

Mabel Prichard School

Weekly Newsletter



Message from the Headteacher

21st June 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

The sun is finally shining and our learners have been taking advantage of the outdoor learning. The water play has been particularly popular and much fun has been had.

It has been fantastic to see the whole school immersing themselves in the maths capacity topic. Learners have been exploring capacity in water, sand, gloop and slime. It has been very engaging and enjoyable.

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 hoping the summer weather continues for these events.

We also have Pat St Clement (Pat Butcher from Eastenders) visiting some of our post 16 learners next week. Lots of us are very excited to meet her.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

Best wishes

Lucy

Coming up:

Wednesday 26th June
Wimbledon day

Thursday 27th June
EY/KS1 Teddy Bears'
Picnic

Thursday 11th July
Secondary Summer
Festival

Friday 12th July
Primary Summer Festival

Friday 19th July
Break up for summer
holidays 1pm

Member of the



News from the Classrooms

Oranage Class

What a year we have had in Orange Class and we are enjoying our final half term. We have made the most of the Summer weather, although not always predictable, using our outdoor learning spaces and visiting our local community. We have enjoyed some outside water play on the warmer days and we are beginning to gain confidence on our outdoor equipment. We have begun to use our outside learning for exploration, social interaction and our physical development sessions.



We have also started learning about healthy eating in our PSHE sessions, linked to our 'Love of Reading' book in Phonics, Errol's Garden. Through our book we have learnt about plants and growing fruit and veg. In our sessions we have looked at pictures of our own gardens and explored different plants and their smells, such as mint, coriander and lavender. We have cut up and tasted fruits and vegetables and we are looking forward to planting seeds next week.

Gold Class

Gold class have all had a very busy start to the summer term.

As part of our discussions around healthy lifestyles, we have been learning how to make treats like vegetable traybakes and fruit smoothies. Our chefs have enjoyed preparing and tasting these delicious snacks, all while learning about the benefits of healthy eating. Never wanting anything to go to waste, we used our leftovers to make a vegetable print artwork, which is now proudly displayed in the secondary kitchen.

This week, our Maths lessons have been all about capacity. We have been delighted with the hands-on nature of this unit, using colourful rice, pompoms, water, slime, dyed pasta, and even glittery potions to experiment with filling and emptying containers. This tactile approach has not only helped reinforce key vocabulary but has also provided a playful, fun, and engaging way for us to learn alongside our peers.



Our morning greeting sessions have been a tremendous success and are a firm Gold Class favourite. These sessions have given us the perfect opportunity to practice using Aided Language Boards to communicate with each other. It has been wonderful to see everyone's confidence grow as we have become more proficient in using these, and we look forward to building on this new-found learning in other sessions.

We are looking forward for the last few weeks of term, and cannot wait for the exciting activities and events that are coming up!



Noah



Andrew



George



Oliver



Nedka



Tristan



Damian

HEADTEACHER'S
AWARDS



Stas



Hassan



Jardell



Alistair
&
Abdulla



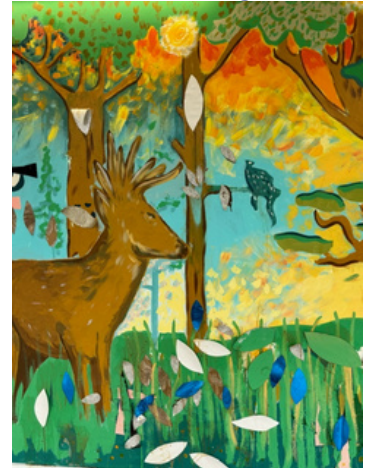
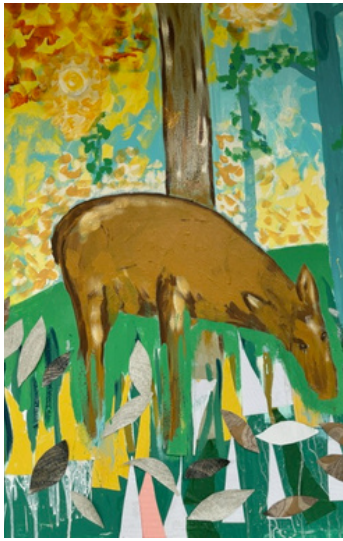
David



Nigel

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



SEND Oxfordshire Conversations for Parents and Carers

<https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/send-oxfordshire-conversations-for-parents-and-carers-july-2024>

Oxfordshire County Council are bringing together parents and carers of children and young people with SEND across Oxfordshire and representatives from the SEND local area, including the county council, NHS Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West Integrated Care Board and the Oxfordshire Parent Carers Forum in order to share a brief update on the overall progress they are making to improve SEND services and put a spotlight on:

- Listening to the voice and views of SEND children and young people.
- Their work with mainstream schools to develop enhanced support for SEND.
- Progress they are making to improve the timeliness of education and health care (EHC) needs assessments.

Throughout the events, there will be opportunities for attendees to ask questions and provide feedback. There are 2 sessions taking place on 1st July from 12:00-13:30 or 19:30-21:00. Booking closes on 28th June. Parents and carers also have the opportunity to complete a survey.

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.



Having a positive approach to new challenges is really important. If we only do the things that are easy and we can do, we will stop learning. When we first try a new skill, whatever it is, we tend not to be very good at it. We find it hard because we are having to do a lot of thinking. Exploring new challenges means that as we practise new skills and over time we get better at whatever it is.

In school, your son and daughter is always working hard to build their skills and learn new ones. When we are successful in new skills we feel good about ourselves.

This week everyone has been Aiming High in their Maths learning on the topic of capacity. It's been wonderful to see all the learners working with care, pride and a positive approach to their Maths lessons.





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.



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

Internet Matters



Parents and Carers

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