4 and Y5/6 800m race. And finally, on the subject of running, well done to our pupils who ran in the Cirencester Summer Sizzler on Wednesday.

Guitar, Ukulele and Piano Concert

Mr. Maloney's musicians showcased their skills in a concert to parents and grandparents on Thursday. It was wonderful to see their hard work come to life and they performed with confidence and enthusiasm. We are very proud of them all.



A Snapshot of our Fortnight...

Ruby

We have been tasting porridge—yum! and learning some first aid skills. We have been practising by putting plasters on our teddies.



Sapphire

We have been busy planting seeds and bulbs. We are using our scientific skill of observation and watching carefully. We have planted cress and beans and have cut up bulbs to see what is inside. We also have two caterpillars who are just starting to metamorphosise into a chrysalis so watch this space!



Emerald

We have been learning all about the digestive system and using a range of items to represent each stage of the digestive process. In Geography we have started learning about rainforests and some of the fascinating animals that call them home.



Diamond

We have been working on our throwing and catching skills in cricket. We've also started learning our lines and bringing our characters to life in 'Hoodwinked' rehearsals.



Celebrating UK Wildlife: Cast your Vote!

The Bank of England are designing the next series of banknotes and have produced a shortlist of animals, native to the UK, that could be used as the central image on the £5, £10, £20 and £50 notes. Celebrate the UK's wildlife and cast your vote on which animals you would like to see on the next series of banknotes by 3rd July: <https://share.google/xJG2VAFrFuyQvJS15>

Pastoral Care: ELSA Insight

Our school ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) sessions are an invaluable part of our pastoral care. Whilst these are often on an individual basis, some group sessions also take place. One of these group sessions is Lego® Therapy which is different to an after-school, more general club.

Lego Therapy is a structured, evidence-based intervention designed to help children develop social communication and emotional skills, transforming building blocks into a collaborative team activity, usually within a small group of three. Each child takes on one of three specific roles: engineer, supplier or builder.

Key benefits include:

- **Communication:** Verbalising precise needs and listening to peers.
- **Problem-Solving:** Resolving architectural issues and differences of opinion.
- **Social Skills:** Sharing, turn-taking, and celebrating joint success.



Assessments and End of Year Reports

You will receive your child's End of Year Report on 17th July. In addition, depending on what year group your child is, you may receive some further information relating to statutory assessments. These are:

- EYFS Early Learning Goals
- Y1 Phonics Screening/Y2 Re-test
- Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
- Year 6 SATs (Standard Assessment Tests)

You will receive further information explaining each of these along with your child's report. There will be a Parents' Open Evening on Monday 20th July from 3:15 to 5pm should you wish to discuss anything with your child's teacher.

Oakwell Breakfast and After-School Club

A reminder to ring the doorbell when dropping off and collecting children for Oakwell Breakfast and After-School Club. Please wait in the foyer for your child to be brought to you when collecting your child(ren).

Key Dates for the Diary

25th June	Sports Day, 1:15—3:15pm
3rd July	Reserve Sports Day, 1:15—3:15pm
Tuesday 14th July	Emerald and Diamond Drama Production: Afternoon Performance
Wednesday 15th July	Emerald and Diamond Drama Production: Evening Performance
Wednesday 22nd July	Y6 Leavers' Service, All Saints Church, 9:15—10:30am

Key dates can also be found on the School Jotter app in the calendar.

Superstars Celebration

Learning and attitudes recognised as 'above and beyond' are celebrated in our Weekly Superstars Celebration. Our Superstars this week are:

Ruby Class

Tadgh for always demonstrating our school values.

Sapphire Class

Jaco for working extremely hard in phonics all year. A true superstar!

Edward for showing courage and perseverance. Your fantastic writing this week is a great example of this.

Emerald Class

Molly for a huge improvement in her times tables recall. Go Molly!

Rosie for beautiful 'feather' artwork. Well done on great observational drawing and using watercolour pencils to create a striking effect.

Diamond Class

Hugh for putting a lot of effort into rehearsals and really bringing his character to life.

Harvey for great effort in lessons, particularly Maths.



Our 'We Shine Brighter Together' Award goes to someone who has demonstrated one of our school values and by doing so, contributes towards making our school the best it can be. This week's award goes to **Dylan** in Emerald Class for all of the small acts of kindness you carry out every single day. So many of your peers and adults have noticed this. Thank you.

From all the Staff and Governors at Oaksey CE Primary School



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