



Rush Common School Newsletter

Friday 18th November 2022



Dream, Aspire, Succeed

Dear Parents/Carers

There is only one way to start this newsletter - with a bang! Our first ever Fireworks Night last Friday was a huge success and everyone had a great time. It was an evening of curry and hotdogs, a variety of glowsticks, a fantastic stilt walker, a hot drinks van, quizzes and even a fairground ride! This was all topped off with a brilliant fireworks display which lit up the skies above Rush Common School. A huge thank you to the chair of FoRC, Rebecca Strugnell, and all the FoRC volunteers and Rush Common staff who helped make the evening such a special occasion. Whilst, we are yet to receive the final grand total, the event has raised over £2500 for the school!

Earlier in the day on Friday 11th November, we held our Remembrance Service on the school playground. This was a poignant service, which included some beautiful artwork from across the school and some lovely poetry readings from our Year 6 children. We also laid a Rush Common School poppy wreath at the War Memorial in Abingdon.

Children may have been asking parents if they can learn a musical instrument in school over the last week. This will largely be due to our 'Music for Schools' demonstration that took place last Thursday. This was really inspiring as a number of different instruments were played and explained, and children were told they would receive a music stand and bag when starting, and the actual instrument if they played for two years. I hope this has inspired some budding musicians of the future.

This week has been Anti-Bullying week, and the week started with 'Odd Socks Day'. This allowed us to raise the profile of the anti-bullying message and also help us all see the importance of being unique, and being ourselves. The day ended with a lovely assembly that further developed children's understanding of this message and how to spread kindness wherever you go.

We pride ourselves on the quantity and quality of our enrichment experiences, and this week our Year 3 immersion into Ancient Egypt with 'History Squad' was superb. The sheer quantity of activities related to Ancient Egypt and the immense enjoyment of the day, means that children in the year group will have considerably increased their knowledge and understanding of this time, and hopefully they have impressed you at home with their new-found facts.

Year 5 were also transported to a different time period this week, with their Victorians trip to the Oxfordshire Museum. While also exploring the museum, the children were given a Victorian school house experience (finger nail examinations and all!). The children really loved the whole trip, and it has really enhanced their understanding of this fascinating period of history.

This week we had an external monitoring visit organised by the Abingdon Learning Trust to look at the quality of education the school provides. The visitor was hugely impressed, identifying so many strengths of the school, and providing glowing feedback. This was lovely to receive, as it verifies the immense effort of our staff every day to make Rush Common a fantastic place to learn.

We have had many prospective new parents visiting our school and going on tours throughout this term (more than any of the previous years I have been at the school), and these parents are always so impressed with the school. They often talk to me about how current parents speak so highly of the school and recommend visiting. Thank you so much if you are someone who has helped with this. Word of mouth is so important for our school – please keep doing this! A special mention to Ben and Emily in Year 5, who have carried out the pupil-led tours brilliantly – both should feel very proud of how articulate and confident they have been

We are currently running a SWIFT parents course, to develop parents understanding of ASD and related communication and interaction difficulties. It is intended to help parents develop a toolkit and bespoke strategies to support their child. It has been really well attended, and I hope it has been useful. Thank you for the contributions made by parents in the sessions so far.

One reminder for all of our parents is to ensure that parking outside the school is always respectful of the local residents. To this end, please do not park on any grass verges near the school.

The children are all looking spotty today for Children in Need and have enjoyed coming to school in non-uniform for this worthy cause. I hope this is the start of an enjoyable and safe weekend ahead.

Kind regards
Kristen Fawcett
Headteacher





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Visits, Tours and Taster Sessions - Autumn 2022

Taster Sessions

Saturday 24th September and Saturday 15th October 10.00 am – 12.00 pm

Your children will experience our Reception classrooms and outdoor area with a wide range of fun, educational activities led by our brilliant Reception teachers.



'Children in early years get off to a flying start'

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Open Days

Wednesday 28th September, Tuesday 11th October and Thursday 3rd November 9.00 am

See children learning across the school, meet our school staff and ask plenty of questions.

'Happiness is all around. It is as if pupils have an extended family at school'

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Head's Breakfast and Pupil-led Tours

Every Friday from 16th September to 9th December (excluding 28th October – half term)
9.00 am – 10.00 am



Have a tea or coffee and a pastry with the Headteacher before a pupil-led tour of the school.

