

Weekly Information Bulletin

Friday 23rd February 2024



World Book Day & Comic Relief - Friday 15th March 2024

On Friday 15th March we will be celebrating 'World Book Day' and 'Comic Relief'. To raise money for Comic Relief we are asking for a £1 donation to support this worthy cause.

If you would like to make a donation to comic relief please can your child bring £1 into school on Friday 15th March. Your child may come dressed in red clothing/fancy dress/as book characters or in their own clothes on this day. Prizes will be given for the best fancy dress costume during the day and children will be learning about the work of this fantastic charity.

On this day each student will receive a £1 World Book Day token. This can be swapped for one of the World Book Day Books or can be used to get £1 off a full priced book or audio book. Most booksellers will be taking part.

As usual, the Iffley Academy will also be celebrating with plenty of exciting events and competitions. These will include:

1. Spot the World Book Day lanyards competition and win a chance to read with the Packham House animals.
2. World Book Day's 10 Minute Story Sharing. We will be encouraging everyone from the Iffley Academy community to share a story on the day. Students and adults will be asked to bring in their favourite book.

Please encourage your child to join in the fun!



Hill End

This week Warhol class began their unit of work at Hill End. Across the term they will be learning about outdoor education, including shelter building, nature and habitats, teamwork, orienteering and outdoor cooking skills. Warhol had a fantastic first session exploring Hill End and all the various learning spaces they will be accessing across the term.



City Centre Campus Spring Open Event

City of Oxford College invites you to attend their upcoming Open Event. This event is taking place on 6th March from 4.30pm - 7.30pm. Please [click here](#) for further information and to register if you are planning on attending.

Earlier Finish Time - 28.03.24

Our last day of term is Thursday 28th March and we will be finishing at the earlier time of 1.00pm. We look forward to welcoming students back after the Easter holidays on Monday 15th April.

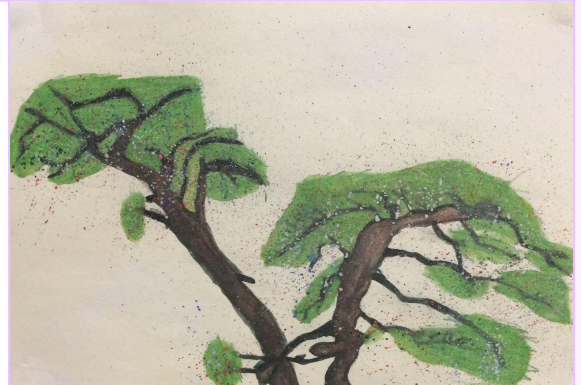
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Miro Class

Miro Class have been exploring the theme of China. Pupils have really enjoyed learning about the culture, food, religion and the history of the Shang Dynasty. Through the theme, we have enjoyed trying our hands at producing landscape art. During our cooking lessons we have continued to explore the theme through cooking. We have made sweet and sour chicken noodles and tried to make fortune cookies, developing our writing skills by writing our own fortunes to put inside.



Mid Year Attendance Review

We have recently completed the mid-year attendance review of all students and are delighted to share that 143 of our students have attendance figures above 90% and have noticed that for a group of students who were finding regular attendance difficult there has been great progress which should be celebrated. The school will be contacting families to check in and see if there are underlying reasons where attendance has fallen below 90% to see how we can support and work in partnership to improve your child's regular attendance at school.

We understand that everyone is unwell from time to time, medication appointments occur and sometimes other circumstances arise that require children to be absent from school. Regular school attendance is important and has a significant impact on children's achievements and outcomes. Following COVID, school attendance has been a high priority nationally and locally with various strategies in place to support families, schools and children to attend regularly. If your child's attendance falls below 90% the DfE classifies them as a 'persistent absentee' and if your child's attendance falls below 50% the DfE classifies them as a 'severe absentee'.

Information Event

This week five ex students returned to school to come and complete a Human Library event in the Guggenheim classes. They each went to class to share their experiences since leaving school and share their successes with us. The pupils are either currently completing apprenticeships, internships, college courses or work experience placements.

We are really proud of the successes of these pupils and are so pleased they were able to come back to school to tell our Guggenheim classes what it is like to leave school and move onto new opportunities.



Measles

Oxfordshire County Council have asked us to share a letter to parents and carers regarding the current rise in measles cases. Please [click here](#) to view this letter. Please contact reception if you require any further information.

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Save The Date - End of Term Celebration Assembly - Thursday 28th March

We will be inviting parents and carers into school on Thursday 28th March for our end of term assembly to celebrate students' achievements for this term.

We will be holding two assemblies one at 9.30 for classes Calder, Warhol, Lowry, Haring, Monet, Dali, Thorpe, Miro & Aardman.

The second assembly will be held at 11.15 and this will be for classes Kirby, Kusama, Hirst, Banksy, Kahlo, Brodskaya and Tula.

We will send out further information nearer the time.

Lunch Menu Week Commencing 26th February

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal	Macaroni Cheese	Chilli Beef <i>Gf/Df</i>	Roast Chicken <i>Gf/Df</i>	Pork Sausages <i>Df</i>	Beef Burger - <i>Gf/Df</i> Bun - <i>Df</i>
Vegetarian		Mixed Bean Chilli <i>Gf/Df/V</i>	Roast Quorn <i>V/Df</i>	Quorn Sausages <i>Df/V</i>	Spicy Bean Burger <i>Df/V</i> Bun - <i>Df</i>
Served With	Garlic Bread <i>Df/V</i> Sweetcorn <i>Df/V/Gf</i>	Rice <i>Gf/Df/V</i> Nachos <i>Df/V</i>	Roast Potatoes Gravy Carrots & Peas <i>Gf/Df/V</i>	Mash Potato Gravy Carrots & Peas	Chips Cheese - <i>Gf</i> Corn on the cob <i>Df/V/Gf</i>
Pudding	Cranberry & Oat Shortbread - <i>Df/V</i>	Jelly <i>Gf/Df/V</i>	Gingerbread Biscuit <i>Df</i>	Chocolate Fudge Cake Cream - <i>Gf</i>	White Chocolate Chip Cookie

There is a daily alternative of: Jacket Potato topped with either beans, cheese or tuna. Baguette/Sandwich filled with either cheese, ham or tuna.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 28th March 2024	End of term assembly
Thursday 28th March 2024	End of Term Two - Finish time of 1.00pm
Friday 29th March 2024	Bank Holiday
Monday 15th April 2024	Start of Term Three
Tuesday 16th April 2024	Termly Outcome Plan Evening
Monday 6th May 2024	Bank Holiday
Saturday 11th May 2024	Family Fun Day - 12-3pm
Friday 24th May 2024	End of Term
Monday 3rd June 2024	Start of Term
Tuesday 16th July 2024	Meet the New Teacher Event
Monday 22nd July 2024	End of Term Three