

SECONDARY PARENT / STUDENT WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 17th November 2023

JUNIOR BALL S1 - S4 FRIDAY 1st DECEMBER 19h00 - 22h00

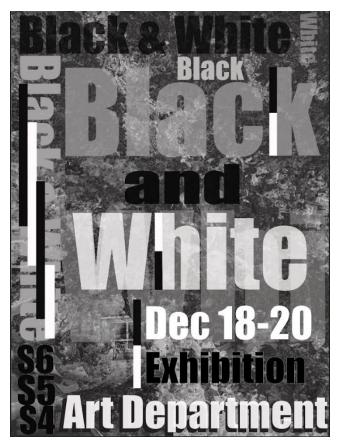




The S1s have been exploring cave art all around the world, focusing on recreating the beautiful caves of Lascaux, using a variety of inks, powders and paints.



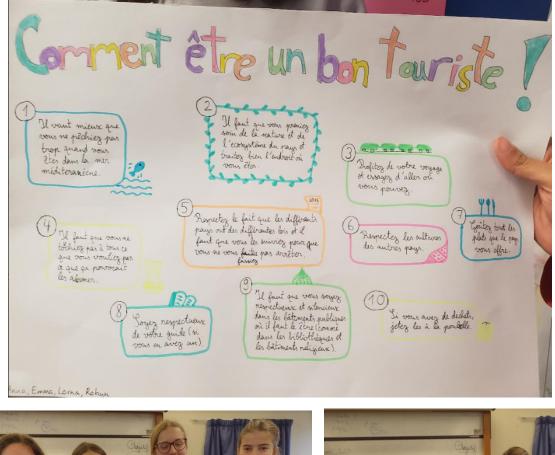
BLACK AND WHITE EXHIBITION: S4 S5 S6



Over the course of this topic, "I am Here" we worked on black and white art. In the absence of colour we focused on contrast, texture and composition.

For the duration of this project we worked exclusively in black and white and greyscale and it forced us to think slightly outside the box, as most of us had never put much thought into tonal values and contrast before this project and this insight into the world of tone and contrast was very interesting.

COMMENT ETRE UN BON TOURISTE





Pour notre première unité de l'année (les vacances), on a créé des posters sur "Comment être un bon touriste". En groupes de 3 ou 4 personnes, on a préparé 10 points parlant de comment être un bon touriste. Des exemples sont: ne pas pêcher trop aux alentours de la mer méditerranéenne, respecter les bâtiments religieux et surtout, profiter de votre voyage! Après avoir fini nos posters, on est allés chez la classe des 5FE chez Mme Harries, et on leur a présenté notre travail! On leur a présenté notre travail le mardi 7 novembre. Après avoir montré nos posters, on s'est sentis satisfaits et contents. C'était un plaisir de montrer notre travail a Mme Harries et au 5FE, et nous espérons qu'ils l'ont aimé!

For the first topic of the year (holidays), we were assigned the task of creating posters on "How to be a good tourist". In groups of 3 or 4 people, we prepared 10 points, talking about how to be a good tourist. Some examples are: don't fish too much around the Mediterranean Sea, respect religious buildings and most importantly, enjoy your trip! After having finished the posters, we went to 5FE and Mme Harries' classroom, and we presented our work to them! We presented it to them on Tuesday 7th of November. After showing them our posters, we felt satisfied and happy. It was a pleasure to show our work to Mme Harries and the 5FE's, and we hope they liked it!

Écrit par: Anna M & Emma D (S3F)

COMICS AND MANGA CLUB FOR S1 - S6

Drama studio on Tuesday lunchtimes

Starting Tuesday 21st November 2023



"Do you like comics? Do you like manga? Have you never read anything of the sort but want somewhere to start?

Whatever the case, consider joining the comics and manga club!

This club will be for all Secondary year groups and is about discussing the art form, as well as opinions on current and past series and general culture surrounding both manga and comics (think movies and tv shows!).

If you want to attend or have any questions, please don't hesitate to email me a dros24@europaschool.uk. I hope to see you soon!" Dylan (S7)

FOOD COLLECTION FOR CRISIS OXFORD CHRISTMAS APPEAL

(Local Homeless Charity)

There are two options.

1. There will be a food collection box at the Main reception from Monday 20th November to Monday 4th December.

2. I will be in school on Friday the 24th of November between 8 and 9am at the Thame Lane entrance under the canopy.

It can be biscuits, tea, coffee, chocolates, jams, chutneys, tinned food, soups, squash, dried fruit, cereals, fruit bars , Chrismassy gifts etc.

Last year with your help they were able to support 200 families. So, I hope this year we should be able to support more people!

