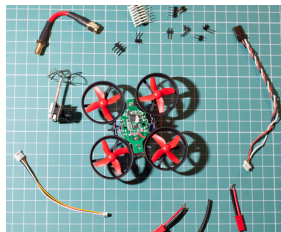




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Quadcopter competition at Europa



Last Tuesday Europa School hosted the **Regional Finals of the quadcopter competition**. We are very proud to say that two of three teams in the final were from our school.

The students had to design and build a quadcopter to provide a service to a local hero. Our teams chose the Oxfordshire Wildlife Sanctuary (team name: Hawk Drones) and BBOWT (team name: Frogs for Logs). They were judged on their engineering skills, presentation skills and flying skills. Our teams worked really well and creatively to create two amazing quadcopters. While our quadcopters were not as beautiful as the competition's 3-D printed one, our students could say why they had made the engineering choices they had, and all three teams impressed the judges. Frogs for Logs won the obstacle course in under 4 minutes, just ahead of Hawk Drones and Bournemouth School. They'll now represent the South of England in the National Finals—well done to all the teams!

by Lucia

Diary

Mon 10 th Nov	S2 U13 football boys: away (OSFA cup)
Tue 11 th Nov	S7 Parents' evening, (online) S5 Personal Project Exh. (full day)
Wed 12 th Nov	S5 MYP Personal Project presentation S5 Personal Project Exhibition (P1-5)
Thurs 13 rd Nov	S7 Cake Sale
Tue 18 th Nov	Basketball Inter year
Thurs 20 th Nov	Flu Vaccination S1-S5 S4 Parents' evening Literat & Performance S7
Fri 21 st Nov	S3 Project cake sale
Tue 25 th Nov	S2 Parent Evening S6 Oxford Talk (11-12) Talent Show
Wed 26 th Nov	Music Soirée (S1-S3)
Fri 28 th Nov	Careers Education Coffee & Croissants
Sat 6 th Dec	Christmas Fête
Thurs 11 th Dec	Music Soirée (S4-SS7)

Regional final of the Cross Country Cup (teams) competition



On Tuesday 4th November, a group of S2 boys took part in the Regional final of the Cross Country Cup (teams) competition representing Oxfordshire. The event took place at the Cokethorpe school.

The weather on the day was perfect and the level of running was incredibly high. Europa school boys performed very well. In the pack of about 90 runners Zachary finished 7th, Peter 20th, Phillip 66th, Hugo 68th, Lukas and Gabriel were just behind them.

After adding positions of the first four runners together, our team finished in **8th position out of 16 schools competing**.

Well done to the S2 Cross country team for a great representation of our school in such a competitive event. Thank you to Zachary's mum who helped with the transport.

M. Stepan

School Photos

Please could students collect their photos from
Reception

Year S1	Mon 10 Nov
Year S2	Tue 11 Nov
Year S3	Wed 12 Nov
Year S4	Thurs 13 Nov
Year S5	Fri 14 Nov



Years S6 and S7 will be given out by Nathalie in the IB area.

All photos must be signed for.

If you miss your day then you need to wait until the following week.

Please do not contact the photographers or picmail.

Please contact Susi in Reception with queries.



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Westminster Debate

Mrs Wood, Mrs Simpson and Hazel from S7 attended the **Westminster Hall Debate** about the decision to reduce the funding for IB state schools. The lively debate was proposed by Olly Grover MP and can be found [here](#).



Eco News



Europa is taking part in the *Cut your Carbon campaign* this November. To take part, you will need to complete 6 challenges below and bring back your challenge sheet in class by the end of November. We will calculate the amount of carbon emissions saved by our school over a month and we will share the results! To access the challenge click [here](#).

By Stéphanie Harries



Europa's Own Sycamore Gap

During Half Term, Europa School UK sadly lost one of its most loved and historic trees, our very own "Sycamore Gap." Standing proudly on the school grounds for longer than Europa or the European School existed, this beautiful tree was a constant companion to generations of students, parents, and staff. Every year, they enjoyed the beautiful snowdrops surrounding it, which heralded the end of winter, the gentle shade it provided for the end of primary parties and the natural backdrop for the Baccalaureate proclamation photos for our Bacheliers.

During the Monday of half term, stormy weather brought down one of its four great limbs. Despite hopes that the tree might recover, the remaining sections were lost over the following days. Its absence has left a visible and emotional gap in our landscape, a reminder of how deeply our natural surroundings are woven into school life.

Our students have long visited the famous Sycamore Gap along Hadrian's Wall, a place of history, beauty, and connection. Now, in a poignant echo, we find our own version here at Europa.

We plan to plant a new tree in its place and will commemorate the old one in a lasting way, celebrating the strength, growth, and resilience it symbolised for our community. Though we'll miss its familiar presence, its story will remain part of Europa's landscape for years to come.





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Carers Education Coffee & Croissants, Fri 28th Nov



There have been a number of changes to Careers Education, Information and Guidance in recent months and we will be sharing details of this in the coming weeks.

If you would like to find out more about Careers Education at Europa and how you can get involved, please join us on the morning of **Friday 28th November 2025, after drop off**, for coffee and croissants. Please make a note of the date, more details will follow shortly along with other opportunities to find out more.

*By Rosie Bosse Chitty
Careers Coordinator*

Music Soirée Dates



S1-3 Soirée: WED 26th November, 5.30pm
S4-7 Soirée: THURS 11th December, 5.30pm

All those who would like to perform will need to play their pieces to Mrs Scaber or Ms Ognjenovic beforehand:

S1-3 by Sat 15th Nov
S4-7 by Frid 28th Nov

By Ms Ognjenovic



Notice to Parents and and Carers – Updated Entrance Arrangements
Here the link

PTA announcements

Get your Europa T-shirt:

The Europa pop up shop is currently open to order t-shirts and hoodies in school colours. Please place your order on [Classlist](#) by 16th November. We deliver via school, so please add your child's name and class to the order.



Halloween Bake Sale - Funds Raised

Thank you again to everyone who baked or bought cakes to support our bake sale. Together we raised just over £1,300!

Save the Date , Sat 6th December– Christmas Fête 🎄

Please mark Saturday, 6th December , 11am to 4pm, in your calendars for our School Christmas Fête! It promises to be a fun-filled event for the whole family. Your class reps will be in touch soon to ask each class to prepare a hamper for the raffle. **Tickets for some fête activities** will be available through [Classlist](#) from next week. **Can you help?** We will need as many volunteers as possible to make the day a success. Please let us know if you can offer some help in any way via this [sign-up form](#).

Easyfundraising Reminder:

Please remember you can support the school effortlessly through easyfundraising.org.uk. A percentage of many of your online purchases will be donated to the school at no extra cost to you