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A Visit from Mrs Wild

Last week we had a special visitor to school. Mrs Wild came to showcase her wonderful talent. She played her harp and used a loop to create some beautiful music with her violin and piano. Mrs Wild has limited space as your child would like piano or violin lessons.



LUNCHES

As there is a staff training day on Friday 9th February, lunches will be processed on Thursday morning. Therefore, please order hot lunches by the evening of Wednesday 7th Feb. Any orders received after this cannot be processed.



Christingle

Our Christingle service will take place on 4th February at 4pm Your child will bring home a collecting box today (one per family) which will be for your family to collect any small change to help the work of the Children's Society. You can return the box to school next Friday 2nd February or you can bring it with you to Church on Sunday. Thank you for your support with this

Be smart on the internet



Online Safety

Follow this link to find some tips for staying safe on line -

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/staying-safe-online/>

Parents' Evening

Parents' evening dates this term will be as follows. Zoom appointments will be available as well as in-person appointments. Sign-up sheets will be available soon.

Thursday 14th March

Avon class - 3.30-6.00pm Malvern class - 3.30-6.30pm
Cotswold - 3.30-6.00pm Severn class - 3.30-6.30pm

Tuesday - 12th March

Avon class - 3.30-6.00pm Malvern class - 3.30-6.30pm
Cotswold - 3.30-6.30pm Severn class - 3.30-6.30pm

Time to Talk Day is almost here!



Time to Talk Day is the nation's biggest mental health conversation. Happening every year, it's a day for friends, families, communities, and workplaces to come together to talk, listen and change lives

Time to Talk Day 2024 will take place on 1st February 2024. It's run by Mnd -

<https://www.mind.org.uk/>

and Rethink Mental Illness -

<https://www.rethink.org/>

Dates for your Diary

World Book Day - 7th March

-Wear your PJ's, bring your favourite book and a cushion and snuggle down to read.



Science Day - 19th March

Maths Day - 19th April - Wear something maths themed - look on the web for some amazing ideas!



Young Voices Visit

On Monday, 38 of our pupils from Years 3, 4 and 5 joined with around 6,000 other children at the World Resorts Arena to participate in the World's largest Choir concert. We sang and danced the night away – it was such good fun.

There were some wonderful guest artists – Nandi Bushell, MC Grammar and Natalie Williams.



Thank you to the PTA for providing the luminous yellow beanies for us – the children absolutely loved wearing them and they helped us easily locate the children from Offenham School.

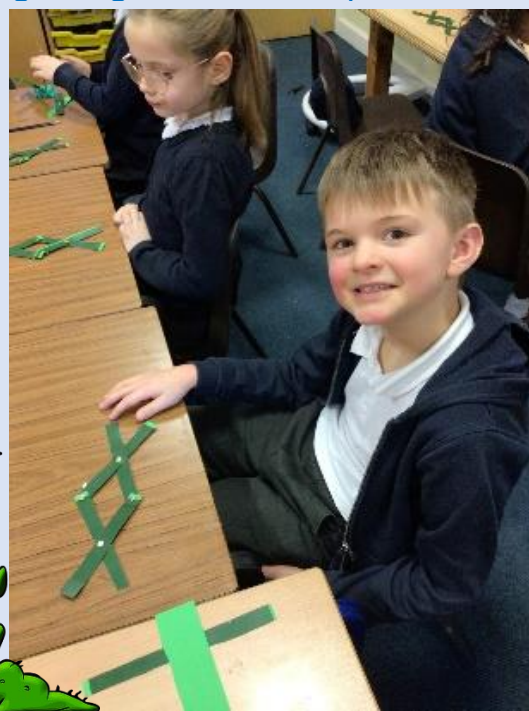
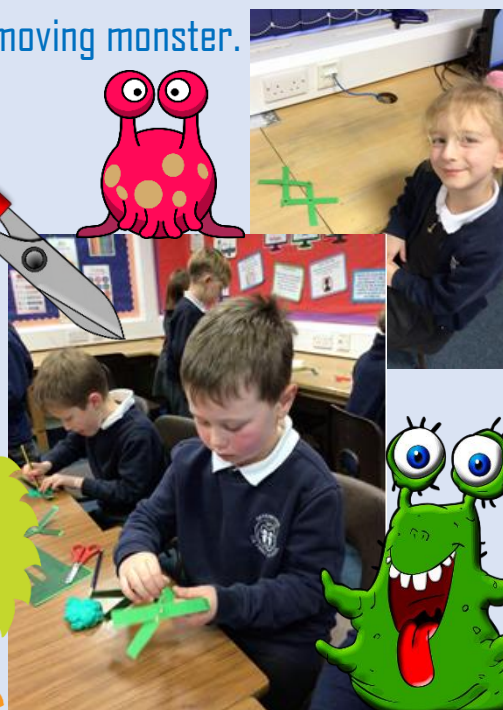
As always, the children's behaviour was so good and they made us proud of them; they were amazing ambassadors for our school! A big thank you to Mrs Owen who stepped in to help us at the last minute – we hope you had a good time too.



Design Technology in Malvern Class

This half term in Malvern class, Year one and Year two are using different mechanisms to create moving objects. Year one are currently designing their 'moving story book' using side to side and up and down mechanisms while Year two have been experimenting linkages, levers and pivots to find the best design for their moving monster.

