

Offenham C E First School

Newsletter - 8th February 2024



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We hope you all enjoy a wonderful half term break. It's been a short but busy half term and everyone has worked so hard to be the best they can be – well done!

Clubs

Please return your clubs letter the first Monday back after half term.
Thank you.



Thank You

Thank you to Esta, Isaac and Mother Jo for the wonderful church service they planned and delivered to us this morning.
We really enjoyed you ministering to us.



Children's Mental Health Week - February 5th - 11th

Head to the families page of the website to get some top tips to help your child's mind stay healthy.

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/families/>



ONLINE SAFETY - You will have received an email today outlining ways can keep your child safe on line and actions you can take to keep them safe by adjusting parental controls. **Please take the time to read it.**

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

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Cotswold - 3.30-6.30pm Severn class - 3.30-6.30pm

PTA Dates for your diary

FEBRUARY
8 th - Valentine's Golden Tickets
MARCH
1 st - School Disco - KS1 - 5.30-6.30 and KS2 - 6.45 - 7.45pm
15 th - Non-uniform day - please bring a bottle
15 th - Wine tasting evening
APRIL
12 th - non-uniform day - please bring a rainbow donation - further details to follow
12 th - Movie night
19 th - Family fun bingo evening
MAY
10 th - Non-uniform day - please bring a jar
18 th - Brass on the grass with Avonbank Brass Band
JUNE
21 st - Non-uniform - please bring a cake
23 rd - Summer Fayre
JULY
TBC - Teddy Bear's Picnic

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.



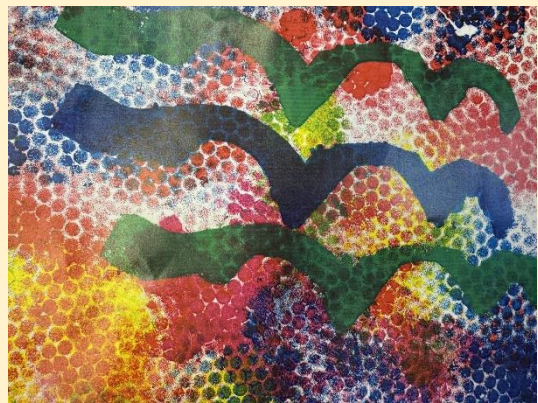
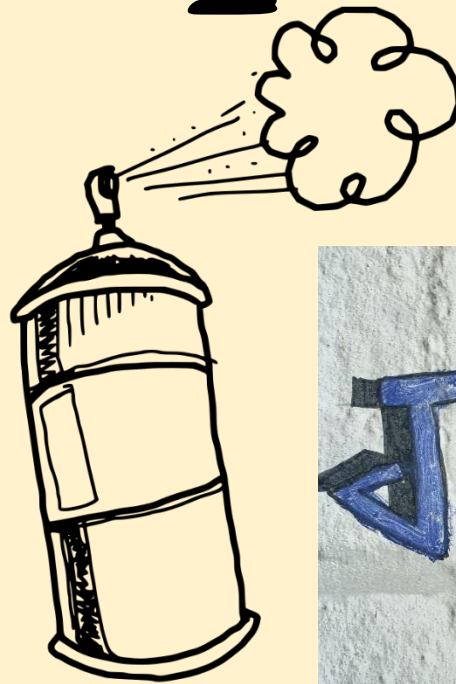
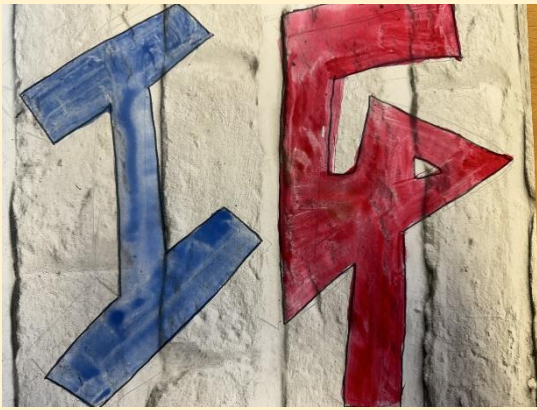
Science Day - 19th March

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



Art in Severn

We have been creating some amazing art pieces with Mrs Ellis this half term. We learnt about English graffiti artist Banksy and his stencil work. We discussed graffiti and street art and whether we think it is vandalism or art. As one of our techniques we will look at how artists can use a stencil to very quickly spray a picture onto a wall or surface. As you can see we created some fantastic stencil work.



Darcey's Health and Well-being Box

Here are Darcey's tips for the week from 'Action for happiness' – 'Friendlier February' is the theme of this month's calendar.

