



CHECKENDON C.E. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

21st April 2016

Diary for Term 5

Wednesday 27th April	Mobile Library
Thursday 28th April	Whole School Bluebell Walk <i>(Please bring suitable clothes/walking shoes in named bag)</i> Parents and Friends: Please let class teachers know by Monday 25th April if you would like to join us.

What have we been learning in school this week?

Owlet Class

Pupils in Owlet class have moved from volcanoes to dinosaurs this week. They have been painting and labelling various dinosaurs and have been exploring new vocabulary. Adeela the persona doll from Reading has been visiting and through her experiences at her school we have been talking about issues of fairness, tolerance and acceptance.

Children have been learning about doubles of numbers and playing games where they have to count on a number line to find the answers. During maths time the class have been telling and listening to stories which explore positional language.

Owl Class

Children in Owl Class have been inspired by Clare and Michael Morpurgo's book "Where My Wellies Take Me" to explore our local area, starting with the Equestrian Centre grounds. We have collected words to describe a variety of spring flowers so we can start to create our own poems and have been learning one of the poems in the book: "The Owl and the Pussycat". We have also weeded our garden, ready to plant this year's seeds.

Panda Class

In Panda class we have launched our geography topic about France with a visit from Mrs Gillingham to tell us all about life in France. The children enjoyed hearing about it first-hand. We also explored France in online atlases and even watched a French cartoon. We have embraced spring with open arms and a country dance; (well, so far we can make a circle and skip in and out. Watch this space!)

Rhino Class

In Rhino Class the children have been learning about debates and written arguments. They have had a very lively debate about whether children should wear uniform to school! They have been drawing and interpreting line graphs in maths. In science, the children have been learning about the function of the heart and lungs and have drawn detailed diagrams showing the circulatory system.

Farewell to Mrs Brereton and Mrs Cox

Many of you will be very sad to learn that we are saying goodbye to Mrs Brereton and Mrs Cox at the end of this academic year; Mrs Brereton is leaving to spend more time with her family and Mrs Cox to work in a bigger school. We will miss them both and we are very grateful for all they have done for the school during their time as class teachers here.

We will be advertising these posts and interviewing in the first week of May to ensure a smooth transition.

Bluebell Walk

Our annual walk through the Equestrian Centre and the Bluebell Woods of Checkendon will take place on Thursday 28th April. The staff and children will leave school at 1pm and will return before the end of the school day.

All the children take part in the walk, and it is lovely to have parents joining in the adventure as well.

Please let class teachers know by Monday 25th April if you are able to come along.

Please send your child to school in school uniform as normal, with clothes for the walk in a named carrier bag. These could include a warm jumper, tracksuit bottoms / leggings and some sensible walking shoes; a waterproof coat is essential.

We are sure that everyone will have a very enjoyable afternoon.

Your Views Matter!

We will shortly be sending home a letter to which we would appreciate your feedback on the Checkendon curriculum and growth mindsets. We would appreciate the returned forms by Monday 25th April.

This is me! Posters

We have received some lovely posters from the children that celebrate the diversity of our school community, thank you. If you have not yet returned this to school, please could you do so by Monday 25th April.

As a reminder we asked **every pupil and member of staff in the school** to produce an A4 representation (pictures, photos, words, drawings to reflect individual identity; this may include values, nationality, language, religion, traditions, club membership) entitled **This is me!**

Mr Boyer's Chess Club News

Well done to all the children who participated in this year's Delancey UK Schools Chess Challenge. I was particularly impressed with the levels of concentration and sportsmanship in our lunchtime sessions. Congratulations to Ella, Finn W, Jemima, Joshua T, Max, Olivia and Patrick, who have qualified for the Megafinals. If your child missed out on qualifying and are interested in the details of the "last chance" qualifiers this Sunday (24th) at St Nicholas School in Hurst near Wokingham, please let me know.

Owl Class Canopy

Hopefully by the end of the week Owl Class will be able to enjoy a wonderful new canopy, which as the weather gets a little warmer will no doubt encourage lots of outdoor learning and activities.

Thank you

A big thank you very much to Rob Butler for kindly donating the wooden cross spars and fixing them onto the fences along the side of Rhino Class and the hall to protect the new outdoor prayer space and make the playground a safer place for everyone.

Thank you very much to Mr Maddock who volunteered hours of his time and considerable expertise to transfer lots of video tapes of past events in the school onto DVD format. This will be an invaluable resource for the school into the future and we are very grateful!

Extra-Curricular Clubs

There are still spaces available on all of the clubs so don't forget to sign your child up.

