

February 5th 2021 Newsletter

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Thank you to everyone who responded to the recent **sports survey**; the deadline has been extended so that families with more than one child are able to feedback individually. We'll be reporting on the results next week.

Thanks also to everyone who has taken the time to email teachers with feedback about **remote learning**. All of us here at school and working from home are doing our very best to support pupils and we're working hard to improve our provision week on week. We understand how difficult it is for families at this time and we really appreciate your support: thank you!

It was great to see pupils and staff supporting **Children's Mental Health Week** by taking part in *Express Yourself* today. Earlier in the week, we were delighted that Susannah Lovegrove was able to join our worship to talk about what being creative means to her.

We all know that getting outside in **nature** is good for our mental health and it's great that pupils are getting involved in a wide range of **physical activity outdoors**. We've got photographs in this week's newsletter of bird watching, litter picking and stunt biking and here at school children have been den-building, dancing, running, playing football, practising basketball and circuit training. In our **Round the World Challenge**, we've reached the outskirts of Rome!

Next week, we support **Safer Internet Day** (9th February); we will be sending out fact sheets for parents to support children's online safety – with children spending more time than usual on devices it is particularly important that adults are vigilant about the dangers of internet access. Look out for more information in the coming days.

It's feeling like a bit of a long haul for most of us the moment; but we're all in this together and we'll get through it together. **We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.** Hebrews 6:19

Warm regards,
Gillian Seymour

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Pictures of the Week



Marley E taking part in the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch at the weekend.

Flo litter picking in the community



Marley C riding his bike over a home-made jump.

Zoë's fantastic jellyfish art.



More Information

Happy Birthday to :

- **Jensen** who was 9 on Tuesday and
- **Kitty C** who will be 8 tomorrow ☺



BBC Children In Need



As we all try to process the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, it can be difficult to know how best to empower, educate and connect children and young people so they feel supported through this difficult time. BBC Children in Need has identified **key resources** that can help. Please click on the link for further information: [Supporting children and young people through the pandemic - BBC Children in Need](#)

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Congratulations to Mrs Thomas

Throughout January Mrs Thomas took part in a challenge to raise money for Maggie's Centre Oxford; a cancer charity. Maggie's offer help and support throughout diagnosis and treatment. The challenge was to run 50 miles throughout January which Mrs Thomas completed and as a result, raised £319!



Safer Internet Day 9th February 2021 – "Together for a better internet"



On Tuesday we will celebrate **Safer Internet Day** with actions taking place right across the globe. With children spending more time online at home, it is extremely important that they are made aware of online safety. Being safe online means individuals are protecting themselves and others from online harms and risks which may jeopardise their personal information, lead to unsafe communications or even effect their mental health and wellbeing. Please refer to the Online Safety

information on our website <https://checkendon.oxon.sch.uk/permalink/4195.html> which offers many resources that will help keep your child safe online including tips, newsletters, guides and fact sheets regarding applications such as Snapchat, YouTube, TikTok and Fortnite.

Dress to Express



The children have gone all out today to 'Dress to Express' for Children's Mental Health Week. They expressed themselves by wearing favourite clothes, bright colours and funky accessories! Well done everyone ☺

Photos: **Kay-Jay** and **Deanna** in their Frozen outfits and **William** and **Joseph** looking great in bright blue!



Worship for Sunday 7th February

11am Morning Prayer with Revd Kevin. 636 645 195 and passcode 000162 A simple service to start the week, with a chance to chat afterwards. **Please do not share the zoom codes on social media. Thank you.**

And Finally....

Why did the computer squeak?
Somebody stepped on its mouse!

Checkendon C of E Primary School accepts no responsibility for the organisation of external events.



Children in Owllet Class planted the 'magic beans' sent to them by Mrs Wortley.

Children in Owl class were given the challenge of creating a polar scene in a box. Here is **Clio's** fabulous effort!



Wills calculating change for maths with his Sister, **Livi**.



As part of their learning project on adaptation, children in Rhino Class created mythical creatures. Here is **Lukas's** mythical creature, 'Stealthviller'.