

# WPA's Newsletter

Principal: Mrs Robinson

18<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Dear WPA parents and carers,

What a busy week it has been! We have welcomed so many of you into school to share in our harvest assemblies and to visit your children's classrooms to see their brilliant work. We are so grateful for your support and for the positive feedback we received from lots of you. The children have also had their winter flu vaccinations. They were very brave and supportive of one another and we feel very proud of them.

Next week is the last week of the half term. We hope you will all have a lovely time with your families and come back on the 4<sup>th</sup> of November, ready for even more adventures and learning. Teachers will upload half term homework next week. We would encourage children to try their best to complete their activities but do not worry if you are unable to complete all of it— we understand that family time, fun and rest are all vitally important too. Please keep up with the daily reading.

Key Dates for the remainder of this half term (see full calendar below)

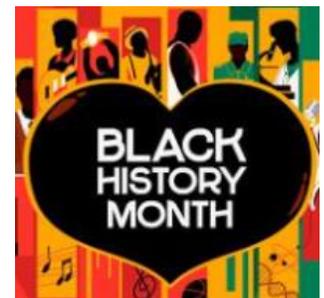
Date	Who?	Event
October (date TBC)	Year 3 pupils	Stone Age to Iron Age workshop
October 25 <sup>th</sup>	All pupils	End of term. Normal times of day

A BIG thank you for the generous donations of food and household items made by our WPA community. All of the donations will be passed on to our local food bank and distributed to families in need.



## Black History Month

The month of October is Black History Month in the UK, and at WPA, we have carried out a series of activities, lessons and assemblies, designed to explore this important area of the curriculum. Black History Month has been our focus this week and will continue next week too – it is a special time where we promote knowledge of black history, culture and heritage. Whilst our curriculum is broad and people from a range of backgrounds are discussed and celebrated all year round, we also mark Black History Month annually. Black History Month is important to us as it recognises and values the inspirational individuals and discusses key events that have shaped a generation. Our aim is to ensure we represent our amazing school community. During Black History Month, we remember and celebrate the important people from the past and also those who contribute to and help our society today. We will be taking the opportunity to celebrate the lives of positive black role models and the positive contribution people of colour have made and continue to make, as well as discussing fairness and opportunity. As expected, this will be undertaken in an age appropriate and considerate way. If you feel there is something you can offer or suggest, we'd love to hear from you. Please email us at [office@wantageprimaryacademy.org](mailto:office@wantageprimaryacademy.org). We look forward to teaching and learning all about it



## 'WPA Family Coffee Morning

Join us on Thursday 21st November at 8:45am and meet representatives from different groups in our community. Find out about local organisations such as Locality Community Support Service, Kingsgrove Community Church and GroW Grove and Wantage Family Community Group. Come and chat about the ways they may be able to support your family.

Further information will be sent out after half term.

We look forward to seeing you there.'



OXFORDSHIRE  
COUNTY COUNCIL

Dear parents,

My name is Ana Crockford and I work for the Locality Community Support Service (LCSS) and will be the link worker for ADD SETTING NAME HERE.

As the school's link worker, I offer support and guidance to school staff, can refer and signpost to external agencies and ensure all children and families, where needed, are offered Early Help. This might look like a Strengths and Needs conversation being had with families or attending a team around the family meeting. For more information on what Early Help is please see here: [Early-help-guide-for-families-Sept-2023.pdf \(oscb.org.uk\)](#)

The aim of LCSS is to ensure families have their support needs met by agencies within the community so that support is offered in a co-ordinated way, at the right time to make sure worries don't become bigger for children and their families. This could include support from school staff, school health nurse, a GP, the voluntary sector, anyone that offers a service to children and families. Please see further information here: [Early Help and the Locality Community Support Service \(LCSS\) - Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children Board \(oscb.org.uk\)](#)

There can be opportunities arranged for me to meet with you in person where I am happy to answer any questions you may have. I look forward to supporting your child's school to ensure all children and families are supported by Early Help when its needed.

Many thanks,

Ana

Please contact me via

[LCSS@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:LCSS@oxfordshire.gov.uk)



## Celebration Assembly

Very well done to Bianca (Year 6), Anna (Year 4), Raneet (Year 3), Bella (Year 5), Hugo and Haya (Reception) and Chloe (Nursery), Florence and Oscar (Year 1), RJ and Mikah (Year 2) for their amazing hard work this week.



## House Crest Art Competition

Thank you to all the pupils who submitted designs for our house crest competition.

All of the entries were excellent. Well done to our competition winners:

Blue team: Hallam (Year 6)

Red team: Natalia (Year 4)

Yellow team: Max (Year 3)

Green team: Ivy (Year 4)



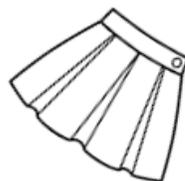
 **Wantage**  
PRIMARY ACADEMY



# School Uniform Swap Shop

**Please donate good, clean, unwanted school uniform to the school office on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

**In need of something? Come and look through donations at 3.25pm on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October outside the library**



**Next Week's Learning:**

Here is a short overview of the learning that will be taking place in each class next week. This enables parents to be more informed about what their children are doing in school and support where necessary. Please continue to read daily and carry out homework.

