



# PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

Friday 4th  
October  
2024

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## Useful Dates

### October

- 11th - 1EE Sutton Courtenay Environmental Centre Trip
- 15th Primary Flu Vaccinations (email sent out)
- 17th: School Photographer (Reception classes & individual catch up photos)
- 25th PTA Coffee Morning
- 28th Oct - 1st Nov: Half Term

### November

- 5th - Rags2Riches Clothes & shoes collection
- 7th - Y5 Science Oxford Trip
- 11th - Y4 Earth Trust Trip
- 22nd - Y6 Watermill Trip
- 26th - Y3 Watermill Trip

### December

- 3rd - Y4 Watermill Trip
- 10th - Y5 Watermill Trip

## 2FE

Forest  
School  
outdoors,  
come rain  
or shine



## 1FE

Making great use of the  
Mediatheque



# PTA News

Dear Friends and Families

We wanted to update you on some of the grants we have given at the end of the summer term...

P1 Playground Work £7500  
P2 Playground Work £500  
P1 Improvement £500  
Primary Lang. Lab £500  
Secondary Welfare / Wellbeing £981  
Performance Equipment £3,000  
MYP Design Grant £7,000  
Lost Property £500  
Pri. Thermometers £60  
Sec. Fume Cupboard £700  
Bus Club support - to help Save the service  
£2,000 (transport consultant)  
Pri. Phonics books £2,000  
Mediatheque £15,000  
Total - £40,241  
Plus we have ring fenced funds for a new Ceramic Kiln at circa £6500.



Europa PTA 2023/2024 awards -  
Summer 2024



## COFFEE MORNING

On Friday 25th October, the Chapel will become a PTA Cafe !

Come along after drop off to have a coffee and chat with other parents.

0815 - 0930



This year's fantastic Christmas Fayre will be on **Saturday 7th December** from 11am - 3pm. We cannot do this event without you and your help, so please do reach out to the Europa PTA on Classlist or via your Class Reps, or email Sally on - [chair@europa-pta.org](mailto:chair@europa-pta.org)

There will be plenty of elfin fun, and lots of festive cheer. We are looking for volunteers for set up and pack down, as well as event coordinators on the day. This year we will be streamlining the event, to bring you a fantastic shopping and eating experience and of course the Grotto and Raffle !

Lots of info coming out soon!

## 2024 EUROPA CHRISTMAS FAYRE

7TH DECEMBER 2024

MORE DETAILS SOON....



save  
the Date

**KREATIVE**  
kids

## OCTOBER ART CAMP

Are you looking for some creative **ART** fun for your kids this October half term?

Join **Jess & Laure: Multilingual Art Teachers** at Europa School and explore a variety of art projects including:

- ▶ **Painting & Drawing**
- ▶ **Printmaking**
- ▶ **Textiles**
- ▶ **Mixed Media**

For children ages 9 -14 years  
10:30 - 3:00pm  
£46/day (all materials supplied)

**Available dates:**  
October 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>  
At Europa School, Culham

**EMAIL US TO ENQUIRE AND BOOK:**  
kreativekidsartcamp@gmail.com

Follow us on:  
FB: @kreativekids  
IG: @kreat.ive.kids



Art Camp in Half Term ~ run by Laure and Jessica

**Half Term ideas for your kids - based at Europa School**



## PRELOVED CLOTHES and SHOES COLLECTION

**What:** PRELOVED CLOTHES and SHOES COLLECTION with Rags 2 Riches 4 Schools to raise funds for our school and recycle well.

**When:** 5 November from 8 to 9 am

**Where:** Under the canopy near the Thame lane entrance

YES please: clean, good condition adult and children's clothes, paired shoes tied together, hats and scarves, handbags and belts, packed in bags. This will be taken by the weight for reuse and a donation paid to the school.  
NO thank you: uniforms, socks, dirty items, ripped or stained clothes.

Please refer to

<https://rags2riches4schools.co.uk/what-we-collect/> for full details of what is accepted.

