



## Message from the Headteacher

### 14th June 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Eid ul-Adhah Mubarak to those of you celebrating. Have a wonderful festival and we look forward to hearing all about the celebrations afterwards. Please do send any photos in if your son or daughter is staying off on Monday to celebrate with you and your family, it is lovely to share them with classmates.

We are continuing with preparations for our summer festivals. Secondary is on July 11th and Primary is on July 12th. FoMP are running a tombola and if anyone would like to donate prizes, please could you send them in with your son or daughter, or give them to the primary or secondary reception. Also, if anyone knows any musicians who would like to play at the festival, that would be wonderful. Sometimes siblings are in bands in local schools, or parents and carers have secret talents. We always look to celebrate our whole community at our festivals, so we would like as many people as possible involved.

Next week we are holding our Teddy Bears' picnic for new Early Years/Key Stage One pupils and their parents and carers. All parents and carers of Early Years and Key Stage 1 children are invited, so our new children and families have an opportunity to meet everyone. You should have received an invitation in bags and this will also be posted on Dojo.

We are really hoping for some summer weather soon to support our events.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

Best wishes

Lucy

### Coming up:

Monday 10th June  
Eid ul-Adhah

Thursday 20th June  
EY/KS1 Teddy Bears'  
Picnic

Wednesday June 26th  
Wimbledon day

Thursday 11th July  
Secondary Summer  
Festival

Friday 12th July  
Primary Summer Festival

Friday 19th July  
Break up for summer  
holidays 1pm

Member of the



## Rainbow Class

Rainbow Class has been having a delightful summer term so far. Although the weather has been unpredictable, our spirits remain high. We've had a fantastic time working on the new skills we've learned throughout the year and enjoying many of our favourite lessons, along with a few new experiences.



We have especially loved getting out and about in the local community and are now well-known regulars at the Communi-Tea Cafe and Library. It is wonderful to see some friendly faces outside school. We have also made occasional trips to Rosie's Cafe to visit our friends in Secondary, and today we are planning another trip to the shops to prepare our Father's Day treats—shhh!



As a class, we are very excited about the last few weeks of term. The end of the year is always busy but full of fun activities. Let's hope the sun decides to join us for it all.

## Silver Class

Silver class have been playing lots of ball and bean bag games, focusing on basic sending and receiving techniques. This has been a great way to develop balance, agility, and coordination. We even discovered some great basketball players among us, and Sports Fest was a blast. It was the perfect opportunity to practise our throwing skills, and of course, we joined in with some water balloon fun.



Recently, we celebrated World Superman Day by turning ourselves into superheroes. It was a wonderful way to embrace what makes each of us unique and to celebrate our range of skills and talents. Our class loves listening to familiar stories with clear structures. We have been telling well-known stories through the use of widgets, sequencing, drawing, singing, and dancing. Additionally, we have been learning to identify and manage our emotions through colours and songs, which has been very engaging for everyone.



In our creative provision, we have supported our gross motor skills by rolling balls in paint and exploring collage. This week, our music session got a creative twist as we multitasked with drums and paint. The class worked well together, choosing tools and keeping a beat to background rhythms.

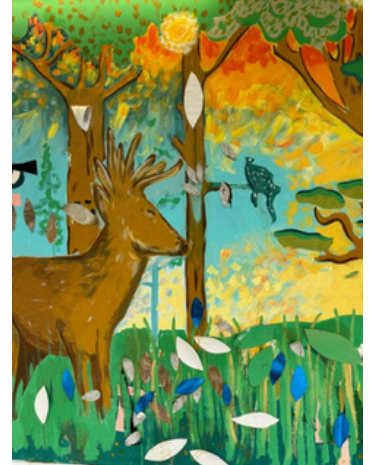
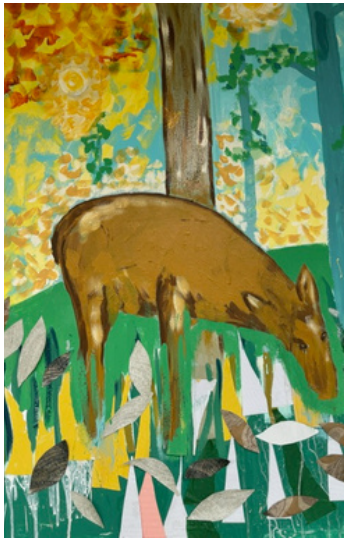