'Pupils love coming to Rush Common School'

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Individual School Visits

We are also happy to provide individualised school visits and tours for parents and children.

To register your interest, email: office@rushcommonschoo.org or phone: 01235 533 583

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www.rushcommonschoo.org

Year 3

In 3NM, the children have been using books and the internet to research inspirational black people. From their research, they have produced Google Slide presentations to show their findings.



Egyptian Day

Year 3 loved dressing up in Ancient Egyptian clothing and digging deep into stories from the past. During the workshop, the children helped our Egyptian explorer assemble an incredible giant model of the King's Pyramid at Giza. They discovered where the passages lead, and explored the hidden chambers and escape tunnels. They also examined an absolutely beautiful model of the temple complex that sat next to the pyramid. Once this was completed, they turned to the mummification process. Using a specially designed mannequin and sarcophagus, they prepared the body for mummification, removed organs, and placed them into real canopic jars. Finally, writing their names in hieroglyphics and exploring with clay.



Dance Competition

Congratulations to Sol in Year 6 who recently entered and won a dance competition with The American Dance School. Below is Sol as the Mad Hatter. He has also been asked to audition for the Dance World Cup 2023 in Portugal. Well done and good luck!



The American Dance School are doing a show at the Amey Theatre at Abingdon School on the Saturday 17th of December. If anyone enjoys musical theatre or dance, it's a fantastic show.

<https://www.abingdon.org.uk/sports-and-leisure/performance/on-broadway/>

Karate International Championship



Well done to Isabella in Reception who attended her first Karate International Championship in Aylesbury on Sunday 6th November. Isabella competed in three categories, winning Gold in Hand Drill, Gold in 5 Kick Combo and Bronze in Kick Boxing Drill. Congratulations!

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.



Homework Champions

Freddie	1LM/JB	Adam	3NM
Erin	1LM/JB	Freya	3NM
Jacob	1LM/JB	Madison	3NM
Ted M	1LM/JB	Charlotte	3JF
Eddie	1ND/BL	Albie	4CM
Faith	1ND/BL	Joseph	4CM
Theo	2RS	Ollie	4CM
Rosie	2RS	Megan	4LR
Sophie	2RS	Ethan	5EC
Bianca	2JM	Joel	5EC
Elsie	2JM	Krish	6JN
Abhimanyu	2JM	Tristan	6JN
Sasha	2JM	Luke	6JN
		Millie	6EW

