
March 20th 2020 Newsletter

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It's been a strange old week hasn't it? After days of government updates and an ever-changing national and international situation; I can really only reiterate the current advice about hand washing and social distancing

- wash your hands often for at least 20 seconds
- always wash your hands when you get home or into work
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin then wash your hands
- avoid close contact with people who have symptoms
- only travel on public transport if you need to
- avoid social activities
- avoid events with large groups of people

Although it was unsettling for us all to say goodbye in these circumstances, it was lovely to finish the week with a flourish as we presented our Spring Term Class Cups to Hattie, Archie, Winter and Isaac and our Sports Cup To Freya. Well done to all these award winners!

There has been a tremendously warm and supportive atmosphere in school during the last few weeks which has really helped to sustain us all.

I know we'll meet again some sunny day
Keep smiling through
Just like you always do
'Till the blue skies drive the dark clouds far away

Warm regards,
Gillian Seymour



Thought for the Day

March 20th is the **International Day of Happiness**. As we face a **global** crisis together, let's find positive ways to look after ourselves and each other.

"When everything seems to be against you, remember that the airplane takes off against the wind, not with it"

Henry Ford

Primary Singing Festival



The fabulous Pandas singing at last Friday's concert in Oxford.



More Important News

Rights Respecting School Award

A Rights Respecting School not only teaches about [children's rights](#); it also models rights and respect in all its relationships, whether between children or between children and adults. Every week a quiz question is set by the School Values Ambassadors for children to think about with peers and adults. Last week's question was '**Does every child have the right to learn about the news from reports that they can understand?**' **Louis** was the name pulled out of the hat during worship today with the correct answer :

- ✓ *YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO GET INFORMATION that is suitable and beneficial for you from around the world through TV, radio, newspapers, social media and the internet.*

This week's question is: **Does every child have to be registered at birth?**

Newsletter

The newsletter will continue to be sent every Friday. We will keep you up to date with information as we get it as well as sharing class news. Meanwhile, please email us, office.3801@checkendon.oxon.sch.uk, should you have any questions or concerns.

We'd encourage you to share your home learning with your teacher – email updates and photos to the office and these will be forwarded on.

Keep in touch!

Rhino Class Update

This week in Rhino class we have been learning about light and how we see. The children made periscopes and explored shadows whilst investigating a 'crime' scene!



Panda Class Update

We have had a lovely week, reading Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, being creative for Mother's Day (shhh! it's a secret) and learning about the purpose of different parts of flowers while examining some of the daffodils growing on our school grounds.

Owl Class Update

Owl Class have been busy this week! In English, the children have been reading Aboriginal Dreamtime stories such as 'How the Kangaroo got its Tail' and the story of Tiddalick the frog. They did a fantastic job making puppets and they retold the stories with great detail and enthusiasm.

