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From the Head Teacher

Calling all Scientists!

This year we are celebrating our Science Enrichment week during British Science Week which runs from 13th-17^h March, with the theme 'Connections'. We would love to get our wider school community involved in our celebrations so if you know someone or if you yourself would be interested in hosting a talk for other parents or running a workshop with some of our children then please do get in touch with Mr Manning via the school office email. We are passionate about raising the Science capital of our children and what better way to do this than show them that people they know and see at the school gate are real life Scientists!

Calling all Professions

As part of our PSHE programme we would like to set up a careers fayre so that the children can talk to a wide range of people doing different jobs. If you would be able to spare an hour to do this then please let us know, including days and times that are best for you.

School Bird Watch

I am delighted to say that Mr and Mrs Turton will be in school on Friday 10^h February to lead our school bird watch as part of The Nation Big Bird Watch. We are particularly excited as last year was cancelled due to Storm Eunice. If you could support the initiative by supplying the school with some bird food, we would be very grateful. Children can bring in their binoculars from home if they want to as long as they are clearly named.

Boxes of Tissues

At school we get through a large amount of tissues and it is very hard to keep up. We would be very grateful if parents would like to donate a box of tissues from time to time to their child's classroom. Thank you.

Key Areas of Information about Aston Rowant School: How does the school support mental health?

This week we have been focusing on Children's Mental Health Week. This year's theme is 'Let's Connect'. Let's Connect is about making meaningful connections for all, during Children's Mental Health Week – and beyond. We have explored the way in which people thrive in communities, and this connection is vital for our wellbeing. When we have healthy connections – to family, friends and others – this can support our mental health and our sense of wellbeing. And when our need for rewarding social connections is not met, we can sometimes feel isolated and lonely – which can have a negative impact on our mental health. We have been encouraging the children to connect with others in healthy, rewarding, and meaningful ways.

In assembly and in lessons we have talked about what mental health is. We talked about the fact that it is okay not to feel okay. We discussed how we can all look after our own wellbeing and activities we can do to make ourselves feel better. We talked about who can help us if we do not feel okay. We have talked about the fact that just as our body needs care and attention – so does our mind. This week we have reflected on how being connected with one another can help us be the very best that we can be.

And finally...

Don't forget to come as a rock star or number on Monday and bring a donation for the NSPCC. Tickets are still available for the Valentine's Disco on Friday. I have my dancing shoes at the ready!

Kind regards

Mrs France

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Teaching and Learning in the Classrooms this week:

Hedgehog Class:



The children in Hedgehog class have astounded us this week with some outstanding writing. We have been writing a play of "The great Race", A story of the Chinese Zodiac. The children have come up with their own lines for their characters and have been thinking about the different ways we can bring a story to life. They will be making a film of their play which will be put on our class page so do keep an eye out. We have also really been enjoying practicing our collage and painting skills to make our dragon puppets. This week we looked about how we can use different shapes in junk modelling to add extra features like eyes and teeth. The children are really developing specific modelling skills as well as the ability to take their time and add finishing touches to their work. We are learning to be proud of our achievements. We can't wait for our visit to a Chinese restaurant next week!



Squirrel Class:

Another busy week in Squirrel class and a warm welcome to our fabulous student teacher Miss Harris! Miss Harris is with us until 17th March, and we are delighted to have her in our classroom. She has been busy getting to know the children and supporting our learning each day. This week we have continued to read more traditional tales and fables, and we read 'The 3 Little Pigs' with actions to accompany the story. We also made playdoh pigs and wolves! The children will be writing their own ending to the story or retelling it from the wolf's perspective next week. Maths learning involved lots of hand on activities, with the children creating outdoor chalk number lines and sorting pasta in different equal groups to explore commutativity within multiplication. The children enjoyed practising and improving their ball skills in PE and in Music they appraised Bhangra music and sang songs with gusto! In our Geography learning we looked at the jobs in our local area and discussed why jobs are needed and important to society. These discussions around connections and people linked nicely with our learning this week on mental health and forming healthy, social relationships. Lastly, in Art we created colour wheels using primary and secondary colours with watercolours. The children really enjoyed experimenting with the paint and found the activity very calming. We also discussed how in order to promote a healthy mind, we could explore more creative activities, such as painting or mindful colouring to support our well-being.



