

Weekly Information Bulletin

Friday 7th June 2024



World War One

Students at Iffley Academy were treated to a unique experience as they found out about D-Day and simulated parachuting into Normandy! The two workshops were led by Andy Kempe, an Emeritus Professor of Drama Education at the University of Reading. Andy is a volunteer at Greenham Common Control Tower. With the 80th anniversary of D-Day approaching, he is keen to offer schools an opportunity to learn about the role Greenham Common played in that momentous day.

‘Drama is a great way of bringing history to life in a fun and accessible way without detracting from the serious, and in some cases, quite harrowing reality of events such as D-Day,’ said Andy.

In the session the students learned a little about some of the preparations for the airborne assault and were taken through the actual routine that the parachutists would have gone through in the early morning of June 6th. Perhaps more importantly, they got to consider what the men might have thought and felt as they literally took a leap into the darkness. History can involve concepts that our students find quite difficult but it’s nevertheless important to help them understand what big events meant at a personal, human level. This was an engaging session which I’m sure the students will remember for some time.



Oxford Science

Tate gallery took part in an interactive show run by Oxford Science about Forces as part of their science curriculum. We had lots of fun learning about gravity, friction, resistance and magnetism. Activities included being pulled along on a skateboard, building a bridge, creating a small rocket and learning how not to break an egg. Did you know that if you press on an egg at the top and the bottom at the same time it is almost impossible to break?! May be one to try at home!



Meet The Teacher Event - Tuesday 16th July (date for your diary)

We are inviting parents and carers into school on Tuesday 16th July to attend our Meet The Teacher Event.

We will be holding an information evening where parents and carers will have the opportunity to come into school to meet with your child’s new class teacher and other adults supporting the class.

Letters will be sent home with further information nearer the time.

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Dali Class

In the last week of last term Dali Class enjoyed a visit to Rutherford Appleton Laboratory (RAL) in Didcot. They had the exciting opportunity to trial/preview activities for the RAL space escape room before RAL's open day. We were one of three classes that participated in various activities and then students gave their feedback to the RAL team. Dali class were put in teams, they were given four activities to complete. For each completed activity they collected a jigsaw puzzle piece and by the end of all four activities they re-joined as a class to put their jigsaw pieces together.

This term, Dalí Class will be developing their drama and spoken word skills through film. We will use the film (and text) of 'Holes' to explore character, settings, and themes. We will be engaging in drama activities to develop empathy and communication, as well as an appreciation of theatre and film production.



Football Tournament

On Wednesday a group of students had a very exciting opportunity and travelled to Oxford United's training ground to play in a football tournament.

Students had a brilliant day and enjoyed being involved in this event.



End of Term Assembly - Monday 22nd July (Date for your diary)

We are inviting parents and carers into school on Monday 22nd July for our end of term assembly to celebrate students' achievements for this term.

We will be holding two assemblies:

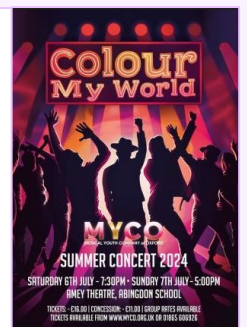
- 9.30 - Assembly for Calder, Warhol, Lowry, Haring, Monet, Dali, Thorpe, Miro and Aardman.
- 11.15 - Assembly for Kirby, Kusama, Hirst, Banksy, Kahlo, Brodskaya and Tula.

Parents & Carers are able to take their child home after the assembly if they wish.

MYCO Concert tickets

We have been offered a limited amount of tickets to the MYCO performance of 'Colour My World' at the Amey Theatre, Abingdon School on Saturday 6th July & Sunday 7th July. These tickets are free of charge for our students and their family.

We have been offered 15 tickets for both performances. If you would like some tickets, please contact reception. These tickets will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.



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Thermomix

We have been contacted by a parent who would like us to share some information on a product they have been using as it might be beneficial for other students.

A Thermomix is a versatile kitchen appliance that combines multiple functions into one device. It can chop, blend, cook, and even weigh ingredients, making it a valuable tool for individuals with disabilities.

If you would like any further information [Click here](#)

Lunch Menu Week Commencing 10th June

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal	Vegetarian Lasagne	Chicken with a Tomato and Basil Sauce <i>Gf, Df</i>	Roast Pork <i>Gf, Df</i>	Chicken with a BBQ sauce <i>Gf, Df</i>	Southern Fried Chicken
Vegetarian		Vegetables in a Tomato & Basil sauce <i>Gf, Df, V</i>	Roast Quorn <i>Df, V</i>	Quorn with a BBQ sauce <i>Df, V</i>	Southern Fried Quorn
Served With	Garlic Bread <i>Df, V</i> Green Beans <i>Gf, Df, V</i>	Rice Sweetcorn <i>Gf, Df, V</i>	Roast Potatoes Gravy Peas & Carrots <i>Gf, Df, V</i>	Mini Potatoes Corn on the Cob <i>Gf, Df, V</i>	Chips Beans <i>Gf, Df, V</i>
Pudding	Frozen Strawberry Mousse <i>Gf</i>	Red Velvet Biscuit	Jelly <i>Gf, Df, V</i>	Strawberry Cheesecake	Chocolate Tiffin

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

Tuesday 16th July 2024	Meet the New Teacher Event
Monday 22nd July 2024	End of term assembly
Monday 22nd July 2024	End of Term Three - finish time of 1pm
Wednesday 4th September 2024	Start of New Academic Year