Many thanks for your cooperation. Zohra (Louis 5EE)



Support Crisis this Christmas

Over the festive period, Crisis Skylight Oxford will deliver wellbeing events and parcels to people experiencing homelessness.

Please help Crisis provide these vital services to people at one of the hardest times of the year by donating items from this list.

Collection Guidance There are two options. Please either:

1. Bring your donations to the collection box at **reception** from Monday 20th Nov to Monday 4th Dec

2. OR bring your donations to the **Thame Lane** entrance between 8 - 9am on Fri 24th November



Crisis UK (trading as Crisis). Registered Charity Numbers: E&W1082947, SC040094. Company Number: 4024938. CRI0291

Donations Needed

Hats, gloves, scarfs, underwear

Blankets and hand warmers

Vouchers (eg for local coffee shops)

- Puzzles, games
- Kids toys
- Cleaning products
- Toiletries
- Tea, Coffee, Hot Chocolate
- Seasonal treats
- Healthy snacks
- Tinned food, instant noodles



PTA Coffee morning - A great opportunity to chat to the Senior Mgt team and Governors informally, as well as meet parents / catch up with friends. From **08:15 Friday 24th November 2023**, in the Chapel.



Thanks Hannah (S5D) for this lovely artwork!

Save the date for the Christmas Fair! Grotto, magician, festive foods, craft stalls, face painting, Christmas raffle, musical performances, carol singing and much more.... Book your tickets early to save disappointment;

The Christmas raffle - LOADS of amazing prizes: hampers donated by classes, entry tickets to local attractions and vouchers from local businesses. Please buy your tickets here and support the school! https://europa.rallyup.com/a8baa1

Santa's grotto - meet Santa, receive a gift, make some crafts and more: https://rb.gy/gwygp7

Dizzy Dean - a 40 minute magic show: <u>https://rb.gy/tt1sfx</u>

Gingerbread house workshop - Make and decorate your own festive house to take home: https://rb.gy/jbt7sr

CAN YOU HELP? We need MANY helpers to make this a success. If you can volunteer even just 1 hour of your time, please let us know here: <u>https://rb.gy/z4u3j</u>

Somerville and Magdalen College, Oxford:

More enrichment opportunities for your students

1. Law Career Talk: Trespasser Syndrome in a Profession full of Privilege For: Year 11 and Sixth Form students thinking of studying Law at University or maybe as a career, with concerns about inequality in the profession

What: A 90-minute talk by Professor Leslie Thomas KC

When: Wednesday 22nd November arrive at 5:45pm for the talk at 6pm-7:30pm.

Where: Somerville College Any questions: email Jackie Watson on sa.secretary@some.ox.ac.uk.

Link: Registration for a free place at this event

2. The Discovery of Pulsars

For: Any secondary school students interested in hearing about a mysterious repeating signal detected 56 years ago in outer space that

turned out to be pulsar: an incredibly small, dense, highly magnetic star that spins at high speeds and shines like a beam from a lighthouse.

What: A 45 minute talk by Professor Dame Jocelyn Bell Burnell, who found the first pulsar. The is followed by 15 minutes of Q&A

When: Friday 24th November at 6pm

Where: Magdalen College Auditorium

Link: Book a place via Eventbrite



Saturday 2nd December 2023 at Cornerstone, Didcot



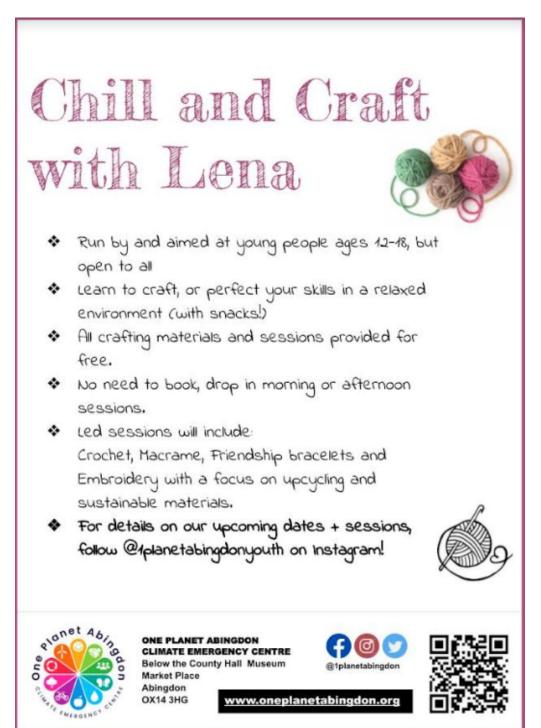
Ticket link

WINTER MUSIC SOIRÉE

Thursday, 7th December 2023, 5.30pm - The Chapel

To be considered for the programme, all interested will need to perform their pieces to Ms Ognjenovic or Mrs Scaber by Friday, 24th November 2023

CHILL AND CRAFT WITH LENA (S3) ONE PLANET ABINGDON CLIMATE EMERGENCY CENTRE



INSPIRE CRITICAL THINKING 2023/24



Interested in Crime and Punishment?