Fox Class:

The class have worked really hard this week with editing their dragon report and then publishing it in their best handwriting. Some included maps where to find dragons and what their eggs looked like. We are now learning how to write useful instructions and understanding what the key ingredients are to make them effective. In music, children have really enjoyed listening to a new piece of music each week and trying to place what country the music may be from and what instruments have been used. So far, we've listened to music from China, India and Turkey. They are really learning how to appreciate a different range of music styles. In addition, I have noticed that by focusing and listening carefully trying to identify the country and what instruments are being used, they are extremely attentive and support each other with their suggestions – one of many examples of our class being connected. Furthermore, in our class assembly we made a class jigsaw which shows that we are all different, but we are all connected in being Fox Class. In French, to build on our knowledge of colours, children have been looking at how to use modifying adjectives such as light, dark and bright. In our History lesson this week, children were learning about the justice system of the Anglo Saxons and Vikings – I think they were a little surprised at how harsh some of the sentences were! We acted out a scene with children playing defendants, oath keepers and jury. It was interesting to see how they handed out sentencing!



Owl Class:

Owl Class were able to use their tastebuds to explore Mexico this week, as they sampled some blue corn tortilla chips, and identified the Three Sisters planting method traditionally used by indigenous South American people across the Americas: the children were quick to identify how each plant helps support and protect the other. We soon worked this into our collective worship later that week; talking about how we can help and be helped by other, just another example of how Aston Rowant children grow together. In English we have been responding to rather threatening letters from the Big Bad Wolf, and have written back some formal responses, as well as discussing how sentence structure can affect or even completely alter the intended meaning, and how clarity is needed when writing to another person. In PE, the Owls have danced up a storm to traditional Spanish and Mexican music making expressive forms and shapes, and in CT we were able to play with our new resources from the Wonder Workshop! The children responded so well to these adorable and quirky little robots, and will be programming them for the remainder of this term and into next.

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Photo Diary of the Week

SPECTATOR DRAGON

Have some ideas for the Spectator dragon, including the habitat or interesting facts.

DESCRIPTION

You can make the Spectator dragon using an empty toilet paper roll. It is the cousin to the Spectator river dragon.

HABITAT

You can find the Spectator dragon in caves on mountains. It lives there with shiny objects that it likes and goes to the sea for fish to eat.

INTERESTING FACTS

It has teeth, ribs and scales and it has very long legs. It is not like the Spectator dragon but it is very different. It is not like the Spectator dragon but it is very different. It is not like the Spectator dragon but it is very different.

The Emerald dragon

The Emerald dragon is a dragon that is usually seen in the Indian ocean. The Emerald dragon is a very rare species of dragon. There is only four, then five left in the world.

What does it look like...

The Emerald dragon is a vibrant shade of blue and cyan, while juveniles are a shade of purple. Amazingly, The Emerald dragon is the size of two football fields. And has enormous horns.

Daisyford

The Emerald dragon feeds on seaweed while the young prey fish and amber. There is an E in Emerald because that means slow because that is how the Emerald dragon and that is how the Emerald dragon got its name.

clair (light)	foncé (dark)	vif (bright)
vert clair	vert foncé	vert vif
orange clair	orange foncé	orange vif
rouge clair	rouge foncé	rouge vif
jaune clair	jaune foncé	jaune vif
violet clair	violet foncé	violet vif
bleu clair	bleu foncé	bleu vif

Colours Word Bank

blanc	rouge	noir	jaune	vert	orange	rose	violet	gris
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Whole School Topic: Spring Term: Once Upon a Time

Values: Trust

We read a story from the Bible this week where Jesus' friends found themselves in a scary situation when a storm rose up and they were in a small fishing boat. Jesus asked the disciples two questions: *Where was your faith? Why didn't you trust me?* We talked about how it can be difficult to trust when we are worried or frightened but that we can trust in God in every situation because he is always with us.

'Do not fear for I am with you.' Isaiah 31:41

Climate Warriors Challenge

Earth is in injury time, can the spirit of sport help change the score? It's Green Football Weekend – an opportunity for families to get involved with local club green events, or to score some 'green goals' for the professional football team they support – are Manchester United still top of the leader board?