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
<p>Book focus: Pumpkin Soup Maths focus: Number 2 Phonics focus: Rhyme and Rhythm</p> <p>UTW: following instructions to make our own pumpkin soup. UTW: hands on exploration of pumpkins and other winter vegetables. EAD: printing apples to make little pumpkins. L: matching the animals from the story to the action they used when cooking. M: recognising the number 2.</p>	<p>Literacy &amp; PSED - exploring the importance of brushing our teeth, how we can care for our teeth and contribute to a healthy body. Maths - Subitising and representing 1,2,3 UTW - discussing what Dentists are and what they do within the community. Phonics - o and c sounds. Tricky words 'no' and 'go'.</p>	<p>Phonics-Basics 3 recap English-Senses poems Maths-Subtraction by crossing out, counting back and finding the difference Geography-To be able to compare our own locality to a contrasting British locality RE- To understand that Christians believe that God created the world. To understand why Christians believe that we should look after the world. Computing-Purple Mash tools</p>	<p>English - Writing a recount based on Halibut Jackson</p> <p>Maths - Mental addition and subtraction with 2-digit and 1-digit numbers</p> <p>Geography - Extreme weather</p> <p>History - Past and present monarchs</p> <p>RE - Is it possible to be kind to everyone?</p>	<p>English: Recapping word classes, conjunctions , powerful adjectives and verbs</p> <p>Maths: Complements to 100, estimation and recapping addition and subtraction</p> <p>Computing: Online safety</p> <p>Science: End of unit assessment</p> <p>Trip to Wantage Museum – Stone Age</p> <p>Spanish: Greetings and saying how we feel</p>	<p>Maths: Rounding numbers and using estimation, in addition Spellings: Year 4 Statutory Spellings. English: Beowulf Story RE: Where do Buddhists practice their religion?</p> <p>Spanish: Animals/Numbers continued Computing: Coding History: Ancient Ruins of the Vikings Art: Pumpkin art incorporating Pop Art</p>	<p>English - setting descriptions</p> <p>Maths - Multi-step subtraction worded problems</p> <p>Spellings - Year 5 and 6 spellings</p> <p>Computing - Internet Safety Citing Sources and Reliability History - Chronology Spanish - Euros and Internet Safety. Art - Exploring the work of famous architects.</p>	<p>English: Balanced argument on whether zoos are a good idea or not</p> <p>Maths: Long division with remainders</p> <p>Art: To be able to use the grid method to draw a face</p>

# Space Activity Days

## October Half-Term 2024

Give children the perfect fun-filled space-themed activity day! Exciting and adventure-packed activities, games and sports to keep children engaged during school holidays - promoting creativity, learning, imagination & social skills!

**Tues 29th Oct - Fri 1st Nov**

**09:00 - 16:00**

**Ladygrove Community Centre,  
Tamar Way, Didcot, OX11 7UQ**



**Accepting Childcare Vouchers  
10% Sibling Discount**

Full Day £37 per child

Half Day £27 per child

Scan the QR code or visit

[www.spacestore.co/activitydays](http://www.spacestore.co/activitydays)

Email: [activitydays@spacestore.co](mailto:activitydays@spacestore.co)

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Suitable for children  
aged 5 to 11 years  
£35 per child, per day.  
Sibling discount available  
See back for dates & venues!

# Firework Science



FUN SCIENCE ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS  
DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

# October Holiday Camps 2024: Venues and Dates

Monday 28th Oct	West Oxford Primary School, Ferry Hinksey Road, Oxford, OX2 0BY
Tuesday 29th Oct	Didcot Civic Hall, Britwell Road, Didcot, OX11 7JN
Wednesday 30th Oct	Begbroke Village Hall, Begbroke Lane, Begbroke, OX5 1RN
Thursday 31st Oct	Stockham Primary School, Stockham Way, Wantage, OX12 9HL
Friday 1st Nov	Caldecott Primary School, Caldecott Road, Abingdon, OX14 5HB

Daily - 9am to 3.30pm. £35 per child per day. Sibling discount available.

## Firework Science

Investigate the science behind fireworks in this exciting activity day. We'll take a brief look at the periodic table and then get stuck into practical investigations as we examine the elements and compounds used in fireworks and discover what colour flames they make. With safe practical investigations, fun craft activities and some great WOW moments, it'll be unforgettable!



To book, please go to the 'Science Holiday Camps' tab on our website and click the 'Register Now' button. All bookings are processed through Active Network. Spaces are subject to availability. Sibling discount available.

**Call: 01865 522 775**

**[www.brightsparksevents.co.uk](http://www.brightsparksevents.co.uk)**

[www.grovechallengers.com](http://www.grovechallengers.com)

# Score Goals, Make Friends



Grove Challengers  
Football Club

## **CALLING ALL GIRLS AGED 6, WE NEED YOU TO JOIN OUR TEAM!**

Is your child passionate about team sports? Grove Challengers Football Club invites all girls in Year 2 (ages 6-7) to join our girls-only football team. No experience needed - just a love for fun and sports!

### What we offer

- A fun-filled environment
- FA Qualified coaches



Training on Fridays 5:30-6:30pm

at Grove Rugby Club

If your daughter is interested, please contact Jon  
[jonpaterson5@hotmail.com](mailto:jonpaterson5@hotmail.com)

# Wantage & Grove Children's Clothes Bank



## Helping local families

We collect used and new children's clothes to pass on to local families in need of support.

For what and where to donate, please see our Facebook page or email us:

 wantageandgrovechildrensclothesbank

 w.g.clothesbank@gmail.com

 Wantage Community Church

Little People



**LEFT TO  
THEIR OWN  
DEVICES?**

‘Left to Their Own Devices?’ is an evening for parents and carers of under-11's to explore confident parenting in a world of screens.  
Drinks and desserts served!

**Monday 18th Nov, 7-9pm**  
**The Barn, Christ Church Abingdon, Northcourt Rd**

**BOOK YOUR SPOT AT**  
**[WWW.CCA.UK.NET/EVENTS](http://WWW.CCA.UK.NET/EVENTS)**



Have a lovely weekend.  
Best wishes,  
Hannah Robinson  
Principal