



EUROPA SECONDARY NEWSLETTER

24th January 2025

S2 Activism - Active Travel

After several weeks of careful research and conversation S2 students and community leaders met with Oxfordshire County Council's Cabinet Member for Transport on Wednesday (22 January) to discuss making our journey to Europa School safer for 'Active Travel'.

Councillor Andrew Gant was invited to share his experience and talk about how we can get involved in local politics and was presented with community-led research from School Governor Vicky Shepherd and class-led research from Dr Hebden and students from Europa School. Cllr Gant was asked to speed up existing plans for the Toll Gate Road junction near school and to find funding to improve the experience for families travelling on our busy roads each day.



Europa student, Lucie, told the assembly, "Sometimes I get stuck in the middle of the central reservation, as the lights won't stop and I can't cross...There is a real problem with too many cars in the village, and most of them are commuting short distances."

And Bosco responded to the Council's request to get more students cycling with the challenge, "We can't encourage other people to cycle until you make it safe."

Councillor Gant was invited to return to Europa by bicycle when it was safer and as a thank you and symbolic invitation was given a brand new bicycle bell, by the students.

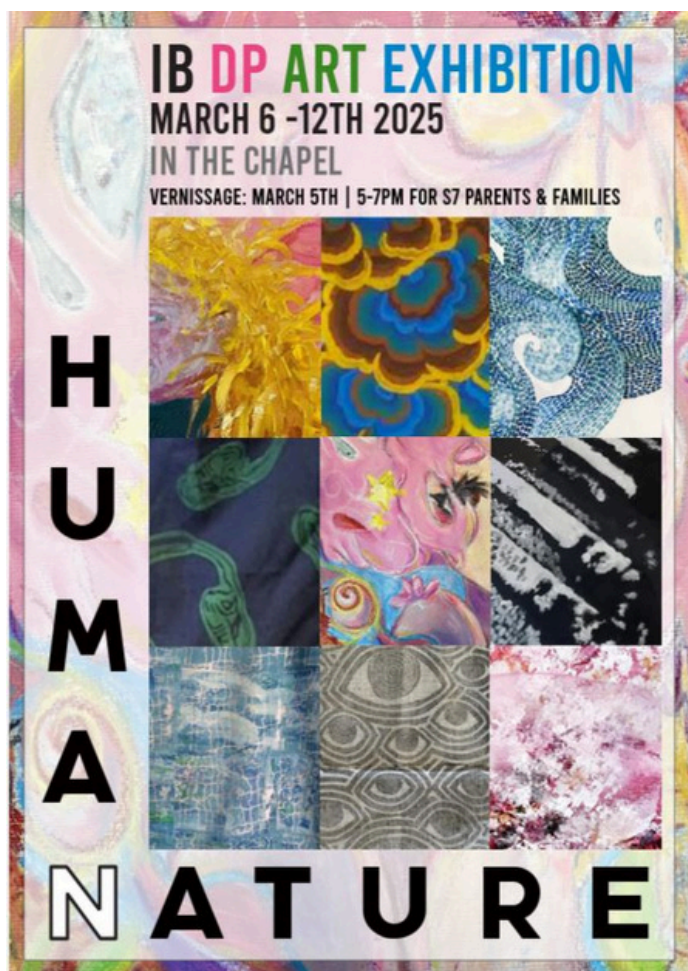
New Chemistry Laboratory Campaign Meeting 30/1/25

We would like to invite you to a meeting regarding the development of a larger lab at the school on Thursday 30th January at 7pm in the Drama Studio. Several members of the science team will be present to explain the project and present our current plans. We will be able to give you a guided visit to the proposed lab.

We look forward to meeting you on Thursday 30 January at 7pm.

Diary

Tue 28th Jan	TOUMUN (return 1 Feb)
Wed 29th Jan	Intermediate Maths Challenge (S3 to S5)
Thurs 30th Jan	Chemistry Lab Meeting 7pm - Drama St
Fri 31st Jan	Cross Country Event (S1 - S5 students) Languages Conference
Mon 3rd Feb	Football U15 boys V Wallingford school
Thur 13th Feb	Break up for Half Term



When emailing reception please can all parents remember to put the child's class and full name in the subject line.





