



Term 4 Newsletter

Friday 31st March

This term we have been exploring our school value curiosity. Staff have been talking to the children about what it is to be curious and asking and encouraging lots of curious questions “I wonder if ?” and “I wonder why....?”.

We started the term with exploring Children’s Mental Health week. We have been focusing on building positive relationships and exploring the term kind. Staff have been encouraging children to talk about and name different emotions while reading the ‘Colour Monster’ by Anna Llenas and linking discussions to self-regulation. The Nursery



children have been learning calming breathing exercises. This is a great way to help children to learn to self-regulate and tune into how they are feeling. One of these is ‘Finger Breathing’, where we breathe in and out five times whilst tracing around each finger. Others have included ‘Bee Breath’, ‘Square Breathing’ and ‘Balloon Breaths’. In addition to this Reception children have been looking at

identifying different feelings and potential strategies we can use to help us when we are feeling a certain way – physical movement, exercise, breathing, talking to an adult or a friend etc.



Science week was enjoyed by all! A range of wonderful experiments were going on across the school including, magic rainbow clouds, colour experiments, walking water experiments and volcanic explosions. Staff would like to offer a special thanks to all the parents who brought in resources and their time to talk to the children. Mariam came in to talk to us about what it is like to be a doctor. The children thoroughly enjoyed exploring all her resources including her first aid kit, stethoscope, mini torch and model skeleton. Jesper also kindly came in to talk about the brain and showed the children different pictures of the brain. Several parents were kind in bringing items in for us to explore and share including a microscope and miniature model of the solar system. Everyone had lots of fun exploring and experimenting!

The Nursery children had a fantastic time at Oxford City Farm! They learnt about how fruit and vegetables are grown and all about how they are taken care of. They were also lucky enough to get to feed the sheep and chickens and watch Phil make a fire for their hot chocolate!



Children and staff across the school have been enjoying getting outside and exploring the wet and recently slightly sunnier days! They have been enjoying digging, weeding, making bird feeders and exploring the big garden and all it has to offer. Reception children have been starting to plant seeds and talking about the change in seasons and what happens in Spring.



Daycare's Mother's Day Tea

Many thanks to everyone who joined the children and staff in Daycare for their Mother's Day tea. A lovely morning was had by all. Everyone enjoyed lots of special activities and sharing our learning journeys together.



St Mary and St John Church visit



The reception children had a great trip to the church this week. They enjoyed learning about the alter, the font and the stained-glass window all designed by architect Ninian Comper who also designed our lovely building and the origin of our name. They used their senses to look and listen to the organ, smell the intense, taste (the bread), touch the wood and metal and asked lots of questions. A big thank you to the vicar Philip

Ritchie and Claire for welcoming the children so warmly and engaging them in lots of lovely activities.

Ramadan

Ramadan is a very important time in the Islamic calendar, and Muslims all over the world will be taking part. We aim to foster curiosity and understanding amongst all our children and explore a range of religions and faiths as part of our curriculum. We wish all our families and staff who are taking part all the best over the next few weeks.



When it's parents evening and they make you sit on the kids chairs.



Nursery and Reception Parent consultations next term

Next term we will be offering you the opportunity to book a consultation with your child's teacher/keyworker. These will be running from Tuesday 2nd May – Friday 12th May. Staff will put a signup sheet out from week 1 of next term for you to sign up. The session will last for 10/15 minutes and will give you an opportunity to discuss how your child is doing and their next steps for learning with their teacher/key worker.

Red Nose Day at Comper



Thank you for supporting Comic relief on Red Nose Day this term. We raised £107. It was lovely to see so much red!

Comper Cake Stall

A big thank you to all those who contributed and joined us for our cake stall and end of term social on

Wednesday. We raised a fantastic £103 which will go towards developing our forest school area in the nursery garden.





Our new recycling bin

We have a new recycling bin which has been installed by the side of the school next to the buggy park. This is part of a scheme run by Astra recycling to support raising money for us. The school receives 40p per kg for everything collected from the bank and there will be 2 collections per month.

They accept the following wearable items:

- All men's, ladies and children's clothing including School Uniform
- Paired Shoes
- Handbags, bags, ties and belts
- Bed clothes, towels, soft toys



Please find further information on their website using the following link: <https://www.astrarecycling.co.uk>

	<p>Monday 17th April – Term 5 begins</p> <p>Friday 21st April – 9-10am Reception stay and play for parents *</p> <p>Monday 1st May – School closed - Bank holiday</p> <p>Tuesday 2nd May – Friday 12th May – Parents consultations for Nursery and Reception.</p> <p>Wednesday 3rd May – 3-3.30pm Comper Tea stall</p> <p>Monday 8th May – School closed - Bank holiday for King Charles' Coronation</p> <p>Saturday 20th May – 10am -12pm Comper Community morning *</p> <p>Tuesday 23rd May – Farmers Gows Farm visiting Comper *</p> <p>Friday 26th May – Term ends 5 ends. Half term Holidays</p> <p>Monday 5th June – Term 6 begins</p>
<p>*Further information regarding these events will be sent out next term.</p>	

It has been a busy term but I wish to thank the amazing Comper staff team and all of you for your support over the last few weeks. I hope you all get the opportunity to enjoy some time together over the Easter break and the team and I look forward to welcoming you back next term.

All the best

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