

SECONDARY STUDENT / PARENT WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 24th May 2024

ANTHEA BELL PRIZE FOR YOUNG TRANSLATORS

Congratulations to Jonas Kaufmann (S5) as area winner (South East England) of the Anthea Bell Prize for Young Translators organised by Queen's College Oxford, in the sixth form category. This is his second year running as area winner and with an increased number of participants (16K+).

Jonas will now be entered in the national level competition.

The Prize is a programme of Queen's Translation Exchange (QTE), a project that aspires to making culture intrinsic to language-learning.

WOMEN IN SCIENCE

On Saturday the 18th of May, the Women in Science conference was held at Rutherford Appleton Laboratory. The conference had the participation of great women from the scientific and educational fields, who shared among the attendees their passion for science and how to help young people develop the necessary tools in the areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics through STEM skills. Among them were Amanda Clegg and Karen Collis, co-authors of the book Grappling with Graphs, A Guide for Teachers of 11-16 Science and the Award winning book KS3 Science Now.



In the photo from left to right: Dr Emma L Coghill, Integrated Science and IB Biology Teacher, Karen Collins, Dr Ana Maria Sierra-Villar, Science Technician (Chemistry) and Amanda Clegg.

THANK YOU TO THE PTA

For funding this large screen that will be used for rainy days when the pupils have to stay inside and also for all school events that will take place in the canteen annexe.



DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

SUMMER MUSIC SOIRÉE Tuesday, 2nd July, 5.30pm

To be considered for the programme, all interested will need to perform their pieces to Ms Ognjenovic or Mrs Scaber before the 14th June 2024.

IMPORTANT NOTICE regarding INDIVIDUAL INSTRUMENTAL TUITION

Oxfordshire Council Music Services will not be providing tuition at Europa from September.

Individual instrumental lessons are and will be available in the school with a number of our longstanding visiting instrumental teachers.

For more information about 2024/25 music for Year 2 and older Primary, and all of Secondary pupils, email t.ognjenovic@europaschool.uk

SAILING AT FARMOOR RESERVOIR JULY 2024

For Years Primary 3 to S5

Please contact <u>activities@europaschool.uk</u> if your child is interested in sailing at Farmoor reservoir this summer.

Monday 15th to Friday 19th July 09.30 to 4.30 £260 or Monday 22nd to Friday 26th July 09.30 to 4.30 £260

VACANCIES

Classroom and SEN Teaching Assistants (with English, Spanish OR German)

We are looking for dedicated Classroom and SEN Teaching Assistants (Part-Time, Term Time only) to enrich our unique bilingual curriculum. If you are passionate about supporting a multillingual, multicultural education, we would love to hear from you. We have roles for English speakers as well as Spanish and German TA roles.

Perks and Benefits:

- Term time only post and 8 week summer holiday
- Generous Local Government Pension Scheme with career average benefits
- Commitment to employee Health and Wellbeing including Employee Assistance Programme including Free advice and counselling service
- Europa fosters a strong sense of community and teamwork, which leads to a supportive and collaborative working environment.

Desirable Skills and Experience:

- Previous experience working with children
- An Understanding of SEN support strategies and interventions
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills
- Patient, empathetic, and dedicated to supporting every child's learning journey
- For Stream Language roles fluency in German or Spanish and a good level of English

Salary and Contract term:

- Salary: £23,114 FTE pa (£12.67ph)
- Part-Time, various options Up to 17.5 hours pw over 3 days (0.40 of FTE)
- Term Time only
- Commencing 1st September 2024
- Reporting to: SENCO, Class Teacher, TA manager

Closing date for applications: 2nd June 2024

Apply here

NATIONAL BISCUIT DAY AT EUROPA

Thank you to Accent Catering for the delicious biscuits



S7 TALENT SHOW

Monday 10th June 2024 18h30



CARTOONING WORKSHOP

Saturday 1st June 2024

OXFORD CHILDREN'S BOOK GROUP
in collaboration with the ABINGDON LIBRARY
is delighted to offer a FANTABULOUS, HANDS—ON

CARTOONING WORKSHOP

with CLIVE GODDARD

SATURDAY JUNE 1st from 2.30—4pm — ABINGDON LIBRARY

Clive Goddard is one of the illustrators of the
'Horribly Famous' series and author of the
'Fintan Fedora the World's Worst Explorer' books.