Want to learn how to think critically and explore crime and punishment from different perspectives?



Then Inspire Critical Thinking is for you!

WHAT IS INSPIRE CRITICAL THINKING?

Inspire Critical Thinking is a free online programme for all pupils in Years 9 - 11 made up of 4 workshops linked to a central question: 'Does crime always deserve punishment?'. It will run between January – April 2024.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Each month a link to each workshop is sent to your email so you can discover at your own pace. Each workshop has articles, videos, challenges, interviews with Oxford students and academics, and other interactive elements.

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN UNTIL 13TH DECEMBER 2023



THIS YEAR'S WORKSHOPS INCLUDE:

- Workshop 1 How has the definition of crime changed?
- Workshop 2 Are some crimes excusable?
- Workshop 3 How effective is crime detection and the Criminal Justice System?
- Workshop 4 What is the purpose of punishments?

WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

- Learn about crime & punishment from a range of perspectives
- Develop critical thinking skills
- Win prizes for completing challenges
- Improve your literacy
- Discuss and debate online with pupils across the UK
- Find out about life at Oxford University
- · Invitation to the St John's College Virtual Summer School
- Guidance on careers and subjects
- Skills to add to your CV



HOW DO I SIGN UP?

Scan the QR code to register, or visit <u>www.sjcinspire.com</u> for more information.





GO ECOLO CLUB



You would like to improve the Ecology of the school, come to

The **GO ECOLO CLUB** members do projects and actions in the school. We try to Rewild areas in school, to find a solution to recycle rubbish in suitable bins, to have less plastic in the canteen, to have free Meat lunch, to protect the owls, to meet specialists of nature, to create films about the planet with the Goldsmith University, to have fun...

Come and share your ideas and actions!

For more information please contact Dr Sandrine Philippot-Gasc: s.philippot-gasc@europaschool.uk

Model United Nations : MUN



COP delegation

S4, S5, S6, S7 students attend the MUN Club to become a delegate or an ambassador of the United Nations and participate in a Model of the United Nations in Toulouse, Brussels or Milan.

The MUN Club takes place in Room 331 every Monday after school, Wednesday morning break, Friday lunchtime.

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CULHAM INTERACT CLUB

Culham Interact Club : Come and take action NOW!

Come to the Culham Interact Club to become an interactor and participate to improve the world. We meet every Friday at 9h50 to 10h10 room 331.

The **Culham Interact Club** organises at least two projects every year, one that helps their school or community and one that promotes international understanding. The local Rotary Club of Abingdon in the person of Astrid Nielsen is organising the projects with me . https://www.rotary.org/en/get-involved/interact-clubs

During the last years Culham Interact Club helped for examples : *Planting two plantations of mango trees in Senegal and developing villages : https://www.association-irrigasc.org/

*Construction of a fuel saving eco-stove at Mugalodde Primary School in Uganda/ saves trees in Uganda" : https://youtu.be/7Z8VIwhehTs

*Action with Cultiva to plant trees in Chili : https://www.reforestationworld.org/project/corporacion-cultiva

*Make a wish: help to grant life-changing wishes for children with critical illness. :https://www.make-a-wish.org.uk/

*Harry's hat: to help children diagnosis with hydrocephalus (water on the brain) :https://harrys-hat.org

*Mary's meals: to feed very poor children in England and around the world : https://www.marysmeals.org.uk

*Alzheimer's Society

*Funsani charity to help orphan house in Zambia : https://www.funsani.com/

Examples of actions for raising money :

Quiz evening, catwalk show, cake sales, Halloween movie evening, battle of the bands evening... Culham Interact Club gives as well the possibility to students over 14 years old to get a diploma of the Institute of Leadership and Management in London.

In 2020, Five students passed the diploma and now on the 13th September 2023, five new students received the Diploma of Leadership and Management with the highest grade : Distinction!



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NATIONAL BADMINTON

4 X WEEKS COACHING FOR JUST £10



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FOR JUST £10!

Professional group badminton coaching

Interested in badminton? Get on court with a weekly group coaching sesssion and get your first 4x sessions for £10!





REGISTER AT

Help your children to **read** and **succeed** in **Science** and **Maths**

370,000 secondary school students tested

higher.

Have you 5 minutes?

