



# Rush Common School Newsletter

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023



## *Dream, Aspire, Succeed*

Dear Parents/Carers

There is only one place to start this newsletter – the fantastic victory of our Year 4 Girls Football Team last week to become Oxfordshire County Champions! Not only did they blow the rest of the competition away, it was the way they played as a team that was most impressive. Togetherness, confidence, and humility are hugely important qualities for any team, and they showed this in bucket loads - with a fair bit of talent as well! Congratulations to you all, and I look forward to the next chapter for this talented team.

Reception children and parents will certainly know that we have had some furry visitors in our school over the last two weeks. It has been an absolute delight for the children to see the duckling eggs hatch, and have the opportunity to observe, and carefully hold and stroke the ducklings. There was even a duckling swimming lesson, which was greatly enjoyed by the children! This has presented excellent learning opportunities about life cycles, and most other children in the school have been given some time to come and see the cute and cuddly creatures!

There have been so many other exciting enrichment activities over the course of the last fortnight. Year 1 have had a visit from the Fire Service, who were able to show children the fire engine and provide a valuable talk about fire safety. The safety theme has continued in Year 5, as they have been focussing on cycling, through Bikeability. This has required concentration and care as they implement all the important road safety requirements of the course. They have also enjoyed this activity immensely! Year 4 have started their swimming programme this week, and it is lovely to be able to offer this invaluable life skill in both Year 4 and Year 6. The children gain so much from their visits to the Radley pool!

All of our extra curricular clubs are underway, and we pride ourselves on the quantity and variety of these opportunities. Computing, Gardening, Mindfulness, Golf, Lego and Drama are just some of the clubs we are offering this term, and I hope if your child is attending one of our clubs, they are really enjoying the opportunity.

Thank you to all the parents who attended our Read Write Inc. phonics information meetings. We have been successfully implementing this phonics scheme since September, and it was great to share everything with the parents, and how you can help your child at home. All parents in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 should be receiving the slides, which includes links to free Read Write Inc. videos for parents.

We are really pleased to have been awarded joint third in an Abingdon Biodiversity Competition. We have a biodiversity area on site that won a cash prize and certificate. We will have a representative from the school attend the Mayor-Making Ceremony in which the winners will be announced.

We have a really proactive School Parliament and Eco Club, who were really pleased to receive a visit from Fiona Hammans, CEO of Abingdon Learning Trust. Amongst other items on the agenda, Dr Hammans was able to provide an update to children on the Trust Net Zero commitment, and hear some of their ideas. The children were extremely articulate, and we are very proud of their ambitions for the school – watch this space!

We are all very much looking forward to our Coronation Day on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May, and it promises to be a fun-filled day to mark this historic occasion. On the 26<sup>th</sup> May, we are continuing the celebration with our whole school picnic and open afternoon, so please make sure this date is in your diaries so the whole school community can enjoy time together on our field. A letter will be coming out in due course regarding this.

May I remind all parents about driving respectfully near the school at pick up and drop off. This includes safe respect for those cycling to or from school. Please do not attempt to overtake cyclists if it is not safe to do so.

Finally, I would like to wish all of our children and families a safe and enjoyable Bank Holiday weekend ahead.

Kind regards

*Kristen Fawcett*

Headteacher



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### Girls Football Champions

Congratulations to our Year 4 Girls Football Team, who are now County Champions! They conceded only one goal in six games when they played on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April. They all showed great teamwork and sportsmanship. Well done!



### Homework Champions

Isabel	1NDBL
Evie	3NM
Henry	4CM
Indhu	4CM
Adam	5AS
Rosalia	5AS
Ruby	5EC

### 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.



# LIVING WELL with NEURODIVERSITY



Oxford Health  
NHS Foundation Trust

**A new support service**

from Oxfordshire CAMHS in collaboration with Autism Oxford  
UK Limited



Is your family open to/involved  
with CAMHS services?

Is your young person either  
suspected or diagnosed as  
neurodiverse (autism/ADHD)?



## FREE COURSES AND SUPPORT FOR YOU!

A range of sessions available covering different topics.  
Informal spaces for parents/carers to safely share experiences/tips.  
Facilitated by professionals and lived experience practitioners.

Scan the QR code to access  
the events and resources!

<https://onhs.autismoxford.com/>

If you have any questions, please email us on  
[youngpeoplesupport@autismoxford.org.uk](mailto:youngpeoplesupport@autismoxford.org.uk)



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communities, our people & the environment*



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Outstanding care by  
an outstanding team

## Dates for your diary 2023

May Bank Holiday (children not in school)	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May
Year 5 ASP Workshop	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 5EC Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 5AS
King's Coronation Celebrations	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May
Extra Bank Holiday (children not in school)	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May
KS2 SATs Week	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May
Year 5 Kingswood Parents' Meeting	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May 5.00pm
Class Photos	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May
Year 3 Assembly	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May @ 9.00am (Date Change)
Year 1 Assembly	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May @ 9.00am
Whole School Picnic and Open Afternoon	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May
End of Term 3a	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May
Inset Day (Children Not in School)	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June
Start of Term 3b	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June
Year 5 Residential to Kingswood	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> June
FoRC Non-school uniform day	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> June
Reception Trip to Farmer Gows	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> June
Year 3 Hill End Trip	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> June
Year 2 Trip to Abingdon Museum	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> and Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June
Reception and KS1 Sports Day	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 9.15am – 11.30am
FoRC Summer Fete and Colour Run	Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> June
Year 6 Residential to Call of the Wild	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June
Year 2 Assembly	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June @ 9.00am
KS2 Sports Day (Tilsley Park)	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July 9.30am – 2.30pm
Reception and KS1 Back Up Sports Day	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July 9.15am -11.30am
Reception Assembly	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July @ 2.30pm
KS2 Back Up Sports Day (Tilsley Park)	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July 9.30am - 2.30pm
End of Term 3b	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July @1.30pm
Inset Day (Children Not in School)	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> 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.