This is a FREE event for 8—13 year olds. Advance booking
with the Library is essential as places are limited!

O1235 520374 or email abingdon.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk

The

Library

Abingdon

MUN EVENT Friday 7th June 2024



FASHION SHOW

Friday 14th June 2024

FASHION SHOW!

-EXPRESS YOURSELF-

See some of your favourite teachers, staff, headmistresses and students walk the runway!

14TH OF JUNE 2024



£7 AT THE DOOR



FOOD & Drink For

SALE

6:30-8 PM IN THE Schuman Hall



100% of earnings go to improving our school and to UNICEF, helping to build a better world for every child



S1E Cake Sale

Monday 17th June 2024



FREE TASTER SESSIONS

Monday 27th May 2024



KREATIVE KIDS

28th, 29th & 30th May 2024



FREE CONCERT AT RADLEY COLLEGE - FROM PIAF TO POP

Wednesday 12th June 2024



NOITE DE FADO

Saturday 29th June 2024 - 18h30 in the Chapel



CULHAM COUNTRY CERAMICS

Saturday 6th July 2024

CULHAM



Come and join us for a relaxing day of ceramics from 11h00 - 16h00 on Saturday 6th July 2024 - £90/5hrs per perso

- Learning the slab building technique
 Large tea house lantern using the slab building technique
 Vase using the slab building technique
 Underglaze
 The art of Sgraffito

- A session on the pottery wheel
 Lunch A buffet of homemade delights

Your artwork will first be biscuit fired and then a transparent glaze will be applied.

Then finally it will be glaze fired.

You will receive an email as soon as your work is ready to be collected.

Please note that the drying and firing is a long process.

For more information please email culhamcountryceramics@gmail.com



UCI

How do bilingual children's brains process sounds?



Hello! We are a group of scientists in London who investigate how well bilingual children's brain can understand, analyse, and remember the sounds. Would you be willing to take part in our study?

We need

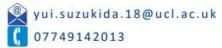
- Children (10-14 years) who are German-English bilinguals or Spanish-English bilinguals
- Participants must also have no condition that could affect their language/reading and/or attention skills

What is involved?

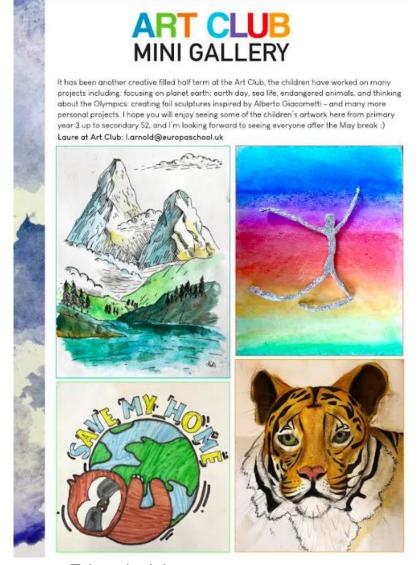
- · A 80-minutes online (Zoom) appointment
- Assessment of your child's language, listening, speaking, memory and attention skills
- Questionnaire for parents about bilingual environment

You will receive a Thank You voucher

Contact Dr Yui Suzukida



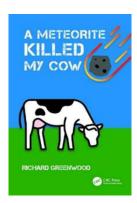
ART CLUB MINI GALLERY



Take a look here: Art Club Mini Gallery

A METEORITE KILLED MY COW :

Stuff That Happens When Space Rocks Hit Earth



Dr Richard Greenwood, one of our Sixth Form Chemistry Teachers and an S5 parent, has written an easy-to-read science book about meteorites entitled *A Meteorite Killed My Cow.* The book is aimed at a general audience and answers some important and pressing questions, such as:

If you are interested in space stuff, this will be a really fun book!

Available now from all book sellers, including Amazon, Waterstones, Blackwell's, Daunt Books, etc.

https://www.amazon.co.uk/Meteorite-Killed-My-Cow-Happens/dp/0367774488

Author royalties from sales to Europa students, staff and families will be donated to the Sixth Form Fundraising Project.

