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Newsletter Term 3 Number 6 Friday 14th February 2025

Values of the term: Diversity, tolerance and equality

"Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible." - Dalai Lama

Dear Parents,



This week, as part of Safer Internet Day, we read Oscar's Adventures in the Online World in Monday's whole school worship. It's an excellent book which provides opportunities for children to decide what cause of action Oscar should take to stay safe online.

As we know, the internet is a powerful tool that can provide instant information and enjoyment. A minority of children are coming into school talking about the large amount of time they spend on devices at home as well as the time they are on them. Research has shown excessive time spent by children on the internet can negatively impact their development in various ways. Please speak to your class teacher if you would like support on this matter. Technology is continuing to evolve at an incredible speed and will be a big part of your child's future.

Here is a link to the story if you would like to share with your child at home:

<https://online.fliphtml5.com/rotpe/jksg/#p=12>

This week's mental health message is from Nestor (Y6)

"When the going gets tough, the tough get going!"

Football Gala

Speaking of tough – a group of our Year 4/5 girls braved the elements on Wednesday – they attended a Football Gala at FCC where they worked on developing skills and played some matches. Mr Steven's said that they worked brilliantly as a team and only conceded 1 goal – way to go girls!



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Classes this week -

Acorns - have been sharing stories all about love ahead of Valentines Day. We have also been talking about things and people that we love. Big Acorns have been learning about odd and even numbers. Little Acorns have been learning about circles, squares and rectangles and identifying each of them.

Beech – Year 1's have been doing mixed addition and subtraction problems; Year 2's have been adding two 2-digit numbers. Today, we have changed the classroom into a Synagogue – we had a worship, kitchen and learning area which are parts of the community. Thank you to George and Mrs Gorham for making the Challah Bread.

Sycamore - This week we have been writing our Firework makers setting description into our portfolio books. We also had a super art lesson where we used watercolours to paint our best plum blossoms - they were all fantastic! In PE we had our last lesson of Yoga, this was such a brilliant experience for all the children. Lastly, we have been creating Science posters from our science investigations last Friday - all the children did really well presenting to the class. Well done Sycamore and I hope you have a great half-term.

Oak - This week, Oak have been uplevelling their argumentative writing into their portfolio books. In Maths, the Y6s have been multiplying and dividing decimal numbers as well as converting fractions, decimals and percentages. The Y5s have been rounding decimal numbers and working with fractions, decimals and percentages too. PC Dix came into Oak to discuss the importance of staying safe and the age of criminal responsibility. We had a rather wet yet exciting intra school Dodgeball on Monday - well done Dragon for winning. Today the children have presented their scientific experiments with fantastic clarity and confidence to their peers in class.



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Workshops - After half term, Sycamore will be visiting the Ashmolean Museum on Tuesday morning to attend an Ancient China workshop with a particular focus on the Shang Dynasty. Following this trip, Oak class will be visiting Pitt Rivers on Wednesday 26th February for a Benin workshop. A huge thank you to FOBS for supporting us with the costs for these trips – FOBS make so much possible for the children, and we are very grateful for their hard work and ongoing support.

Small schools transition – FCC are holding 2 extra transition mornings for small schools in the trust, to further support children with the challenges of moving up to a much bigger school. These will be held on **Wednesday 19th March** – between 9am-11am and on **Wednesday 23rd April** between 9am-12pm. Parents are asked to kindly organise transport to and from FCC on these days.

Inclusion – please find attached a Spring Newsletter from our trust inclusion team which highlights ongoing SEND and Inclusion work across our 18 Trust schools.



FOBS – exciting events to look forward to!
FOBS Bingo Night is on the 22nd March and the Spring family Fun day is on the 25th April – posters attached with more information.



Achievements

House	Horse	Ox	Dragon
Weekly total	73	74	92
Running total	429	476	438

This week's certificates have been awarded to:

- Acorns – Daisy J and Noah B
- Beech – Ava and Lucy
- Sycamore – Orest and Freddie
- Oak – Barnaby and James P



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Bronze badges have been awarded to:

Dragon: Henry T, Edward, Albie R

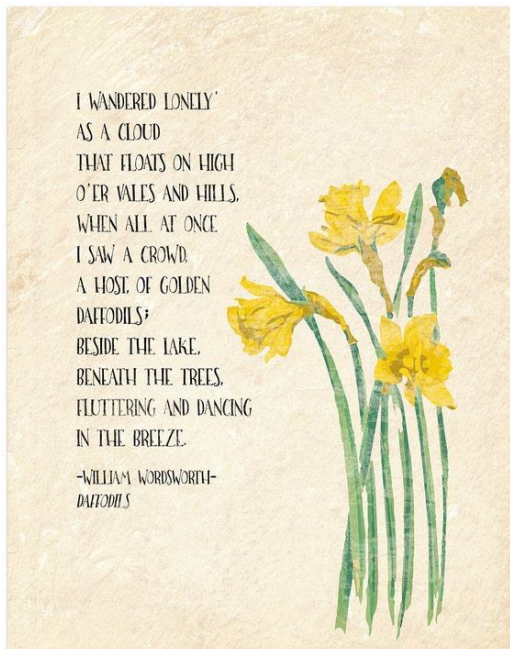
Ox: Imogen

Silver badges have been awarded to:

Dragon: Jacob

Ox: Matilda B and Sophia

Congratulations to all.



Have a lovely half term break, let's hope for some warmth in the light even though winter is still in the shade.

We look forward to seeing you all back at school on Monday 24th February,

Mrs Brown and the Buckland Team.