## Drama Workshop in Half Term ~Run by Emel

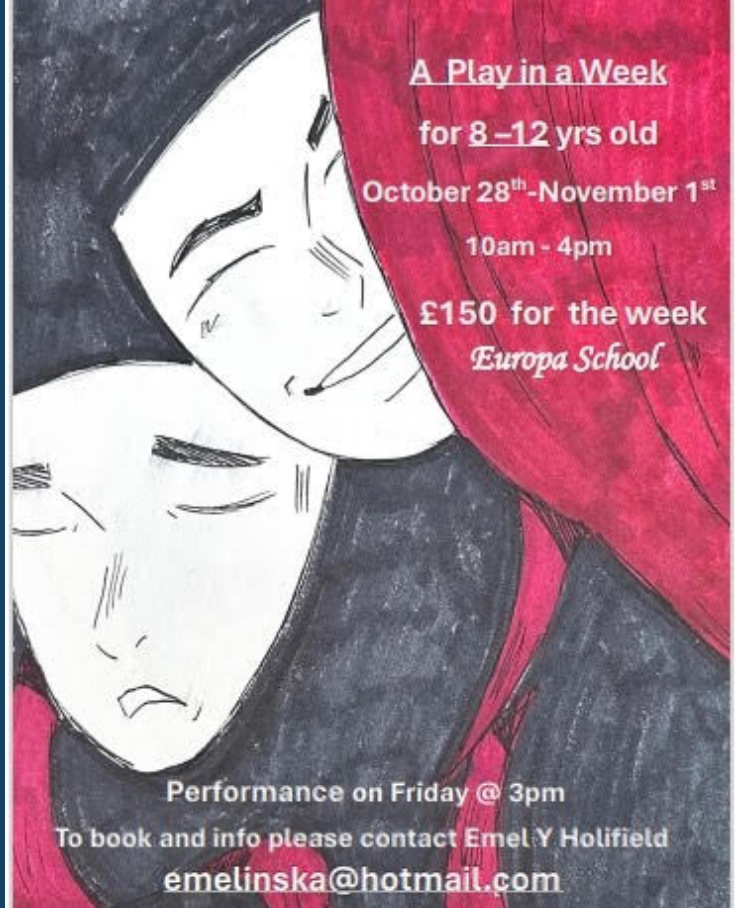
### OCTOBER HALF-TERM DRAMA WORKSHOP

A Play in a Week  
for 8-12 yrs old

October 28<sup>th</sup> - November 1<sup>st</sup>

10am - 4pm

£150 for the week  
*Europa School*



Performance on Friday @ 3pm

To book and info please contact Emel Y Holifield  
emelinska@hotmail.com

# Other News & Information:

## Campaign for Better Paternity Pay!

This term many of the secondary school students will be exploring 'theory of change' with a live case study of a national campaign for better paternity leave in the UK.

This campaign was launched a few weeks ago as a public action in London and Edinburgh ([Guardian](#)) and you can find out more [here](#).

There may be an opportunity for some students and their dads to attend a campaign event for this in Westminster and, if timings allow, we will arrange a tour of Parliament at the same time. If you would like to express an interest in attending this event in London please email Dr Keith Hebden or fill in this [Google form](#).

House of Fun - run by 'Europa' parents  
(another option for Half Term)



**house of fun** CHILDREN'S MULTI-ACTIVITY CAMPS FOR 5-13 YEAR OLDS

COOKERY, ARTS & CRAFTS AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES

All our activities are carefully planned so that children feel a sense of achievement, make friends and experience new things.

**BOOK HERE**

Rush Common Primary School, Abingdon  
Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November  
8.30am-6.00pm

CHILD CARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED

Sibling and Multiple Day Discounts Now Available  
[www.house-of-fun.co.uk](http://www.house-of-fun.co.uk)



NATIONAL BADMINTON

OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY BADMINTON ASSOCIATION

Oxfordshire County **BADMINTON** Trials

All levels welcome - both community and county places offered!

**Sunday 13th October** 10am - 1pm **White Horse Leisure Centre**

See age group timings and book now: [bookwhen.com/nb-trials](http://bookwhen.com/nb-trials)

[nationalbadminton.org.uk](http://nationalbadminton.org.uk)

## Home Heritage Languages Day

[https://youtu.be/\\_MF62Mm\\_ggs](https://youtu.be/_MF62Mm_ggs)  
(in case you missed this last week)



## Radley College Request

Radley College is gathering information about musicians

Following a musical week at Europa, hosted by Radley College, they are planning more outreach for the community.

If your child is musical, do complete this form, <https://forms.office.com/e/XwvT28Ef4b> which allows the Radley music department to direct specific opportunities, such as visiting musicians, to schools where pupils already play, or are interested in, a particular instrument.



# This week we're looking at harvests and climate change ... with a focus on apples.

Apples of the month- British apple and pears

Greening the Sahel: Healthy eco-systems for healthy diets - UN World Food Programme (3 min video)

This week's BBC article may be of interest  
'Exceptional rainfall means we can't plant crops'



**'When it comes to the African continent, it is, of course, on the front lines of the climate crisis, but it's not on the front pages of the world's newspapers'. Vanessa Nakate, Global Climate Activist, Uganda**

The 2024 apple harvest is likely to be more abundant than last year, and with larger than average fruit sizes due to the milder weather in March and April; however this harvest is nothing like the bumper crop of 2022. Whilst climate change, and changing weather patterns impact our UK harvests the African harvests suffer far more acutely at the hands of extreme and unpredictable weather due to climate change.

Young Climate Warriors are challenged this week to choose local fruits over imported ones – how many varieties of British-grown apples can they eat this week?. Becoming more aware of our homegrown produce and how the climate is impacting our own harvests, draws our attention to those who are really struggling. This World Food Programme project is an uplifting example of how it's possible to bring degraded land back to life - Greening the Sahel: Healthy eco-systems for healthy diets

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pearmain, orange pippin...

Can you guess what this week's challenge is about? ... choosing local fruits - apples or pears - instead of imported fruits.

How many different varieties of British-grown apples can you try? Be brave try something different?

Eating local, seasonal produce reduces carbon emissions related to growing out of season - such as heated greenhouses, cold storage units, or transportation.



When you've completed this challenge ... Remember to hit the red button!