LEGO CLUB FOR SECONDARY STUDENTS

Fridays 12.45 to 13.20 - Study room



EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AMBASSADOR SCHOOLS (EPAS) CLUB

As part of the European Parliament Ambassador Schools (EPAS), we held an **EU education session in school last Tuesday led by Asher J, EPAS member from London**, where students learned about the European institutions and negotiations and our current relations and views. Our students were very interested and enjoyed this great opportunity!





If you are interested in politics, democracy and human rights, come to our **European Parliament Ambassador Schools Club (EPAS) on Thursday lunchtimes.**

Mrs Isabel López, Mrs Tanya Simpson and Dr Sandrine Philippot-Gasc For more information contact Mrs Isabel López: <u>i.lopez@europaschool.uk</u>

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 and Friday lunchtime.

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



GO ECOLO CLUB

You would like to improve the Ecology of the school, come to Room 331 every Monday from 12h45 to 13h15

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: <u>s.philippot-gasc@europaschool.uk</u>

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/7Z8VlwhehTs
- *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 on the 13th September 2023, five new students received the Diploma of Leadership and Management with the highest grade: Distinction!



NATIONAL BADMINTON 4 X WEEKS COACHING FOR JUST £10



BASKETBALL AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITY

Basketball is run by after school activities, the cost for the term is £80.

Please book via the parent portal.



EUROPA SCHOOL BASKETBALL DRAGONS NEEDED!

Come join Europa School Basketball on Saturday Mornings from 9h00 in the new gym!



We are all passionate about promoting fun, teamwork and resilience through basketball. Come and experience the fun on a Saturday mornings and help us get Europa back to its former basketball glory.

NB: We hold an adult scrimmage session in the new gym every Wednesday evening from 20:00 to 21:30 to raise money for the Dragons. £5 at the door. It's fun and burns a ton of calories!







Contact details (Ismail) Mobile: 07834 118648 Email: ismailelkadiri@gmail.com



Help your children to read and succeed in Science and Maths

370,000 secondary school students tested

The link between maths, science and reading

is higher than in English literature and history

re have a relationship closer than the one

achievement

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

Reading skills & science

1/4 of all 15-year-olds

have a reading age of 12 or below.

Only 47% of boys aged 15

against 53% of girls in the same age have a reading age of 15 and higher.

Being literate

is the most essential factor for disadvantaged students studying science.

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



Have we found the 'animal origin'

of Covid?

Have you 5 minutes?

Ask your child to read the headlines on their mobile phone and tell you which one seems more interesting or intriguing, and why.



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

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.



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Pet dogs a threat to nesting birds in

South Walney - warning



TRINITY COLLEGE ONLINE ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME



JUNE

- 5 June Taster talk: The 'girl power' discourse in education and international development
- 12 June Applying to Competitive Universities
- 19 June Oxplore, the Home of Big Questions: session 2

JULY

- 3 July Subject taster talk from a department, tbc
- 10 July How to write a Great Personal Statement for university applications

 $\underline{https://www.trinity.ox.ac.uk/online-and-enrichment-resources}$

Students are welcome to attend with parents/guardians.

PLEASE DONATE ANY OLD LAPTOPS TO THE SCHOOL









SUPPORT AVAILABLE FOR FAMILIES

South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils are working in partnership with organisations including Citizens Advice and Vale Community Impact to help families who are finding it difficult affording food and or energy bills.

If you are financially struggling and live in South Oxfordshire, please contact Citizens Advice who may be able to help and can talk through support available which might include voucher support, (subject to eligibility and voucher criteria).

If you are financially struggling and live in the Vale of White Horse, please contact Citizens Advice or Vale Community Impact who may be able to help and can talk through support available which might include voucher support, (subject to eligibility and voucher criteria).

Please contact Citizens Advice or Vale Community Impact as soon as you can as, subject to being eligible for voucher support, the voucher scheme closes on the 31 March 2024 (or sooner if all funds are spent). They will connect back with you as soon as possible, please note there could be a short wait for an appointment.

