

## **Rush Common School Newsletter**



Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024

## Dream, Aspíre, Succeed

**Dear Parents/Carers** 

I would like to start this newsletter by congratulating our Year 5 and 6 Girls Football Team, who competed in the Oxfordshire Finals last week, after winning the Vale Schools Tournament. They competed brilliantly, and used every ounce of effort to finish in the top 6 teams. Given that there are almost 300 primary schools in Oxfordshire, this is a remarkable achievement. Even more impressive, is that the majority of the team are Year 5, and therefore most children have another year to hone their skills while at Rush Common!

Yesterday, there was a fantastic buzz around the school for World Book Day! Everyone dressed up as their favourite book characters, and the day was thoroughly enjoyed. There were plenty of reading opportunities across the day, including 'drop everything and read!' and staff reading stories to mixed age groups across the school. The Preschool children got a lovely surprise, as they had a story read to them by the BFG! There are some good photos on our Facebook page, including some nice mini-me's! A huge thank you to Mrs Neal for organising the day, and to all the parents who supported their children with costumes.

There are always opportunities across the year for children to go out on educational visits and last week we had two such trips. Year 1 had a 'jaw dropping' experience at Crocodiles of the World, while Year 3 had a fantastic trip to the Ashmolean Museum. Both excursions were highly memorable for the children, and have really supported their learning back in school. A huge thank you to those parents that volunteered to attend the trip, which I extend to all parents who have volunteered this year. It would be difficult to put on so many visits without your help!

This week the books have been flying off the shelves at the Book Fair, which is lovely to see. Not only does this inspire children further with their enjoyment of reading, but also makes money for the school to spend on books. Thank you to everyone that has attended the Book Fair this week and purchased a book. I will update on the total amount raised in the next newsletter.

Today, children have been bringing in their STEM projects for the Science Fair on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March. It is really exciting for the children to have their work displayed, and there have been some great projects coming in that have clearly taken a lot of effort. The children will all visit our Science Fair on Monday, and there will be an opportunity after school for parents to come and have a look at the projects. Thank you for supporting this event.

We were very excited to receive our mini-ox last week, and we are now asking all children to submit designs for how it should be painted. This is to be completed at home - please can you encourage your child to submit a design. I will keep you updated with the winning design/s.

Today is the next session of our SWIFT course for parents. This is aimed at parents of children with Communication and Interaction needs to help develop parent's approach and strategies in supporting their children. Please do let us know if you are interested in joining these sessions.

We are aware of the on-going safety issues, related to driving and parking at drop off and pick-up. We are looking at this issue in conjunction with creating a travel plan for the school. We will consult with the school community regarding this, and there will be further information in due course. In the mean time, I will send out another reminder to all of our parents about safe driving and parking, and what to do should you witness any unsafe driving behaviour.

Finally, I hope everyone has a lovely weekend ahead, as we look forward to the final weeks of this Spring Term.

Kind regards

Krísten Fawcett

Headteacher







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### Oxfordshire Football Finals Wed 28<sup>th</sup> February

A fantastic effort from the Year 5 and 6 Girls Team for finishing 6<sup>th</sup> place overall out of 297 primary schools in Oxfordshire. It is a feat to be proud of! The opposition were tough and the football was fast but we can remain proud of the fact that we won the Vale Competition in order to reach these finals.



The cost of school dinners is **£2.60** per day. Payment for school dinners can be made via ParentMail. Meal choices must be made at least 3 days in advance.





Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 8:00 - 9:00pm

As part of our work with Abingdon School Primary Partnerships, we are pleased to offer a webinar about Digital Health and Wellbeing. Please follow this link to sign up: https://forms.gle/MBToi J5gp J6m2tKp6

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A Zoom link will be emailed to you closer to the webinar date.

Thank you for your continued support of the school and your child.

### **Preschool Food Back Collection**

As part of our People in the Community and Recycling Topic, the children have been learning about Food Banks. They have brought food in from home and we have just had a couple of staff from the food bank come and collect it all.