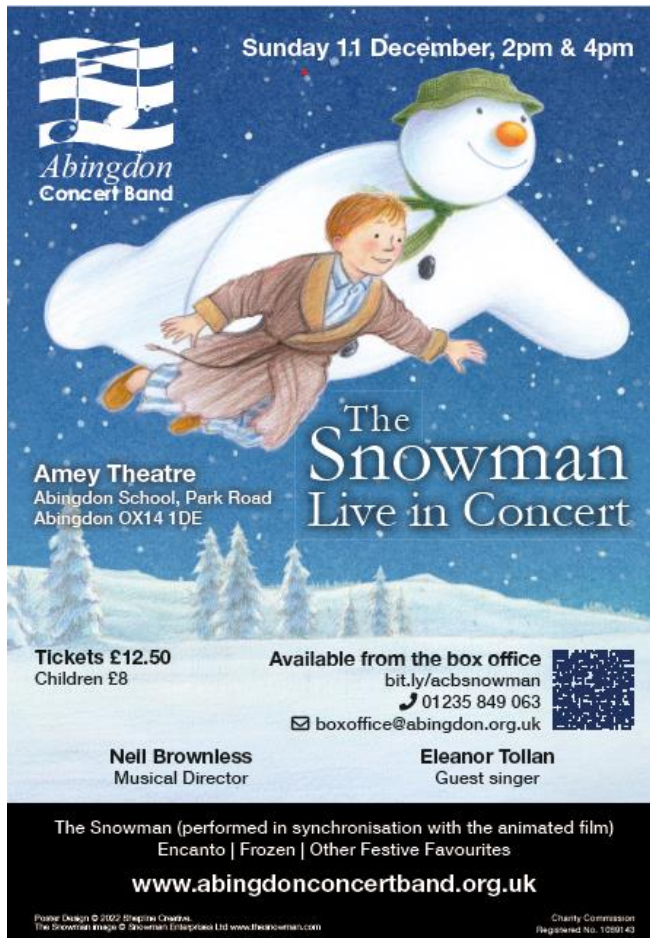
Dates for your diary 2022/23

Beep Beep! Day Reception and Years 1 & 2	Wednesday 23 rd November
Year 2 Roman Day	Wednesday 30 th November
Choir Big Sing – Oxford Town Hall	Wednesday 30 th November
Year 6 Trip to STEAM Museum	Tuesday 6 th December
Year 1 and 2 Nativity Performance	Tuesday 6 th and Thursday 8 th December 5.00-6.00pm
Year 4 Residential to Ufton Court	Wednesday 7 th – Friday 9 th December
Choir Trip to SMEG	Friday 9 th December
Christmas Lunch Day	Friday 16 th December
End of Term 1b	Tuesday 20 th December @ 1.30pm
Start of Term 2a	Wednesday 4 th January 2023
Year 6 Assembly	Thursday 12 th January @ 9.00am 2023
KS1 Books At Bedtime	Thursday 12 th January 2023
China Day	Friday 20 th January 2023
Year 3 Trip to Ashmolean Museum	Monday 23 rd January 2023

Year 5 Assembly	Wednesday 25th January @ 9.00am 2023
Safer Internet Day	Tuesday 7th February 2023
Curriculum House Competition	Wednesday 8th February 2023
Inside Out Day	Friday 10th February 2023
End of Term 2a	Friday 10th February 2023
Start of Term 2b	Monday 20th February 2023
World Book Day	Thursday 2nd March 2023
Year 4 Assembly	Tuesday 7th March @ 2.30pm 2023
Year 3 Assembly	Thursday 16th March @ 9.00am 2023
Reception Assembly	Wednesday 29th March @ 2.30pm 2023
End of Term 2b	Friday 31st March 2023 @ 1.30pm
Start of Term 3a	Monday 17th April 2023
May Bank Holiday (children not in school)	Monday 1st May 2023
Year 1 Assembly	Tuesday 23rd May @ 9.00am 2023
End of Term 3a	Friday 26th May 2023
Inset Day (Children Not in School)	Monday 5th June 2023
Start of Term 3b	Tuesday 6th June 2023
Year 6 Residential to Call of the Wild	Monday 26th – Friday 30th June 2023
Year 2 Assembly	Tuesday 27th June @ 9.00am 2023
End of Term 3b	Thursday 20th July 2023 @1.30pm
Inset Day (Children Not in School)	Friday 21st July 2023

Local Community News

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



Abingdon Concert Band

Sunday 11 December, 2pm & 4pm

The Snowman Live in Concert

Amey Theatre
Abingdon School, Park Road
Abingdon OX14 1DE

Tickets £12.50
Children £8

Available from the box office
bit.ly/acbsnowman
01235 849 063
boxoffice@abingdon.org.uk

Neil Brownless
Musical Director

Eleanor Tollan
Guest singer

The Snowman (performed in synchronisation with the animated film)
Encanto | Frozen | Other Festive Favourites

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Classes Held on:

- Tuesday: 6.45 - 7.30pm Larkmead School, Abingdon, OX14 1RF
- Thursday: 6.45 - 7.30pm Harwell Village Hall, Harwell, OX11 0EX
- Saturday: 9.00 - 10.00am Snells Hall, East Hendred, OX11 8LA

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Abingdon Carbon
Cutters invite you to
join us in another



Tree Planting!

- Another 420 small “wild wood” trees will come from the Woodland Trust soon
- CAN YOU HELP plant them on Saturday 3rd December?
- Please register before you come if possible, to help us manage numbers
- Wear stout shoes or boots, bring gloves & a sharp spade if you have one
- Children welcome!

Book
your
place
now!



**Timed slots between 10am
& 2pm on Sat 3rd Dec 2022**

On Rye Farm Meadow, halfway
between car park & lock

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Mind



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Mum of 11 year old



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SCIENCE BAZAAR SATURDAYS



Saturday 19 November 2022
11 am – 12 pm



Science Bazaar Saturdays presents Neuroscience: the science of your brain! Join Bright Sparks Science and Oxford Brookes researchers Dr Sanjay Kumar and Dr Alfred Veldhuis in exploring about the brain, mindset and proprioception! This virtual event is FREE and open to all. Fun for all the family and most suitable for 5 – 12 years.

Register at:

<https://brookes.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlocuCggD4oHdXwAh62XNj92L5YekKP48p2>



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