School Council News

In School Council this week we discussed the problem of litter on the field and came up with the following action plan:

- * Bins will be taken onto the field promptly at the beginning of playtime.
- * The bins will be re-located next to the benches rather than at the entrance to the field. This means that the bins will be more central, whilst still being out of the way of any games being played and also they are near to where children choose to eat their snacks.
- * School Council and School Ambassadors will politely request children they see dropping litter to place it in the bins.
- * At the end of playtime the staff on duty will ask children to pick up any litter around them.
- * Left over milk cartons will be placed in a separate tray to avoid milk spillages in the bins.

Hopefully these ideas will result in an immediate reduction in litter in the field.

School Association News

PURCHASING YOUR CIRCUS TICKETS

You can purchase your circus tickets online at <https://www.wegotickets.com/event/355412>

You will be sent an e-ticket confirmation which you will need to print off and bring with you on the day.

We have also set up an online donation which will all go entirely to the School Association funds for the new field play equipment. Your help and support in helping us reach this target is hugely appreciated so please tell all your friends and family and encourage people to buy tickets asap. We have to sell 600 tickets to achieve our target so we really do need all the help we can get - THANK YOU!

Tickets are £8 per ticket.

You can also purchase tickets with cash/cheque (payable to Checkendon School Association) from the following:

- School office
- Suzanne/Wendy/Tracey/Jo will have tickets on them most days at pick up
- Stoke Row Village shop
- Inspirations in Goring

CIRCUS TIMINGS

Gates open at 4.30pm with lots of fun stalls, bar and bbq for all the family. Circus starts at 6pm and

finishes at 8pm. [There will be a half hour interval at 6.45pm.](#)

HELP NEEDED!!

We are looking for volunteers to help us with the stalls and various other jobs. We need 15 people so please help us if you can! We will place a sign up sheet outside the office next week - thanks in advance for any help you can offer and thanks to those who have kindly already offered help and raffle prizes.

RAFFLE PRIZES

We are still looking for raffle prizes - if you know of anyone or if you can volunteer a prize yourself, please see Suzanne or Jo ASAP. Thank you!

If you have any questions or can help out please see Jo or Suzanne.

THANK YOU!

Themes for Terms 5

Our exciting new themes for this term:

	Term 5	Launch	End of Term 5
Rhino Class	Winston Churchill	Wartime Memories	Visit to Blenheim
Panda Class	France	French Day	French conversation presentation
Owl Class	Where my wellies take me	Spring walk	Poetry trail
Owlet Class	Wild and Wonderful	Drama workshop	Wild and wonderful walk

Extra-Curricular Activities Term 5

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	YEARS	ORGANISERS
Monday	8.00-8.40	Dodgeball (18.4.16-23.5.16)	All	Ignite Tel: 01869 220890
	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	3.30-4.30	Drama Factory (18.4.16-11.7.16)	Yrs 3-6	Berzerk Matt 07976 652742
	Playground 3.30-4.30	KS2 Rounders (18.4.16-23.5.16)	Yrs 3-6	Paul Meakin paulmeakinsports@orangehome.co.uk Tel: 07976 651635
Tuesday	12.00-12.45	Judo (19.4.16 – 28.6.16)	1 – 6	linkai Tel: 0118 9885822
	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
		Guitar	All	Ian Marriss Tel: 07926 383737

	During school	School Council	Reps from Y2-6	Gill Peeling
	3.30-4.30	French Club (19.4.16-12.7.16)	Y2-6	Tutorbox Irene Casey Tel: 0118 9841684
	3.30-4.30	Athletics (19.4.16-24.5.16)	All	Ignite Tel: 01869 220890
	3.30-5.15	Equestrian Club (12.4.16-10.5.16)	All	Check. Equestrian Centre Tel: 01491 680225
Wednesday	(S.R.Pavillion) 8.00-8.30	Running Club	Yrs 3-6	Chris Lee Susan Darnbrough
		Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
		Violin	All	Elestr Lee Tel: 0118 9478685
	3.30 – 4.30	Badminton (13.4.16-25.5.16)	All	Ignite Tel: 01869 220890
Thursday	8.00-8.40	Archery (14.4.16-26.5.16)	Yrs 1-6	Ignite Tel: 01869 220890
	Lunchtime	Woodwind	All	Lucy Robertson County Music Service Tel: 07958 537157
	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
Friday	(Outside/Hall) 3.30-4.30	Football (22.4.16-15.7.16)	All	Pro-Direct Tel: 07921 726332