HEADTEACHER'S  
AWARDS



# Our Sensory story wall

Our work with silk screen artist and illustrator, Jon Mackay, is now finished. Jon will adding some finishing touches and we will launch the wall at the primary summer festival on July 12th



# Accessival

*Accessible Festival for the whole community*

Saturday 6th July 2024 - 11am-10pm  
Music - Beer - Food - Play



Thomley's festival is an opportunity for the whole community to experience the best of all the local festivals.

We will have various food stalls; alcohol stalls; live local bands on stage plus the best of Thomley for children and young people. Camping availability and camping pods available to book for the night before and night of the festival.



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[thomley.org.uk/events/accessival-festival/](http://thomley.org.uk/events/accessival-festival/)

## Skills Builder Focus: Aiming High

This term our Skills Builder Focus will be on 'Aiming High'. Everyone can Aim High, we all have strengths and areas to develop. Aiming High is about having clear goals that are relevant and important to you.



Last week as part of our Sports Fest all our learners knew what doing well looked like as we celebrated our sporting achievements across the school. This week we can think about working with care and pride in everything we do. Working carefully is really important in doing a good job, whatever the job may be. It may be working on using your hands to achieve a goal, holding writing tools correctly or forming our letters. Working carefully will help us all progress in whatever we are doing.

Before trying anything it helps to know what we need to do, have an idea about how to do it and have the right equipment available to us. Lots of us work best when we are exploring a task with limited distractions and have a plan. As you explore activities with your son or daughter it is great to use pictures, symbols and words to plan out the activities so that they know what job they are doing and what they need to do it well. For example, if you are having fun mark making you could model the activity, you could talk about what you might need to develop understanding or your son or daughter might be able to get what they need and decide what to create to develop their independence. There is an aided language board included this week around mark making that you might want to explore.

We would love to see anything you do at home with your son or daughter that shows them concentrating and or working carefully on anything that interests them.



### Opportunity for Post 16 Learners

In September Mabel Prichard School will be partnering with The Story Museum in Oxford and some of our post 16 learners will have the opportunity to attend work experience placements every Thursday. We will be working in Visitor Services, the shop and in the Small World Galleries. It is going to be a great experience for us.

There are also opportunities to explore over the summer. If you would like your son or daughter to have either a week block or single day work experience placements over the course of the holidays please contact Tor Broadley at school to book an appointment to discuss this opportunity.

Please note that parents would be responsible for transporting their son or daughter to and from their work placement at The Story Museum and putting in any appropriate support to meet the needs of their child during the placement.

## Upcoming Autism-friendly Openings at the Oxford University Museum of Natural History

Autism-Friendly Openings coming up at the Oxford University Museum of Natural History between now and the end of the Summer Holidays.






Friday 31st May, 9am - 10am  
Saturday 6th July, 9am - 10am  
Saturday 3rd August, 9am - 10am  
Friday 23rd August, 9am - 10am

The sessions are free but booking is required which can be done via the [website](#).



# Short Breaks

Please find below links to the March Short Breaks newsletters.



**Welcome to the March Short Breaks Update...**

Lots to share again this month...lambing, theatre & museum events, drumming, sports, cinema & other events in 2024!

We also have training & webinars...



**PARENT CARER SUPPORT GROUPS**

**Oxfordshire**

## Short Breaks Update for Families with Disabled Children and Young People March 24

### Short Breaks update - Parent/Carer Support Groups

# Keeping Safe Online



#### Parents & carers

Advice for parents and carers to help support children and young people in their safe and responsible use of the internet.

 Childnet



#### Keeping children safe online

Learn more about children's online safety. Advice and support to help you learn about staying safe online as a family.

 NSPCC



#### Homepage

Working with online safety experts, we're here to provide parents & carers with guidance, advice and support to keep children safe online

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