



PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

Friday 1st
March
2024

Useful Dates:

March

- 4th - 4DE Visit to Ardley ERF
- 6th - PTA Costumes & Books sale (outside the Schuman Hall)
- 7th - World Book Day
- 7th - Y5&6 Author visit/ assemblies - Schuman Hall
- 7th - 4FE Visit to Ardley ERF
- 8th - KS1 Author Assemblies - Drama Studio
- 8th - PTA Coffee Morning - Chapel
- 11th - 15th Science Week
- 13th - Recruitment Evening
- 15th - 3EE Swimming
- 22nd - 3EE last swimming session
- 22nd - Enrichment Concert (0845 Chapel)
- 22nd - PTA Cake sale & Tombola - Thame Lane
- 29th - Good Friday Bank Holiday

April

- 1st - 12th- Easter Holidays
- 15th - First day back
- 15th - 17th - Year 4 Residential Trip



WORLD

BOOK

DAY

Thursday 7th March

We welcome all children to dress up in a book-related way, on the day, Our preference is for home-grown, re-cycled, re-used costumes where possible. Please make sure the children can get through the day in their outfit - or can change out of it if necessary.

As always, dress-up is optional, but we look forward to the ingenuity and interpretation of this special day for literature.

Make a note that the PTA will hold a sale of books & costumes opposite the Schuman Hall on Wed 6th March



Recruitment Evening

13th March 2024 4.30 to 6.30pm
Europa School UK, Culham

Primary, secondary, teaching, support
full-time, part-time

German, Spanish & French Speakers
especially welcome

Drop in, meet staff, chat about opportunities



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School UK

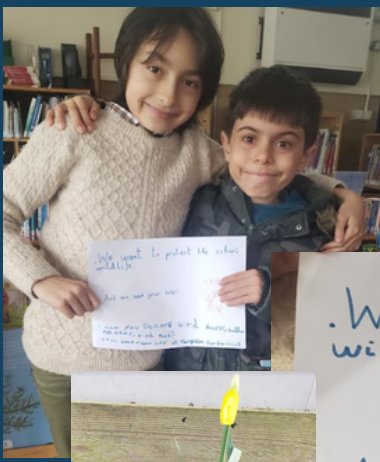
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NEWS FROM THE ECO CLUB



This week the children started making bird feeders using used plastic bottles. This is a simple and rewarding activity. Here is a video you can watch if you want to do it at home:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7yV6V6rtpyc>

The week of March 8th, Europa will take part in The Big Plastic Count. Please check out the newsletter for more details.

One Planet Abingdon

The current Green Forum, on Reducing Waste, is hoping to collect as many responses as possible to the Challenges and Survey which we have compiled.

We would very much appreciate it if you can complete the anonymous Survey, which can be found if you scroll down below the Waste Reduction Challenges, on this link:

Join our Waste Reduction Challenge! – One Planet Abingdon

If possible please complete the survey by 15th March: two students from Oxford Uni Intern scheme will be analyzing the results during the week beginning 18th March.

Thank you in advance for your involvement: together we can make an impact on Waste Reduction!

Reception Classes and 'The Magic Porridge Pot'

I just wanted to tell you what an enormous success Emel's (RDE TA's) Reception Classes Workshops were today. The classes had great fun and enjoyment dramatizing the tale of The Magic Porridge Pot. Emel put a fantastic amount of work and care into producing such a delightful workshop for all our children.



Poetry at Europa



Poetry recitals have started well in KS1, with quite a few children in 2DE uploading their poem performance to the British Council 'Celebrate Speaking Event'. They can be viewed on the school 'Twitter / X feed.

<https://europaschooluk.org/2024/02/26/celebrate-speaking/>

It is lovely to hear from other children too, that they are learning poems by heart.

Whether or not you choose a competition for your child, throughout the Summer term there will be lots of opportunities for children to perform - if they would like to, or just to watch others - at pop-up events during the school day and possibly at the Summer Fete

This is a joint venture - The poem learning is to be done at home, with encouragement in school.

We look forward to a Spring and Summer of poetry performances.

Sarah Kynoch and Marie Gaillard



VACANCIES

Teacher of Religious Studies – Part Time

An exciting opportunity to join a unique state-funded international school offering the International Baccalaureate as a teacher of Religious Studies. Europa is a flexible school working with teachers to ensure roles fit your interests and an exciting place to develop your teaching in an International environment, whether you are an early career teacher or more experienced.

