



PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

Friday 15th
March
2024

Useful Dates:

March

- 22nd - 3EE last swimming session
- 22nd - Enrichment Concert (0845 Chapel)
- 22nd - PTA Cake sale & Tombola
- 29th - Good Friday Bank Holiday

April

- 1st - 12th: Easter Holidays
- 15th - First day back
- 15th - 17th: Year 4 Residential Trip
- 18th - Y5 Online Safety Workshops
- 19th - 3DE 1st swimming session
- 26th - 3DE Swimming
- 26th - PTA Europa International Day
- 29th - 5FE & 5EE - Sutton Courtenay Environmental Centre trip

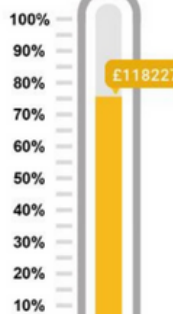
Europa School Fund

The School Fund supports all our non-core and supplementary activities. These make the difference between a standard education and a great one and are the parts that draw out shy students, engage the disengaged, support the struggling and stretch the most able.

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THANK YOU

Goal: £162000



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WORLD BOOK DAY



World Book Day

From assemblies to author visits, dressing up, and reading to other students. Last week the students experienced a week of enrichment.



Our Vacancies

Join the Europa community

Primary

- Part-Time Primary Teacher - English
- Part-Time Early Years Teacher - French
- Part-Time Early Years Teacher - Spanish (MAT Cover)
- Part-Time Primary Teacher - French

Secondary

- Part-Time RE Teacher
- Part-Time Careers Coordinator

Support

- Data & Admissions Officer - Part Time



General Enquiries: reception@europaschool.uk
Reception : 01235 524060

CONTACTS & LINKS

Bus related: bus@europaschool.uk
PTA related: committee@europa-pta.org
Deputy Heads: dhop@europaschool.uk



News from the Eco Club



This week, the Eco Club has hung their homemade birdfeeders as well as other feeders generously donated to the school by parents. In total, they have provided 10 extra feeders to our Europa feathery friends. Next week, they will check that the locations were well chosen and that the feeders are being used.



THANK YOU to everyone who has been filling in the tally sheet for the Big Plastic Count initiative. Remember to continue counting your plastic waste until Sunday evening. Please remember to bring back your sheet on Monday March 18th to your class if they have taken part.

If you are taking part at home and not with a class, please email s.harries@europaschool.uk, give me your class name and I will share the link you need to use to upload your tally so it is used nationally.



“Thank you to everyone who came to see and support the Odyssey IB Art Exhibition! We are delighted that so many primary classes were able to visit during the school day, as well as secondary students, school staff and school parents. Thank you very much for all of the lovely comments and feedback.

With thanks, from the IB Art Department and our S7 IB Art students.”



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



Poetry at Europa - competition reminder

If you would like your child to enter the Poetry by Heart Competition <https://www.poetrybyheart.org.uk/learn-a-poem>, the deadline is the end of **March**. The school will need an audio video file and obviously your consent to upload it to the competition.

We can make a limited number of entries. If you are thinking about it, please let Esther Schradi e.schradi@europaschool.uk know and we will send you simple instructions. Please enjoy poem learning at home. We have already seen some lovely examples in school.

PTA News



The Europa Easter Bake Sale

Friday March 22nd
At the Canopy at Thame Lane | from 3pm

Donate your cakes after drop-off or little before pick up.
Let's make it the **best** one yet!



International Day -Save the date

Friday 26th April 2024

Could you run a country stand to showcase a country of your choice to primary pupils throughout the school day? Volunteers are needed for our very popular annual 'Tour of the World' in the Schuman Hall. Or could you come along to help on the day? For more info pls contact Victoria Shepherd (strawsonvicky@gmail.com)



Look out
for an
article
about
Science
Week next
week



Happy
Red
Nose
Day
from
our
kitchen
team

Other News & Information

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 is possible, please note there could be short wait for an appointment.

Citizens Advice

www.citizensadviceosav.org.uk Tel: 0800 278 7907

Vale Community Impact www.vci.org.uk
Tel: 01235 765348

LOWER YOUR ENERGY BILLS

WITH THE HOME UPGRADE GRANT

Government funded insulation and heating improvements, at no cost to you.

If your home **is not** heated by mains gas and your income is below average, apply now.

www.welcomethewarmth.org.uk/register-your-interest or call 0800 038 6775

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OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

PARENT WEBINAR

Parents are the most important part of young peoples lives and hold the key to helping them. Let us, help you, to help them.

CAMHS
Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS SESSIONS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

SUBJECTS INCLUDE

- TEEN ANXIETY
- SELF HARM
- LOW MOOD
- HOW TO TALK TO YOUR DISTRESSED CHILD

WWW.OXFORDHEALTH.NHS.UK/CAMHS/OXON/SIR/WEBINARS

SMARTPHONE FREE CHILDHOOD

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

- 1. Bring parents together to start new and positive conversations about the problems of smartphones in childhood
- 2. Empower parents to take collective action in their local communities - agreeing to delay giving their children smartphones until at least 14
- 3. 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 <https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org.uk/whatsapp>

Start a WhatsApp group for your school to begin a conversation with your community - we've put together a toolkit to help you <https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org.uk/toolkit>

Follow us on Instagram [@smartphonefreechildhood](https://www.instagram.com/smartphonefreechildhood)

Sign up to our newsletter. We'll be sharing all our plans, advice and inspiration here as the movement grows. [smartphonefreechildhood.org.uk/newsletter](https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org.uk/newsletter)

Scan to find out more

LIVING WELL with NEURODIVERSITY

A new support service from Oxfordshire CAMHS in collaboration with Autism Oxford UK Limited

Is your family open to / involved with CAMHS services?
Is your young person either suspected or diagnosed as neurodiverse (autism/ADHD)?

FREE COURSES AND SUPPORT FOR YOU!

A range of sessions available covering different topics. Informal spaces for Parents / Carers to safely share experiences / tips. Facilitated by professionals and lived experience practitioners.

Scan the QR code to access the events and resources!
<https://onhs.autismoxford.com/>

If you have any questions, please email us on youngpeoplesupport@autismoxford.org.uk

Working together to deliver the best for our communities, our people & the environment

| Caring | Safe | Excellent |

Outstanding care by an outstanding team

Advice and webinars for parents

CAMHS - All parents are welcome to access these webinars for useful information about how to support your child with some of the commonly seen emotional and mental health concerns
<https://www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/camhs/oxon/sir/webinars/>

Living with Neurodiversity - If you are open to CAMHS, or on a long waiting list, please access these free resources, advice and meetings

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.