Young Climate Warriors are challenged to get outside and away from their screens – and if football's not their thing there are other options. The climate change impact of the IT and digital technology sector are on a par with aviation impacts - and rising.

Upcoming Class Trips

We would like to give you notice about two upcoming class trips that we have arranged. On 17th March Fox and Owl classes will be going to Science Oxford, we will be asking for a voluntary contribution of £14.00 per child for this trip. On 20th April Hedgehog class will be going to Tigglywinkles Wildlife Hospital, we will be asking for a voluntary contribution of £21.00 per child for this trip.

Letters containing further details about the trips and payment, will follow shortly.

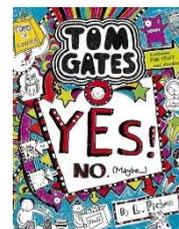
Recycling please!

One of our activities on Monday, during our Numbers Day, involves making some models. Please can we have any spare cardboard tubes and boxes you may have. These are also always greatly appreciated in Hedgehog Class for junk modelling at any time! Thank you.

Book Review – 'Yes! No. (Maybe...)' By Tom Gates, reviewed by Frazer, in Owl Class.

This book is about a boy who miraculously swapped business groups in school and must double up on jobs as much as possible, especially if the annoying Marco is looking, like he always is!

This is a very good book, which is hilarious, and I recommend it to all Tom Gates fans!



Happiness Calendar: Friendly February

This month, we're encouraging you to try something new! You can find this month's happiness calendar [here](#).

Housepoints

<i>House</i>	<i>This Week</i>	<i>Total</i>
Bethlehem	28	120
Eden	34	125
Galilee	24	137
Jerusalem	23	124

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Emails and Letters Sent this Week

Date	Email/Letter	For	From	Concerning
30 th Jan	Email	All Classes	Chinnor RFC	Chinnor RFC Multi Sport Day
3 rd Feb	Email	All Classes	Oxford and Cambridge Singing School	Oxford Singing Courses
3 rd Feb	Email	Fox and Owl Classes	The Office	Science Oxford trip
3 rd Feb	Email	All Classes	The Office	Wrap Around Care

Diary Dates Spring Term 2023 (New or revised dates in bold)

February	
Mon 6 th - Fri 10 th	ICT Enrichment Week including Internet Safety Day 7th
Monday 6 th	NSPCC's Numbers Day - and relaunch of TTRockstars. Dress up as a RockStar (£1 suggested donation for NSPCC). Competitions and maths activities.
Wednesday 8 th February	Squirrel – meet the teacher 2:45pm
Fri 10 th	PTA Valentine's Disco
Mon 13 th – Fri 17 th	Half Term
Monday 20 th	INSET
March	
Wednesday 1 st	Weights and Measures Reception and Year 6
Wednesday 1 st	World Book Day – come dressed as a word! Bring a book to swap.
Mon 13 th – Fri 17 th	Science Enrichment Week
Friday 17th	Fox and Owl class trip to Science Oxford
Tues 20 th Wed 21 st	Parents' evenings
Friday 24 th	2:30 pm Children's work and books available for parents to look at with children. Please note that to accommodate PTA film night this has moved a week forward.
Mon 27 th – Fri 31 st	RE Enrichment Week
Friday 31 st	School Closes 1:30pm 1:30 PTA film night
April	
20th April	Hedgehog class trip to Tiggywinkles Wildlife Hospital

Academic Year Calendar 2022-23

Autumn 22	
Tues 6 th Sept – Thurs 20 th Oct	Autumn Term (1)
Mon 24 th – Fri 28 th October	HALF TERM
Mon 31 st Oct – Tue 20 th Dec	Autumn Term (2)
Spring 23	
Wed 4 th Jan – Fri 10 th Feb	Spring Term (1)
Monday 13 th – Fri 17 th February	HALF TERM
Tues 21 st Feb - Fri 31 st Mar	Spring Term (2)
Summer 23	
Mon 17 th April - Thu 25 th May	Summer Term (1)
Mon 29 th May – Fri 2 nd June	HALF TERM
Mon 5 th June - Fri 21 st July	Summer Term (2)

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