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 27th April

Thursday 28th April

Mon 9th – Fri 13th May

Wednesday 18th May

Friday 20th May

Wednesday 25th May

Friday 27th May

Friday 27th May

Tuesday 7th June

Monday 13th June

Wednesday 29th June

Monday 11th July

Tuesday 12th July

Friday 15th July

Mon 18th – Wed 20th July

Monday 18th July

Wednesday 20th July

Mobile Library

Whole School Bluebell Walk

SATs Week

Evening: Circus – organised by School Association

2.00pm: Pentecost Service in church followed by dancing at school

Mobile Library

RE Day: Christians around the World

Last Day of Term 5

First Day of Term 6

3.00pm: Community Worship – parents invited

Mobile Library (last one – collection only)

2.15pm: Rhino Class Production

6.30pm: Rhino Class Production

Sports Day

Whole school learning project: The Olympics

Sports Day reserve

Last day of Term 6

Goring Robins Girls Football

Goring Robins Girls Football Taster Session 30th April 10 -11.30am Sheepcote

Come along to our open morning on the 30th of April from 10am – 11.30am at Sheepcote Recreational Ground, Goring. An opportunity to have fun trying out football, meeting some of the girls and parents involved and celebrating the FA Girls Football week.

Girls Football in Goring is part of the national trend, growing in number, interest and skill. Three years ago there were no girls teams although some girls played in the boys teams. As we come towards the end of the season in 2016 we have around 40 girls playing in 3 squads –U8s U10s and U 12s!

But it is not just about football. We aim to provide a combination of fun, fitness, growing the girls confidence, learning how to be a team player and getting out in the fresh air whatever the weather!

Come down and have a go.

Ages 5-13

Please bring shin pads if possible. Football boots useful but not essential.

Any queries contact Claire Scott

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Queen Anne's School Open Morning – Saturday 7 May 2016, 9:30am

We are holding our next Open Morning on Saturday 7 May from 9:30am. Our Open Mornings are open to all prospective families and are an opportunity to take a glimpse into our community and meet some of current Queen Anne's girls. Tours begin from 9.30am and you get the chance to view the school and our extensive facilities through the eyes of our pupils. Please ask your tour guide anything – they will always give an honest answer! At 11.00am, join us for refreshments and listen to our Headmistress, Mrs Julia Harrington, talk about the core values of the school and what Queen Anne's can offer your daughter.

About Queen Anne's

There is no such thing as a 'Queen Anne's girl'! Here at Queen Anne's school you will find a strong community of real girls. Girls who are curious, intellectually alive, energetic and eager to learn, grow and explore. Girls who are individuals. We offer day, flexi and full boarding options where our school community is interconnected where in and out of the classroom, we encourage the aspirations of each girl through an innovative and rigorous curriculum that meets the needs of the individual learner.

Our BrainCanDo programme which was recently featured in [The Sunday Times](#) also instils a belief in our pupils that ambitions and dreams can be realized by unlocking their brain potential, hard work, persistence and resilience.



PAWSg Competition



The aim of the competition is to raise awareness of:

- ❖ *the circular economy including recycling*
- ❖ *the problems that litter can cause to animals*
- ❖ *the dangers and nuisance that litter causes to local authorities and us!*
- ❖ *the 'Clean for the Queen' Campaign*

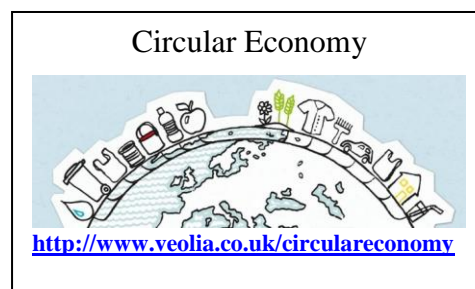
**Create a model, a painting, a poem or a story
featuring a 'character'
who will prevent the dangers to animals and people & Clean for
the Queen!**

It could be a robot, a fairy, a monster, a Womble or a machine.....

3 age groups: Yrs 1-2, Yrs 3-4, Yrs 5-6



<http://www.rspca.org.uk/adviceandwelfare/litter>



*Schools may like to run their own competition & send their winning entries to PAWS
PAWS will arrange to collect the entries by Friday 27 May
The entries will be judged at the PAWS AGM, Thursday 2 June
Prize winners to be displayed in Garlands & other places in Pangbourne
Prizes for each age group and for the overall Best School*

For further details, contact Jackie Hoskins: jackie@jandbhoskins.co.uk