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Make time to have a friendly chat with a neighbour

6

Get back in touch with an old friend you've not seen for a while

7

Show an active interest by asking questions when talking to others

8

Share what you're feeling with someone you really trust

9

Thank someone and tell them how they made a difference for you

10

Look for good in others, particularly when you feel frustrated with them

11

Send an encouraging note to someone who needs a boost

12

Focus on being kind rather than being right

13

Smile at the people you see and brighten their day

14

Tell a loved one or friend why they are special to you

15

Support a local business with a positive online review or friendly message

16

Check in on someone who may be struggling and offer to help

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Appreciate the good qualities of someone in your life

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Respond kindly to everyone you talk to today, including yourself

IMAGE OF THE WEEK:

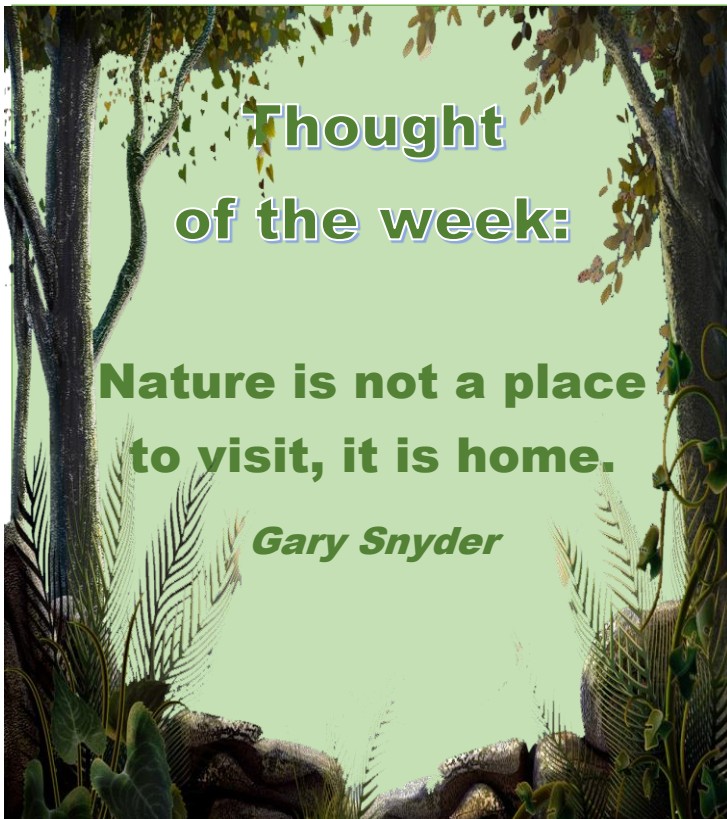
This week, in our Wow assembly, we learned how England's hedges would go around Earth ten times. Our hedgerows are full of beautiful creatures and plants and we would need to look after them. The quote below says it all - this amazing planet is our home.



Thought of the week:

Nature is not a place to visit, it is home.

Gary Snyder



Music Box



This week we've been listening to some music from the composer Teilman Susato who wrote music in the Renaissance period.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZJHBBH9gh2Y>



Childnet – Information for parents about online issues:

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/>

SCHOOL DIARY DATES

Friday 9th February - Staff Training Day

HALF TERM - Monday 12th - Friday 16th February

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day

Tuesday 12th March – Parent's Evening

Thursday 14th March – Parents Evening

Tuesday 19th March – Science Day

Friday 22nd March - TERM ENDS

Monday 8th April – TERM STARTS FOR CHILDREN

Friday 19th April – Maths Day

Monday 6th May – May Day

HALF TERM – 27th May – 31st May

Friday 24th May - Staff Training Day

Friday 19th July – TERM ENDS

Monday 22nd July – Staff Training Day



PTA DIARY DATES

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

Friday 1st March – School Disco

Friday 15th March – Non-uniform day (bottle)

Friday 15th March – Wine Tasting Evening

Friday 12th April – Non-uniform day (rainbow donation)

Friday 12th April – Movie Night

Friday 19th April – Family Fun Bingo Evening

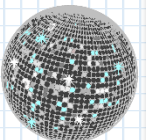
Friday 10th May – Non-uniform day (jar)

Sat. 18th May – Brass on the Grass with Avonbank Brass Band

Friday 21st June – Non-uniform day (cake)

Sunday 23rd June – Summer Fayre

TBC July – Teddy Bear's Picnic for new starters



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:

Birthdays and stars of the week will be celebrated in the first celebration assembly of next half term.



Attendance

Avon -92.4% Malvern -98.5%
Cotswold -97.1% Severn -93.7%

Overall-95.5% ✓



Happy half term break.