



PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

Friday 22nd
March
2024

Science Week



Last week Europa School celebrated 30 Years of British Science week with amazing activities and visitors in their classroom.

We want to say a massive THANK YOU to all parents who kindly agreed to come to the Schuman Hall Science Fair, talking about their jobs, showing experiments and really going all in and hands on, to show the children that Science is awesome.

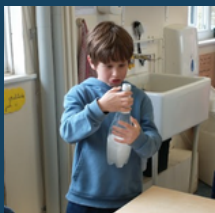
Thank you to all the parents for all the classroom visits; bringing the joy of learning to a new high.

Thank you to the teachers and deputy heads for helping with the organisation, and being enthusiastic for your classes to participate

Thank you to the children who were amazing listeners and engaged in the activities.

Thank you to the Secondary Science Teachers who opened their labs for our Year 6 classes.

Thank you to the children for creating some decorations and posters for the Science Week.



CONTACTS & LINKS

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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

Useful Dates:

March

- 28th Last day of the term
- 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



News from the Eco Club



This week, the children started planning our Earth Day celebrations and enjoyed the start of Spring whilst checking our new bird feeders.

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in the Big Plastic Count last week! If you still have your tally sheet at home and you don't know what to do with it, write your class and bring it to Reception addresses to S. Harries/Eco Club.



Visit to Goldsmiths

On Saturday 9th March, Liz Cook and Marie Gaillard, joined by Professor Vicky Macleroy, Head of Centre for Language, Culture and Learning at Goldsmiths, University of London, were invited to speak at the ALL Language World Conference in Kenilworth and proudly represented Europa School.

They explained how, since 2015, the strong partnership between the school and the university, along with the Multilingual Digital Storytelling Project, have opened up possibilities for more creative and multimodal approaches to learning languages in the classroom.

It was also a day of learning and networking with the most enthusiastic professionals in the field of Language Education and an opportunity to meet representatives of the cultural agencies who support our languages including the Institut français, Instituto Cervantes, Consejería de Educación, Goethe-Institut, UK- German Connection and the British Council.





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.

Primary Maths Challenge - Bonus Round



"Well done to these Year 6 children for getting through to the Bonus Round of the Primary Maths Challenge. It was a challenging paper and they all did brilliantly. It was a pleasure to hand over their certificates today."

Capturing the moment. These year 2 students were enjoying listening to some 'busking' in the playground. It was lovely to see.



PTA News

International Day

Friday 26th April 2024



International Day is a fun, and educational, opportunity to share and learn more about some of the different countries and cultures represented within our school community.

Please let Vicky (strawsonvicky@gmail.com) know if you'll be able to support the Europa School UK 2024 International Day.

We are seeking volunteers to support country-specific stands, and/ or to offer more general support for 2 hours, up to the full day, between, 8am - 4pm:

- Thailand
- Iran
- Guatemala
- Mexico
- Argentina
- Germany
- Italy, and Friuli Venezia Giulia (autonomous region of Italy)
- Poland
- Portugal
- Switzerland



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.

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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

- Bring parents together to start new and positive conversations about the problems of smartphones in childhood
- Empower parents to take collective action in their local communities - agreeing to delay giving their children smartphones until at least 14
- 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>

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

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. www.smartphonefreechildhood.org.uk/subscribe

Scan to find out more

PARENT WEBINAR NHS Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust

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

LIVING WELL with NEURODIVERSITY NHS Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust

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! AUTISM

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 |

MISSION VISION VALUES 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.