

Newsletter - Summer Term 6 Week 5

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Message from the Headteacher



Dear Parents and Carers

We have had an exciting week. Today, we have Cat, our FoMP chair, outside taking hand prints of all staff and students to make us some lovely pictures. Earlier this week, we had our Sportsfests on each site and there are pictures further on in the newsletter. The highlight of both were the hobby horse races.

We are sadly saying goodbye to some teachers at the end of this year and I wanted to thank them for their hard work and contribution to our team. Firstly, Kevin Larsen will retire from teaching at the end of the year after a long career in special needs teaching, and we wish him all the best. We are also saying goodbye to Vicki Fleming who is moving to a school for children with Autistic Spectrum Conditions with no cognition difficulties. Kate Slater is also moving to a similar school in September and we wish them all the best in this new chapter of their careers. I am sure you will join me in thanking them all and sharing that they will be missed by the Mabel Prichard team.

We are welcoming three new teachers in their place. Lise Harris will teach in Silver, Lisa Martin will teach in Bronze and Carol Stone will teach in Green. They all come to us with experience in special needs teaching and we are excited to welcome them to Mabel Prichard.

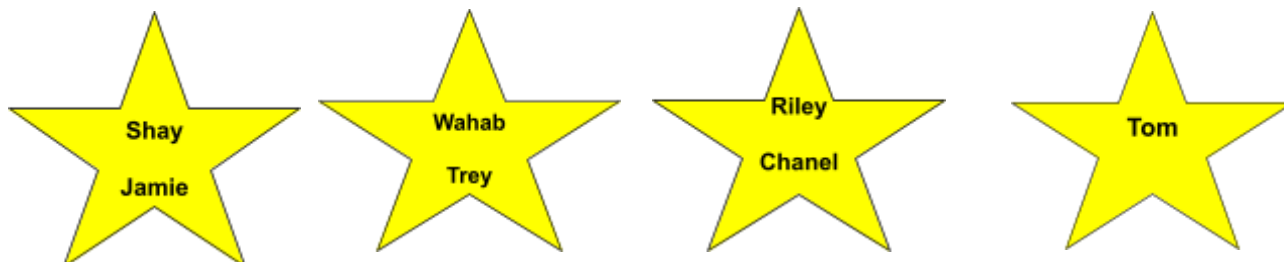
I also wanted to share that even though restrictions are lifting and guidance is changing, we are still observing our strict risk assessments. Cases in Oxford City were at 611 in every 100 000 on July 3rd, which was far higher than the national picture of 256 and they continue to rise. We are mindful that many of our students have vulnerabilities and they have not been vaccinated. We are also keen that no one has to isolate in the summer holidays and/or potentially miss a holiday. It is still too early to know how September will look and I will update everyone as soon as I can.

Have a really good weekend everyone. I believe something is happening on Sunday, so there may be some tired staff and students on Monday!

Take care

Lucy

Headteacher Awards



Captain Tom Awards



Dates for the Diary

Last day of term - 19th July 1pm finish

Yellow Class



This week in Yellow Class we enjoyed Sportsfest, we enjoyed running, balancing and using the bikes and ride-on equipment outside. We have been working hard on our turn taking skills in lots of different games and activities and are really enjoying playing different games with our friends. Our weekly trip to 'the big playground' has been a highlight of this term - particularly exploring the roundabout, swings and climbing frame.



Titanium Class



We have had an extra sporty week in Titanium Class. As well as our usual exercise routine of morning walks, yoga and dancing we enjoyed participating in Sportsfest. Before the big day, we crafted our very own hobby horse for the afternoon races. We collaged different brown tones onto a cardboard cut out, and carefully measured pieces of thread for the mane. This horse was lovingly named 'potato' by Jack. We have also been following the Euros and Wimbledon, watching the highlights each day and predicting who we think might win. We particularly enjoyed watching the highlights from the England vs Denmark match, and all cheered!



We also worked together to create a cake masterpiece, which we shared with learners and adults in other classes to say thank you for another wonderful year at Mabel Prichard with them.

Sportsfest 2021!