The link between maths,

science and reading is higher than in English literature and history

Reading skills & science achievement

have a relationship closer than the one between interest and enjoyment of science x science achievement

¼ of all 15-year-olds have a reading age of 12 or

Only 47% of boys aged 15 against 53% of girls in the same age have a reading age of 15 and

Being literate

is the most essential factor for disadvantaged students studying science.

Data from GL Assessment, research from 2018-2019, report found at <u>http://www.gl-assessment.co.uk/whyreading</u>

seems more interesting or intriguing, and why.



Have we found the 'animal origin'

NEWS

of Covid?

below.

If you have 10 minutes

Ask them to read a short article and summarise it. Then you could ask: do you agree with what the article said? Why or why not?



When you have 30 minutes

Ask your child to read the headlines on their mobile phone and tell you which one

Choose an article and read together. Ask each other why you prefer this or that subject. Discuss what the author really meant and if your children had seen the topic in school already.



Pet dogs a threat to nesting birds in South Walney - warning



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Images from BBC News - Science, accessed on the 25th March 23.



<u>Caretaker</u>

Join Our Team

Are you a hands-on individual with a passion for maintaining safe and welcoming environments?

We are looking for a School Caretaker to ensure our school premises are in top-notch condition. Salary: Point 10-13 £12.25ph to £12.89 ph Plus: Generous pension and sick pay benefits Hours: Full-time 40 hours per week (8 hours a day between, 7am to 6pm, likely to be a later shift).

Can you:

Maintain school facilities and grounds? Conduct safety inspections and address issues? Monitor security measures? Assist with cleaning tasks? Collaborate with staff and service providers?

Contact Anna at applications@europaschool.uk

Or see our website

General Assistant - Kitchen

Our partners Accent catering are looking to appoint a general assistant for the kitchen Working Pattern: Monday to Friday, 11am to 2.30pm,Term Time Only

Pay rate; £10.42 per hour Contact: Europa@accentcatering.co.uk

LOST PROPERTY

EVERY TUESDAY 3pm - 4pm

The Lost Property room will be open every Tuesday from 3pm to 4 pm.

Please come and check the room when it is open for your lost items.

A huge thank you to Irene Larraona and Zohra Fatima-Jenkinson for managing this.

CONTACT EMAILS

If you have any questions regarding the IB Diploma Programme (S5, S6 and S7) please email Mrs Simpson at ibdiplomacoordinator@europaschool.uk

If you have any questions regarding the IB Middle Years Programme (S1, S2, S3 and S4) please email Mrs Butcher at <u>ibmypcoordinator@europaschool.uk</u>

If you are an external student and would like to apply to the school to do the IB Diploma please contact Mrs Fabulet at <u>admissions@europaschool.uk</u>

If you have any questions regarding UCAS and S4 Work Experience please contact Mrs Charalambous at i.charalambous@europaschool.uk

If you have any questions regarding Careers please contact Mrs Powell at I.powell@europsachool.uk

If you have any questions regarding public (GCSE/MYP and DP) or internal examinations (years S4-S7) please contact Mme Jouhandin at <u>examsofficer@europaschool.uk</u>

If your child is absent please email <u>absence@europaschool.uk</u> before <u>09h00</u>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

November 2023

Monday 20th November Thursday 23rd November

Friday 24th November Tuesday 28th November

December 2023

Friday 1st December Saturday 2nd December

Tuesday 5th December Wednesday 6th December Thursday 7th December Saturday 9th December Tuesday 12th December Wednesday 13th December Thursday 14th December Friday 15th December Tuesday 19th December 12h35 + 15h45 - S3F Community project cake sale
S3 Parent/teacher meeting (online)
S6 Tutors meet S6 parents (online)
08h15 - PTA Coffee morning - Chapel
S7 Economics students - Bank of England Speaker
Music rehearsal and performance at Merton College, Oxford

19h00 - 22h00 Junior Ball - Schuman Hall Afternoon/evening: rehearsal and performance at the Sheldonian Theatre, Oxford

S2 Parent/teacher meeting 15h00 - 16h00 - S2E Christmas market (1) 17h30 Music Soirée - Chapel 11h00 - 15h00 Europa School Christmas Fair S7 Parent/teacher meetings 15h00 - 16h00 - S2E Christmas market (2) S4 parent/teacher meetings S1 - S5 FLU vaccination Last day of the Autumn term

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY Wednesday 20th December 2023 - Friday 5th January 2024

FUNDRAISING - EUROPA SCHOOL UK

If you would like to donate to the school fund please use this link <u>Fundraising – Europa School UK</u> Our request is a voluntary contribution of £1 per pupil per day or £2 if you can afford it, either by giving a lump sum or making a regular monthly donation. <u>More information about how we use the school fund</u>.