Join a vibrant and growing multilingual state school in rural Oxfordshire to teach Religious Studies and possibly ethics to our secondary students in S1- to S5 (year 7 – 11).

Europa values our staff and their professionalism and independence, by recognising their strengths and accommodating their passions. Join our team of broad minded and highly skilled teachers.

- Salary: MPS – UPR (£30,000 – £46,525)
- Location: Culham, Oxfordshire
- Contract type: Part-Time (0.4 to 0.6 of FTE), Permanent
- Start Date: 1st September 2024
- Closing Date for Applications: 18th March 2024

Other News & Information



Y2- Y6 Enrichment Concert

Date: Friday 22nd March

Start Time: 0845 (with interval)

Location: Chapel

Any old LAPTOPS?

Any operating system

Any working condition



If you have any laptops you no longer use, we could give them a new home at Europa. Please bring them to reception

Schoolbase

Please can parents check your contact details on Schoolbase, and update if necessary. Having [Schoolbase link](#)

NSPCC

As per previous years we are working again with the NSPCC on their 'Keeping Children Safe' program. You can read more about it [here](#). The children will benefit from assemblies and discussions on these subjects.



YAMAHA MUSIC SCHOOL



You are warmly invited to our free music taster sessions on **Sunday 10 March** at Matrix Arts Centre in Sutton Courtenay

Music courses for 2 to 7 year olds



Booking essential – please contact us: office@matrixartscentre.org.uk or 01235 847264

www.matrixartscentre.org.uk

Matrix Arts Centre is a registered charity
15 – 17 The Nursery, Sutton Courtenay, OX14 4UA

We need

HELP

JOIN OUR TEAM OF

EXAM INVIGILATORS

- Full training provided

- £12.46 per hour

- 7th – 17th May 2024

Call Beatriz Morales

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Other News & Information

LIVING AND LEARNING IN TWO LANGUAGES Spotlight on Bilingual Education

Annual Bilingual Schools Parents Forum - online event
15th March, 12-14.00 (online)

This is a free event. Book your tickets here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/living-and-learning-in-two-languages-spotlight-on-bilingual-education-tickets-850939792827>

We would like to welcome parents of pupils in bilingual schools in England to participate in our annual forum. We are a growing alliance of bilingual schools across the country, representing a diversity of settings and languages who share the aim of developing globally minded multilingual learners. Our panel of leaders of bilingual schools and experts in bilingual education will share their experiences and expertise in response to your questions with the aim of generating a greater shared understanding between educators and parents and building a supportive bilingual education network.



#CHANGETHENORM

Smartphone Free Childhood is a grassroots movement of parents who believe childhood's too short to be spent on a smartphone

We're on a mission to

01.

Bring parents together to start new and positive conversations about the problems of smartphones in childhood

02.

Empower parents to take collective action in their local communities - agreeing to delay giving their children smartphones until at least 14

03.

Demonstrate that parents are demanding change at scale, and therefore force the government and tech companies to act

Why we're doing this now

We've been put in an impossible position by the tech companies. It's a lose lose - either allow our children access to something all the evidence tells us is damaging, or say no and risk alienating them among their peers at a crucial stage of their social development. **We believe something needs to change, and it starts with all of us.**

How you can get involved

Join your regional WhatsApp group. You'll find the links to all regional groups at linktree/smartphonefreechildhood

Start a WhatsApp group for your school to begin a conversation with your community - we've put together a toolkit to help you smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/toolkits

Follow us on Instagram @smartphonefreechildhood

Sign up to our newsletter. We'll be sharing all our plans, advice and inspiration here as the movement grows. smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/subscribe



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CALLING ALL PARENTS!

We are currently compiling a presentation folder for all of our parents. Inside the folder there will be space to include

ADVERTISEMENTS FOR LOCAL COMPANIES AND BUSINESSES

3,000 FOLDERS WILL BE PRODUCED

and distributed to the parents of all our pupils, teachers and any others who request information about the school. Advertising revenue will generate income to boost school funds.



If you wish to take this opportunity to support the school and promote your business, act now to reserve your spot - **space is limited**. Please register your interest with **FSE** on **01933 303520**.

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