

November 13th 2020 Newsletter

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Thank you to everyone who supported our fundraiser for Children in Need today – we raised an impressive **£125!** Local projects that will benefit include the Woodland Centre Trust in Wargrave which hosts indoor and outdoor activities so that children with autism feel less isolated; Berkshire Youth, which sets up mentoring support to young people at risk of exclusion so that they engage better at school; and Home Start West Berkshire which provides family group sessions for those on low incomes.

Throughout this week, we've learnt about ways to promote well-being with Joe Wicks' Five to Thrive **Respond** • **Engage** • **Relax** • **Play** • **Talk**. Alongside the fundraising today, we've joined in with the final part of Joe's 24 hour PE Challenge and cheered on our ducks as they bobbed their way round the obstacles of the Duck Race. It's been great fun!

Next week is Anti-bullying Week and children in all classes will be taking part in activities. We will also be providing **Say NO to bullying** booklets for all parents to support this work. This mini-handbook is written by Dr Julie Casey, an educational psychologist whose son was bullied at school.

Here at Checkendon, we are committed to providing a safe, caring and friendly environment for all our pupils. We would expect them to feel physically and emotionally safe in school, including an understanding of the issues relating to safety, such as bullying. We also want them to feel confident to seek support from school should they feel unsafe. Our Anti-bullying Policy is on the school website and provides more details about the safety arrangements we have in place.

In other news, you have probably noticed the scaffolding and the contractors working on the roof of the school building this week; they replaced a large section of the flat roof which had developed a leak. We are grateful to the Diocese for helping to fund this project and to Mrs. Tarbox for all her work behind the scenes to make this happen.

Warm regards,
Gillian Seymour



Thought for the Day



Pictures of the Week



Louis cooking some fabulous dauphinoise at home – looks delicious ☺

More Information

School Council

Alex, Jessie, Sam, Harper, Lukas, Ellie R and Jenson came together for the first School Council meeting this week with Mrs Peeling. The meeting was very productive with lots of discussion and decision making. Watch this space!



My Corner of the Countryside Photo Competition

The photo entries from both pupils and parents can now be seen on our website. Please visit

<https://checkendon.oxon.sch.uk/permalink/4281.html> to see the fabulous photos.



Bronze Times Table Awards

Congratulations to Wills, Jessie and Matteo for achieving their Bronze Times Table Award! Brilliant work ☺

Keys to Happiness

Inside Out is an innovative education charity created to improve the wellbeing of primary school children through 5 Keys to Happiness. Their purpose is to inspire children to be happy, inside and out. For more about the 5 Keys to Happiness, please refer to the document attached to this newsletter.



Worship for Sunday 15th November 2020

Please see this coming Sunday service choices below. For Zoom Meeting IDs and Passwords please refer to <http://langtreechurches.org/sunday-services/>

10am A Service of the Word with Revd John. Morning worship with Bible readings and prayers.
10am The Open Door with Revd Linda. An informal service to start the day with God.
11am Family Worship with Revd Kevin. A service for all ages for encouragement and hope.
11am Morning Service with Revd James 11am. Fellowship and prayer at the start of a new week.

Dates for your Diary

w/c 16 th November	Anti-bullying week
15 th November	Deadline for returning flu consent forms
20 th November	Flu Immunisations
w/c 30 th November	Book Fair (children only – more details to follow)
18 th December	End of Term - 2pm finish

And Finally....

Q: Why do you find toadstools so close together in the forest?

A: Because they don't need mushroom!!



Social News Feeds: <https://twitter.com/CheckendonSch>
<https://www.instagram.com/checkendonprimaryschool/>

This week children in Owllet Class

have been Space explorers! They have been reading the book Aliens Love Underpants and thinking about what aliens might look like. They have drawn pictures and created their own edible aliens using marshmallows.



In their learning project, 'We are Weather Forecasters' Owl Class

learned about the four seasons and created collages of trees in different seasons. They also started a weekly weather diary comparing the weather, temperature and rainfall each day.



During the week children in Panda Class had a French lesson outdoors, learning some of the key vocabulary that French children will use during their PE lessons. The children enjoyed a great game of 'Jacques a dit'.



Rhino Class pupils blasted off across our solar system this week and wrote mnemonic riddles to help them remember the order of the planets, blew up balloons to estimate the size of the planets in relation to one another and then ordered them.

