



Rush Common School Newsletter

Friday 16th June 2023



Dream, Aspire, Succeed

Dear Parents/Carers

We have had a very successful week at Rush Common in many ways. Most importantly, our pupils across the school have been demonstrating what wonderful learners they are. We had a visit from a Headteacher from another school this week, who was hugely impressed with what he saw. We are extremely proud of the learning atmosphere we have created in our school, and this is always remarked upon by visitors to the school.

Our success this week has not been limited to the classrooms, as our Year 4 children took to the athletics field at 'Quad Kids'. This was an event organised by the Abingdon Partnership and involved eight schools in total. The competition involved running, throwing and jumping events and we are proud to say Rush Common pupils were the overall winners! The children competed in an exemplary manner, always being humble in victory!

The success does not end there, as we took a group of Year 5 pupils to the Love Languages Competition at St Helen and St Katharine School. The children demonstrated their talent and enjoyment of Mandarin through a composition based on the Qing Ming festival. I am delighted to say we were the overall winners of this competition as well!

Last week, our Year 5 pupils had a fantastic time on their residential trip to Kingswood in Staffordshire. Amongst other activities, the children enjoyed rock climbing, obstacle courses, fire lighting, den building, archery, team building games and Jacob's ladder. The children also loved the food, particularly the cooked breakfasts in the morning!

Our Reception children had a lovely school trip yesterday to Farmer Gows in Faringdon. They survived the heat, and really enjoyed the farming activities. This included feeding baby goats and lambs from a bottle, holding chicks, collecting freshly laid eggs and climbing hay bales to win animal masks! The children had such fun on the visit and it really brought their understanding about farm animals to life!

Our clubs this half term are now well underway, and children are really enjoying Computing, Mindfulness, Gardening, Art, Football, Jigsaw PSHE, Judo, Summer Sports, Times Table Rockstars, Choir, Golf, Lego STEM and Drama. It feels exhausting just reading it (especially with this heat!), but we believe it is a fantastic extra-curricular offering, that really helps us to provide a range of opportunities.

It has been a hot week and the weather may be similar in the weeks ahead. Please can you make sure sun cream has been applied before children come to school, and please avoid sending children in with sun cream as staff cannot apply it, and it cannot be shared with other children. Please also make sure your child has a water bottle.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable and safe weekend ahead.

Kind regards

Kristen Fawcett

Headteacher



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New PE Shed

Our Sports Captains have been working hard clearing the old shed, sorting the new equipment and organising the new PE shed. Thank you to FoRC for their donation, our Sports Premium funds, and our successful cake sale.

Huge thanks to Tim @ <https://www.notonlysheds.com/> for removing the old shed, making and assembling the new PE shed over half term.



Achievements

Team GB

Good luck to Sol in Year 6 who will be representing Team GB with the American Dance School. He was very pleased to be wearing the Team GB kit ahead of the competition!



Football Academy

Well done to Harley in Year 3 who has recently officially signed a contract with Oxford United Academy. Good luck Harley!



School Dinners

The cost of school dinners is **£2.40** per day. Payment for school dinners can be made via ParentMail. Meal choices must be made at least 3 days in advance.

Guidance for Parent and Carers

Update from Alan Mackensie (E Safety Advisor)

For Parents - Activities for Parents and Children

As much as we do in school in relation to online safety, it is important that this continues at home. An understandable concern from many parents is that they don't know where to start, what conversations to have etc. Internet Matters have made available a series of 'things to do together' which includes things like, 'am I ready for a social media account', 'is it okay to.....' activities, an online safety agreement, 'what-if' scenarios and much more.

All of these are free and you can see the full range [HERE](#).

Video from Autism Education Trust

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National Book Tokens Competition

There is a competition to win £1000 for a school library running through National Book Tokens. Please follow the link below to nominate Rush Common School:

<https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools>

RUSH COMMON COLOUR RUN & SUMMER FETE
Saturday 24th June 2023
 Rush Common Primary
 School, OX14 2AW
 12 - 2pm

Tickets now on sale!
£6 per runner
 (General entry to the fete or to watch the run is free)
 Timeslots available to run from 12 - 2pm
 The route will be 2 laps of the athletics track with obstacles!!
 Every competitor that takes part receives a medal.
 Suitable for ages 4 - adult!
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<https://linktr.ee/friendsofrushcommon>

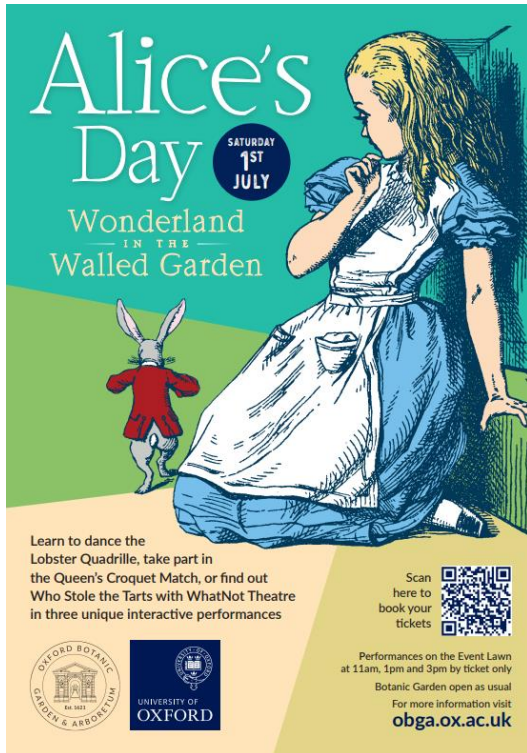
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Dates for your diary 2023

Year 3 Hill End Trip	Monday 19th June
Year 2 Trip to Abingdon Museum	Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd June
Reception and KS1 Sports Day	Friday 23rd June 9.15am – 11.30am
FoRC Summer Fete and Colour Run	Saturday 24th June
Year 6 Residential to Call of the Wild	Monday 26th – Friday 30th June
Year 2 Assembly	Tuesday 27th June @ 9.00am
KS2 Sports Day (Tilsley Park)	Wednesday 5th July 9.30am – 2.30pm
Reception and KS1 Back Up Sports Day	Friday 7th July 9.15am -11.30am
Year 6 Production 'Olivia'	Tuesday 11th July @ 6.00pm and Thursday 13th July @ 6.00pm
Reception Assembly	Wednesday 12th July @ 2.30pm
KS2 Back Up Sports Day (Tilsley Park)	Thursday 13th July 9.30am - 2.30pm
Year 6 Leavers Party	Wednesday 19th July 5.00pm – 7.30pm
End of Term 3b	Thursday 20th July @1.30pm
Inset Day (Children Not in School)	Friday 21st July

Local Community News

Please note items and events detailed below are for information purposes only. Rush Common School do not endorse or make recommendations.



Alice's Day



SATURDAY
1ST JULY

Wonderland IN THE Walled Garden

Learn to dance the Lobster Quadrille, take part in the Queen's Croquet Match, or find out Who Stole the Tarts with WhatNot Theatre in three unique interactive performances

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WARRIOR CAMP




Holiday club at Hill End

Role Play adventures

Week 1
Mon 24th July - Wed 26th July

Week 2
Mon 31st July - Wed 2nd August

Week 3
Mon 7th August - Wed 9th August

email info@greendragons.org.uk for more details text 07830064877

Fantasy adventures for children aged 7 to 14 years old

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Open Day

30 September 2023
9am - 12.30pm

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 24TH JULY - 31ST AUGUST 2023

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