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Message from the Headteacher



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back. We continue to operate in interesting times but I am pleased to say the school is operating as it has been with our additional hygiene measures and this is most definitely now ingrained in our school culture.

For those of you who have students on the secondary site, you will be aware new national restrictions now require all secondary students to wear a mask in public areas; however, this really applies to large mainstream secondary schools, where the change of lessons means a lot of students come together in corridors at one time and at break. In our school, students are in their own classes and are not moving around. They use the corridors to access the toilets,

which are shared with 3 classes at the most and they do not ever encounter large groups in the way a mainstream secondary student would. For this reason, we still believe the risks of students wearing masks in school are higher than them not. With our students, we would not be able to ensure they were disposed of properly, worn at correct times, or not taken or touched by other students. Staff working with clinically vulnerable students are wearing masks and visas around them and we continue to use masks and visas when changing and feeding.

Some of you whose sons and daughters are extremely clinically vulnerable have received new letters asking you to shield again. If this is the case, please contact your class teacher to arrange a programme of learning at home. If you have not yet heard, please contact your consultant for further advice.

Thank you so much to those of you who responded to the secondary uniform consultation. We had 24 responses and 18 of you asked to move to the Mabel Prichard uniform. The majority asked for a Mabel Prichard blazer to be available (it is not compulsory) so we thought we would make that available and also make a school badge available that could be sewn to any black blazer and even over the top of the Oxford Academy ones if you choose to. Can I repeat there will never be a requirement to stop wearing any existing Oxford Academy uniform, it can be worn until a replacement is needed and then Mabel Prichard uniform would be bought instead. Once we have the details and the new uniform is available, we will publish the updated options on the website and write to you.

Please do keep asking questions. These are unusual times and we are keen to ensure there is a strong partnership to deliver the very best learning in the safest environment we can create.

Have a really good weekend.

Best wishes

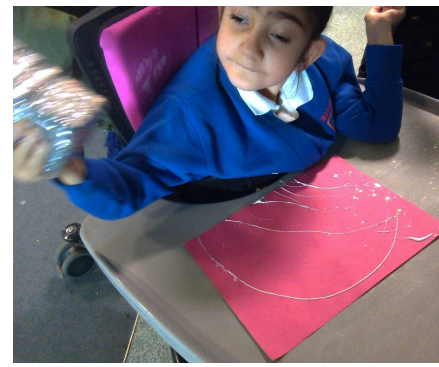
Lucy

Students of the Week

Orange: Kian	Purple: Dillion
Blue: Monzir, Jack & Leo	Red: Hassan & Jack
Yellow: Nedka	Green: Keiray
Bronze: Joshua	Silver: Lucas
Gold: Tom	Copper: Hayley
Platinum: Godson	Titanium: Dalton

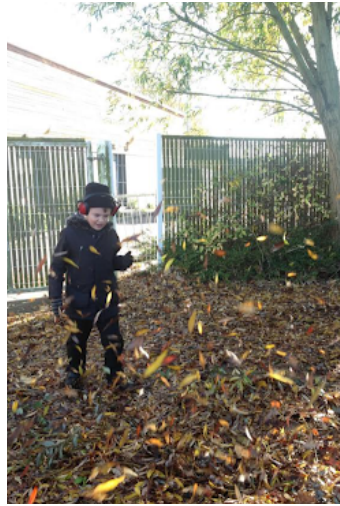
Blue Class

This week Blue Class has been learning about Bonfire Night. Pupils made artwork using different coloured glitter on Thursday and today we explored and tasted sweet and delicious marshmallows.



Gold Class

Gold Class has had a wonderful Autumn-y week! We loved collecting leaves for some hedgehog art work and interacting with a lovely bonfire night sensory story. We are loving all the colours in nature and using them to inspire our work.



Dates for your diary

18th December - Last day of term

13th May - Secondary Site School

Photographs

14th May- Primary Site School

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