**It all starts with...** **ALL STARS CRICKET**

Give your little star an **endless summer** packed full of fun and friendship

All Stars Cricket is the best first experience for all **5-8 year-olds**

Participants receive a **personalised kit bag** including bat, ball and t-shirt!

Sign up today at [allstarscricket.co.uk](http://allstarscricket.co.uk)




**DYNAMO'S CRICKET**

**This is our game.**

**Calling all 8-11 year-olds!**

Dynamo's Cricket is the next step for All Stars graduates or the perfect intro to the sport for those new to the game.

Get involved this summer for 8 weeks of skills, games of Countdown Cricket and fun with friends.

Sign up today, at: [dynamicscricket.co.uk](http://dynamicscricket.co.uk)



**Low cost and free activities for families to enjoy together!**

YouMove is brand new for Oxfordshire, providing low cost and free fun activities for families including weekends & school holidays.

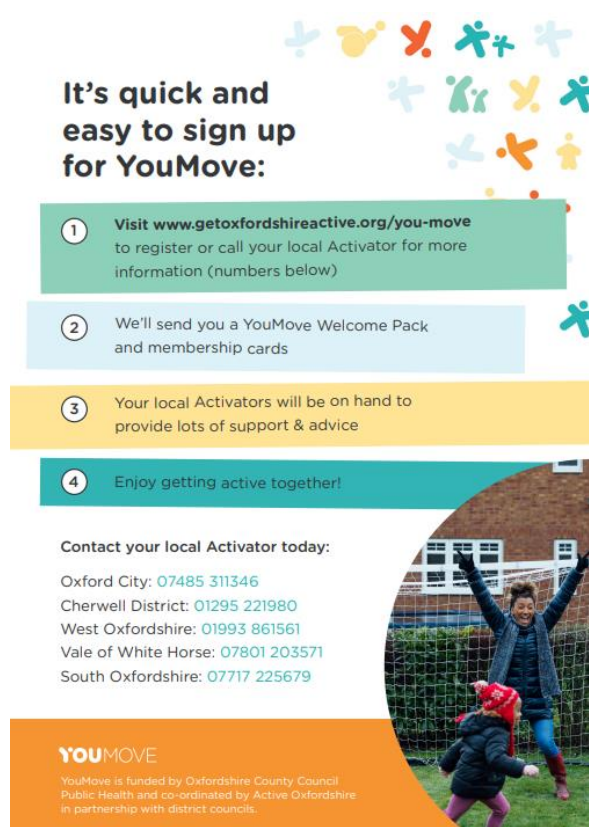
Enjoy a fantastic range of activities including swimming, badminton, activity packs, children's holiday activities & so much more!

Find out more here:



YouMove is here to offer free and low cost activities for children on benefit related free school meals and their families.

**YOU MOVE**



**It's quick and easy to sign up for YouMove:**

- 1 Visit [www.getoxfordshireactive.org/you-move](http://www.getoxfordshireactive.org/you-move) to register or call your local Activator for more information (numbers below)
- 2 We'll send you a YouMove Welcome Pack and membership cards
- 3 Your local Activators will be on hand to provide lots of support & advice
- 4 Enjoy getting active together!

Contact your local Activator today:

Oxford City: 07485 311346  
 Cherwell District: 01295 221980  
 West Oxfordshire: 01993 861561  
 Vale of White Horse: 07801 203571  
 South Oxfordshire: 07717 225679

**YOU MOVE**

YouMove is funded by Oxfordshire County Council Public Health and co-ordinated by Active Oxfordshire in partnership with district councils.

# CHORISTERS

AT RADLEY COLLEGE

*Passionate about music?*

*Love to sing?*

*Could you be a Chorister?*



Choristerships are available for boys aged 7-12, and we are currently holding open events for boys in Years 2 and 3.

## AS A CHORISTER YOU WOULD...

- Meet new friends!
- Sing in regular concerts and services
- Receive free weekly singing and theory lessons
- Receive excellent care and choral training from world-class music staff
- Have the opportunity to join international music tours
- Share supper each week with your fellow Choristers
- Earn some pocket-money!



## FIND OUT MORE...

### Come to a Sunday service

Join us at 10am, Sunday 7 or 21 May in Radley College Chapel. There will be refreshments after the service, as well as an opportunity to chat to current parents.

### 'Be a chorister' evening

Join the Radley Choristers on the following dates:  
Wednesday 3 May, Wednesday 10 May or Thursday 11 May.

Meet members of the chorister team, then join in with warm ups, singing games and part of a rehearsal before enjoying supper with the other boys.



For info or to register for an event scan QR or email [musicadmin@radley.org.uk](mailto:musicadmin@radley.org.uk)



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# YEAR 6 FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Mixed 5 aside teams

**30 JUNE 2023**



**TILSLEY PARK**

**10 - 2**

Contact [jessica.burns@abingdon.org.uk](mailto:jessica.burns@abingdon.org.uk) with any questions



**REGISTER YOUR  
INTEREST HERE**