World Book Day Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March We love reading at Rush Common School and it was wonderful to see books and reading celebrated on World Book Day. The children and school staff looked fantastic in their costumes and we had a wonderful day enjoying and sharing books together.



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Raaghav	4CM

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## Pupil Voice Sustainability Project

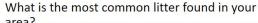
Our Year 6 pupils, Felix A and Clara K have been involved in working with pupils and students from John Mason, Fitzharry's School and Abingdon and Witney College. They have attended four meetings with at least two more this academic year. In collaboration with the other students, they agreed that littering and insufficient recycling bins were a major problem in our local area, namely the neighbourhood from Peachcroft Park, across the Oxford Road, along Northcourt Road, past Fitzharry's School and Abingdon & Witney College, down to John Mason School on Wootton Road.

After individual researching and identifying problems and needs, we were also able to contact Clara Legallais-Moha, a Waste and Recycling Officer from the waste team at South and Vale. (Felix had previously found this contact during his first task at the start of the project.) Mrs Legallais-Moha gave a talk at Abingdon & Witney College during our meeting on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February and answered questions we had about littering and recycling in general. She then suggested each school group took a local map and identified the areas in need of extra bins. However, she also made some suggestions about types of bins which were maybe slightly more appealing to would-be litterers and ways to appeal to our 'audience'. Items and painting of this calibre are not necessarily guaranteed but research shows they work well!



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## How to prevent litter and fly-tip?





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## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about RI

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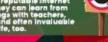
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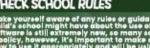
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<u>Please see link below to current job vacancies in Rush Common School and Abingdon</u> <u>Learning Trust</u>



Vacancies - Rush Common School - Dream, Aspire, Succeed



### Dates for your diary 2024

Science Fair Year 5 Curriculum Assembly FoRC Second Hand Uniform Sale FoRC Reception Party Year 5 Planetarium Workshop FoRC School Disco

**Red Nose Day Parents Evening Preschool Parents Evening** KS2 Author Visit – Christopher Edge Year 3 Big Sing – Radley College Year 2 Curriculum Assembly Dental Checks for 5 Year Olds (only) End of Term 2b Start of Term 3a Year 5 Residential Kingswood Year 2 Cotswold Wildlife Park Trip May Bank Holiday (children not in school) Year 6 SATs Year 1 Curriculum Assembly End of Term 3a Inset Day (Children Not in School) Start of Term 3b **Class Photos** Year 3 Curriculum Assembly Year 2 Abingdon Museum Trip **Reception Curriculum Assembly** FoRC Summer Fete

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March after school in the hall Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March @ 9.00am Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2.30pm – 3.30pm Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 4.00pm – 5.15pm Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March Year 1 & 2 4.00pm – 5.15pm Year 3 & 4 5.30pm – 6.45pm Year 5 & 6 7.00pm – 8.15pm Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March Tuesday 19th – Thursday 21st March Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 3.30pm – 5.00pm Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March Tuesday 26th March @ 9.00am Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March @ 1.30pm Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April **Tuesday 23rd April** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May Week of the 13<sup>th</sup> May Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May @ 2.30pm Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June @ 9.00am Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2JM Wednesday 19th June 2RS Wednesday 19th June @ 2.15pm Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

Year 6 Residential Call of the Wild	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June
Year 6 Performance	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July @ 6.00pm Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July @ 6.00pm
Year 6 Leavers Assembly	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July @ 9.00am
End of Term 3b	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July @1.30pm

### Local Community News

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



# OPEN MORNING INVITATION SATURDAY 27 APRIL

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL

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## Year 7, Year 9 and Sixth Form Entry

We warmly invite the families of your current Year 5 pupils, who are considering secondary education in September 2025 to our Open Morning on Saturday 27 April 2024.

Christ's Hospital was established 470 years ago as a charitable boarding school and is proud to maintain its founding principles and ethos. It offers an independent boarding education of the strongest quality to children with academic potential, from all backgrounds in a caring and supportive environment.

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