Citizens Advice <u>www.citizensadviceosav.org.uk</u> Tel: 0808 278 7907 Vale Community Impact <u>www.vci.org.uk</u> Tel: 01235 765348

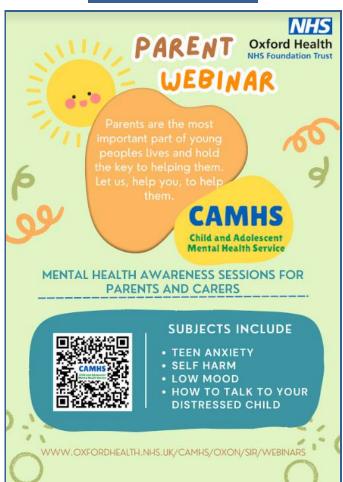


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https://issuu.com/sevenstarmedia/docs/ff spring2024 digital210324

PARENT WEBINAR



Oxford Health School In-Reach team hold several webinars for parents over the year.

These awareness sessions contain useful information about how to support your child with some of the commonly seen emotional and mental health concerns:

Parent webinars | Oxford Health CAMHSOxford Health CAMHS

LOST PROPERTY

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.

EMAILING THE SCHOOL

Emailing regarding Absence

Please can all Parent's remember to send their emails for any absences: (ie sickness, holidays, medical appointments etc) to absence@europaschool.uk and not to Reception.

General email to the school

Please can all parents put the full name of the child and the class they are in, into the subject line of the email.

This saves us a lot of time should any urgent message need to be communicated quickly.

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 ibmypcoordinator@europaschool.uk

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

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 McCleod at a.mcleod@europsachool.uk

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

If your child is absent please email absence@europaschool.uk before 09h00

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.

More information about how we use the school fund.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MAY HALF TERM - Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May 2024

June 2024

Monday 3rd June D of E Gold expedition Tuesday 4th June D of E Gold expedition

S3 UKMT Maths challenge at Matthew Arnold school

Wednesday 5th June D of E Gold expedition Thursday 6th June D of E Gold expedition

16h00 - S1/S2 girls rounders v King Alfreds - Home

Friday 7th June D of E Gold expedition

Model UN event at ESUK

Monday 10th June 18h30 The Talent Show - Schuman Hall

Junior Math follow on rounds Tuesday 11th June

16h00 - S3/S4 girls rounders v King Alfreds - Home 17h00 - S4 L3 Spanish- Play by Onatti - Radley College

Wednesday 12th June S6 UCAS Day

Thursday 13th June S2 Hadrian's Wall Group 1 - Depart

S4 Abingdon Police Station Open Day

Friday 14th June Goethe exams

S2 Hadrian's Wall Group 1

18h30 Interact Club Fashion Show - Schuman Hall

Saturday 15th June S2 Hadrian's Wall Group 1 Sunday 16th June S2 Hadrian's Wall Group 1

Monday 17th June S2 Hadrian's Wall Group 1 Return

S2 Hadrian's Wall Group 2 Depart

S3-S5 TDP/MenACWY catch up session

S1E cake sale for school trip S2 Hadrian's Wall Group 2

Tuesday 18th June

14h45 Music rehearsal Oxford

S1 School trip - All day

Wednesday 19th June S2 Hadrian's Wall Group 2 Thursday 20th June S2 Hadrian's Wall Group 2

S1 Visiting author K. Millwood Hargrave

Friday 21st June S4/S6 Art trip to Tate Modern

S2 Hadrian's Wall Group 2

Saturday 22nd June 11h00 - 16h00 School Fete

S7 Cabaret 1st Performance - Schuman Hall Monday 24th June Tuesday 25th June Carnegie Forum S2 - All day, SHSK, Abingdon

Secondary Sports Day - All day

S7 Cabaret 2nd Performance - Schuman Hall

Wednesday 26th June S3 Trip to the Puy du Fou - Depart

Thursday 27th June S3 Puy du Fou

> Sixth Form Foundation Week; 09h00 - S4 Bronze D of E

Friday 28th June S3 Trip Puy du Fou

C1 Goethe Exams London - All day

Sixth Form Foundation Week

S5 MYP Personal Project Presentation

S6 TOK Exhibition

Saturday 29th June S3 Puy du Fou trip - Return