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Friday 18th October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a busy couple of weeks since our last newsletter.

Year 3 Performance



Yesterday, we had the pleasure of watching Year 3 perform their Ancient History production to a full school hall. Year 3 did so well: they remembered their lines, sang enthusiastically, and spoke clearly and with expression!

It was a brilliant production; full of knowledge and joy. We are so proud of Year 3 and their teachers and TAs for putting on such a great show for us.

Harvest Festival

Last week, we held our annual Harvest Festival in school with our Reception and Year 1 and 2 pupils. Thank you so much for your donations of food which will be passed on to the Wantage and Grove Food Bank. Thank you too to Mrs Boehm for playing the piano and teaching us our harvest songs, and to Revd Katherine for leading the Harvest Festival for us.



Parliament Trip

On Tuesday last week, members of our Pupil Parliament from Years 4, 5 and 6 visited the Houses of Parliament. This was the most wonderful experience for our pupils, and it was a privilege to be invited into places that you only normally see on television. We were able to have a good look around the House of Lords and Westminster Hall, and we stood in the lobby outside the House of Commons (which was in session, so sadly we could not go in). A highlight for us was meeting our local MP, Olly Glover, who came to say a special 'hello' to us during our workshop after the tour. We asked him a lot of questions about parliament and what it is like to be an MP.



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Tag Rugby

Also last week, Year 6 took part in the Vale tag rugby competition. As you can see from the photo, it was a wet experience! Well done to both teams for playing so well in such challenging conditions.



What Counts' Poem – World Record Poem for National Poetry Day

Here is the final version of the poem Y6 helped write with Laura Mucha. We have just listened to it and Year 6 spontaneously clapped themselves which was lovely.

<https://childrens.poetryarchive.org/poem/what-counts/>

WHAT DO YOU THINK COUNTS?

I'm counting how many licks to finish a lollipop,
how many times a grown up says "no",
how many marshmallows I can fit in my mouth,
how many times I cry about homework,
how many sticky notes I can put on Mum's face,
how many monsters I have in my head.

I'm counting the days
until I'm a famous tennis player,
days since the war started,
days until I see Daddy,
until I have a friend.

I'm counting on my Nain and Taid
because they give me hugs
and say "sweets cost 1p back in the day".
And the friends I don't need to pretend to,
that respect me, that play.
And my bunny, Binky,
my axolotl, Bob,
because although they eat my homework,
they always keep my secrets safe.

I'm counting on the people in power
to protect the planet,
on teachers
so I can get a good job,
money, a better life,
and my football coach
because
I WANT TO PLAY
IN THE PREMIER LEAGUE.

I'm counting cows on the way to school,
raindrops in my mouth,
memories of people I've lost.
I'm counting on someone
to love me no matter what,
to want the best for me,
keep their promises,
listen,
and keep me safe,
so I don't have to worry so much.
I'm counting on the small things –
because they all add up.

What do you think counts?



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The record attempt is still being checked but 100,000 - 150,000 pupils attended on the day so it looks like we will be record breakers for the second time! (Do you remember our record-breaking game of musical bumps a few years ago?!)

BBC 500 Words Competition

We are excited to inform you that Mrs Joyes has been accepted as a volunteer judge for the BBC's 500 Words competition. This is a great honour and I know that Mrs Joyes can't wait to start reading everyone's entries from around the country. The deadline to submit your 500-word stories is 8th November 2024, so if you would like to have a go there is still time to write something over half term.

For more information, please go to: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words>

The previous final is still available to watch on BBC iPlayer: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m001xg6d/500-words-2024-grand-final>

Free Family Links Parenting Course – by GROW Wantage



If you would like to learn some practical hints and tips about parenting, please contact GROW – the Grove and Wantage Family Community Group who are running a series of evenings about parenting next month.

The evenings are free and they are a great way to meet people and to grow your parenting skills.

Harvest Messy Church at Holy Trinity Church, Charlton – Saturday 19th October

Everyone is invited to HARVEST MESSY CHURCH with Wantage Parish on Saturday 19 October 1pm at Holy Trinity, Charlton. Harvest messy church is a free harvest themed afternoon to enjoy as a family followed with refreshments and worship. Messy church is large-aimed at families with children up to age 7, but everyone is welcome!



This is my final newsletter of Term 1, so I would like to wish everyone a lovely half term when it arrives on Friday 25th October. I'll look forward to seeing everyone back after half term for the start of Term 2 on Tuesday 6th November.

Yours sincerely,

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Calendar

Tuesday 22 October	3.20—6.30 pm	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 23 October	8.45 am	Pastoral Team Coffee Morning
Wednesday 23 October	3.20—5.30 pm	Parents' Evening
Friday 25 October	3.15 pm	End of Term 1
Tuesday 5 November		School reopens for Term 2
Wednesday 6 November	1.30—3.00 pm	Y6 to Literary Fest at the Beacon
Friday 8 November		Y5 Cake Sale
Monday 11—Friday 15 November		4DG swim every morning
Tuesday 12 November	9.30—11.00 am	Open Morning
Tuesday 12 November	3.30—5.00 pm	Basketball at Charlton School
Tuesday 12 November		Friends' Meeting – time TBC
Monday 18—Friday 22 November		3TW swim every morning
Monday 25—Friday 29 November		3CP swim every morning
Tuesday 26 November	9.30— 11.15 am	Boccia at WCE
Thursday 28 November		Non-Uniform in exchange for Hamper donations
Friday 6 December		Dickensian Evening
Tuesday 10 December	am	2AS to Victorian Christmas at the Museum
Thursday 12 December	am	2SC to Victorian Christmas at the Museum
Friday 13 December		Friends' Christmas Event
Wednesday 18 December		Christmas Dinner
Friday 20 December	12.15 pm	End of Term 2



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