After creating our mechanisms and discussing their uses, the children will then decide which will work best in their story or for their monster. We are very excited to share the end product with you!



Darcey's Health and Well-being Box

Here are Darcey's tips for the week from 'Action for happiness' – 'Happier January' calendar.

21 Try out something new to get out of your comfort zone

22 Plan something fun and invite others to join you

23 Put away digital devices and focus on being in the moment

24 Take a small step towards an important goal

25 Decide to lift people up rather than put them down

26 Choose one of your strengths and find a way to use it today

27 Challenge your negative thoughts and look for the upside

IMAGE OF THE WEEK

Because it was world belly laugh day on the 24th January, in our Monday morning WOW assembly, we looked at some comedy wildlife photographic images. Here are some that really made us laugh. Can you think of some witty captions to go with these wonderful photographs?



Music Box : This week we've been listening to 'Symphony 1 in C minor - Second movement - Allegretto Amorevole' from the English composer Alice Mary Smith - 1839 1884. Allegretto Amorevole means light, graceful and loving in Italian.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-gGoCshxfPI>

Thought of the week:

"Laughter is the best medicine...smiling is second"

Ian Somerhalder



SCHOOL DIARY DATES

- 02.02.24 – Year 5s to make Christingles
- 04.02.24 – Christingle Service
- 09.02.24 - Staff Training Day
- HALF TERM - Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February
- 07.03.24 – World Book Day
- 19.03.24 – Science Day
- 22.03.24 - TERM ENDS
- 08.04.24 – TERM STARTS FOR CHILDREN
- 19.04.24 – Maths Day
- 06.05.24 – May Day
- HALF TERM – 27th May – 31st May
- 24.05.24 - Staff Training Day
- 19.07.24 – TERM ENDS



Inter-House Sports Competitions

Autumn Term Results

Thank you to Mr Blenkinsop, our PE Lead for organising our competitions. At the end of the Autumn term all children took part in-house competitions.

Avon and Malvern class took part in relay race competitions, Cotswold class – had a dance competition and Severn class – had a tag rugby tournament.



The results as are follows -

3rd place with 70 points are the Sapphires

2nd place with 80 points are the Rubies

1st place with 100 points are Emeralds



Childnet – Information for parents about online issues:
<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/>

PTA DIARY DATES



Please watch this space!

Follow Offenham CE First School PTA on Facebook for information and updates.

REMINDERS



RECYCLING - We have a recycling drop-off point in our entrance area – you can bring your pens, batteries and empty crisp packets.



Water bottles - Children should bring a water bottle with them each day. If your child would like juice at lunch time, please send another bottle. ONLY WATER IN CLASS.



Safeguarding



Please could we ask that if your child has hurt themselves at home and has a scratch, bruise or bump that you email the office alerting us to this.

REMINDER – SCHOOL MEALS

School meals must be ordered on ParentPay by Thursday of the week before. **ANY ORDERS LATER THAN THAT WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.**

Health and Safety



Just a reminder that bikes and scooters should not be ridden across the playground. Please make sure to dismount and push them across the playground so that everyone remains safe.

Reader Helpers

If you can spare an hour or so to come and listen to children read, please speak to a member of staff. You will then be provided with all the required safeguarding forms to complete.



Offenham Baby and Toddler Group (NCT) takes place every Friday @ Offenham Village Hall 9.45-11-15am.

Awards This week:



Viv Bear – Henry Hig.

Cheer Bear – Nellie

Sports Award – Billy



Stars of the Week

Avon – Martha

Malvern – Jesse

Cotswold – Phoebe

Severn – Darcey



Golden Apples:

Avon – Isla V & Thomas

Malvern – Kara & Tyler

Cotswold – Arthur D & Arthur E

Severn – Ffion & Isaac

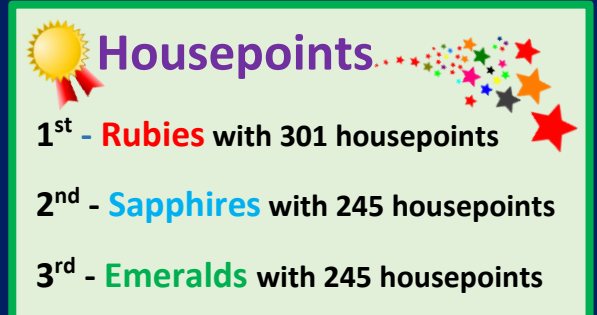


Housepoints

1st - **Rubies** with 301 housepoints

2nd - **Sapphires** with 245 housepoints

3rd - **Emeralds** with 245 housepoints



Birthdays

This week we celebrate the birthdays of Carson, Isaac T, Alberta, Emily and Nancy.

Father God, today we celebrate the birthdays of Carson, Isaac, Alberta, Emily and Nancy and we say thank you that they are part of our school family. We pray that they may grow in wisdom and grace; give dignity and respect to others and that they may know your hope and joy every day. Strengthen and bless them on their birthday and every day throughout the next year. Amen.

Attendance



Avon –94.3%

Malvern –99.5%

Cotswold –98.1%

Severn –98.3%

Overall–97.7%