Sports Roundup

On Tuesday 21st January the ESUK PE department and S7 students organized the traditional Volleyball inter-year tournament. This was the chance for the secondary students to show off what they have learned and compete against the different years - supported by many of their peers cheering them on from the balcony. The atmosphere was great. The games were tough but fair, with good refereeing provided by our S7 students. The level of the games was fantastic and everybody had a lot of fun! Eventually the S7 students faced the team of teachers. The game was of superb quality from both teams and served well as a top finish of the whole tournament. Thank you to all the organizers, players and supporters. What a great event.



On Friday 17th January we hosted the fourth round of the U15 boys ESFA small schools cup. The Hayle Academy from West Cornwall traveled 5 hours to play us. We looked after the visitors well and welcomed them to rest, recover and have some refreshments before the game.

The game started and we quickly got the upper hand with Alex scoring the first goal in the 6th minute after a great corner delivery from Felix. We kept up the pressure and scored another goal with a great shot from Felix in the 14th minute. The visitors managed to get near our goal a bit more and scored in the 31st minute from a free kick on the penalty edge. After a great signal, Elliot scored right after the restart in the 32nd minute. Hayle managed to earn a corner and literally forced the ball over the goal line after some chaotic play. The half finished 3:2 but we all felt that it should have been much more as we had over 10 chances or shots. The second half started well and the whole ESUK team played beautiful football which resulted in Otis scoring our 4th goal. In the 17th minute Jamie followed the ball after Harvey's attempt and easily scored our 5th goal. Just a minute later Harvey scored a nice header, and another 3 minutes later Felix showed some impressive individual action and scored our 7th goal. The visitors were treading water. After some nice play Otis scored our 8th goal. Towards the end the visitors managed to score with a beautiful long shot but they had no chance to catch up. We won very clearly 8:3 and ESUK U15 boys made it among the last 8 teams! Let's see who we are going to face next! Well done U15s.



On 13th January, the ESUK U12 boys team traveled away to play Holme Grange school in the 4th round of the ESFA small schools cup. The game started extremely well and it was evident we were the better team. Peter scored in the 3rd minute and Zachary in the 6th minute. All was going well until the referee did not pick up on Holme Grange being offside which resulted in a 1v1 situation against our goalkeeper. Luke made a great save but the penalty was called and eventually scored. Just before half time, some misunderstandings in our defence play resulted in Holme scoring their second goal. During a quick break we managed to regroup and we stormed into the second half strongly being a better team again. Zachary scored our 3rd goal when he followed a great shot. This was followed by a string of chances which we either missed or were somehow saved by the excellent Holme's goalkeeper. Unfortunately, after a quick counter attack Holme managed to score with a nice shot 3:3. The game leveled up and Luke had to make some good saves. In another push the Europa boys worked really hard; Hernan, Jenson, Jeremy, Joe, Peter and all the others. We had another massive chance but after a number of blocks or saves no goal. Two minutes till end Zachary was fouled in their penalty area but nothing was called. In the frustration the team was out of positions and disoriented which Holme used to their advantage and scored in the counter attack just in the minute. The last desperate attack did not work and S1 boys lost this battle which ended their fantastic journey through the ESFA cup. Well done to all the players! It was a very tough game and you should be proud of yourselves. Keep your heads high!





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NEW YEAR



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FROM THE ART CLUB

British Science Week

call for the community



Register your interest to take part
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EUROPA CINEMA
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FREE VIEWING

**SCHUMAN HALL
EUROPA SCHOOL**

**SATURDAY 8TH FEBRUARY
2PM DOORS OPEN (230PM START)**

FOOD AND DRINKS AVAILABLE - BUY VOUCHERS ON CLASSLIST PLEASE



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

When: 30 January 2025 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. 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 visit <https://rags2riches4schools.co.uk/what-we-collect/> for full details of what is accepted.