

Newsletter 10 – Thursday 28th March 2024

OxTrail Art Sales



A huge thank you to everyone for their amazing support of the recent OxTrail art sales. I am sure you will agree that the standard of art available for sale, and included in the silent auctions, was exceptionally high. Thanks to the brilliant contributions, and your generosity, the sales raised an amazing **£679.50** for OxTrail! This is over 200% more than expected by the organisers for a school of our size! Once this has been match-funded by a local business, this means we will be donating almost £1,400 to this fantastic cause.



Tesco donation to FOES

Representatives from Tesco came to visit school this week to present a cheque for £500, raised by customers in their Didcot store in recent weeks. The money will be donated to Friends of Ewelme School and will, in turn, support the school to invest in new resources and opportunities for the children. Thank you to all those who visited the Didcot Tesco store and dropped tokens into the FOES slot and thank you, once again, to Friends of Ewelme School for their continued amazing support and fundraising efforts.

Key Stage 2 Netball competition

On Monday afternoon, Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6) participated in the annual netball competition organised and run by Mrs Seymour. Once again the children participated really well, showing determination and a competitive spirit but also demonstrating a respectful and sporting attitude towards their team mates and opponents alike.

The eventual winners were Swyncombe, who won all three of their games. Congratulations to them and a big thank you to Mrs Seymour for her work in organising this event.



The Easter Experience

Well done to all the children for their fantastic contributions to our Easter Experience on Wednesday morning. Chaucer class (reception and Year 1) told the story of Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, Burghersh (Years 3 and 4) told the story of the last supper, Roet class (Year 2) told the story of Jesus' arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane and De La Pole class (Years 5 and 6) told the story of his crucifixion and resurrection.

Thank you to all the parents/carers and other family members who came along to watch. I am sure, like me, you were all very impressed by the children's clear, confident speaking, acting skills and lovely singing.

Parent-Teacher meetings and open classrooms

In the second week of term 5 (w/c 22nd April), we will be holding an open classrooms event for all families, as well as parent-teacher meetings for Years 2 and 6 (as these children are approaching the end of their Key Stages and, in Year 6s case, will be preparing for their SATs assessments and transition to secondary school).

The **Open Classrooms** event will take place on **Tuesday 23rd April** from 3.15pm-5.30pm. This is an opportunity to visit classrooms, see your children's work and to speak with teachers. If you would prefer to speak separately with your child's class teacher please contact the school office to arrange a time.

Year 2 parent-teacher meetings will take place on **Tuesday 23rd April 3.15pm-5.30pm** (at the same time as Open Classrooms – Y2 parents are invited to visit classrooms across the school before or after their appointment). Please indicate your preferred time for a meeting via this form:

<https://forms.gle/FTMchUDQqeyK9Uwm7>

Year 6 parent-teacher meetings will take place on **Monday 22nd April 1.30-5pm**. Please indicate your preferred time for a meeting via this form: <https://forms.gle/sQa95BYnkLyBBzBz5>

Dates for the diary:

Click here to see the school's online calendar: <https://ewelmeprimaryschool.com/calendar/>

Friday 29th March-Monday 15th April – Easter holidays

Monday 15th April – INSET day (school closed to pupils)

Tuesday 16th April – 8.45am: Start of term 5 for pupils

Tuesday 16th April – First Forest School session for Year 1

Sunday 21st April – Rupert House Cross Country at Stonor Park, Yr 1-6

Monday 22nd April – Year 6 parent-teacher meetings, 1-5pm

Tuesday 23rd April – Open Classrooms and Year 2 parent-teacher meetings, 3.15-5.30pm

Monday 29th April – School Council meeting

Thursday 2nd May – Whole-school photograph

Monday 6th May – Bank Holiday (school closed)

w/c 13th May – Y6 SATs assessments

Monday 20th May – Y5/6 visit to IMPS

Friday 24th May – 3:15pm: End of term 5

w/c Monday 27th May – Half term holidays

Monday 3rd June – 8.45am: Start of term 6

Tuesday 4th June – First Forest School session for Year 5/6

w/c 10th June – Y1 Phonics Screening Checks

Friday 21st June – Festival of Voices at Dorchester Abbey

Tuesday 2nd July – Chaucer trip to Odds Farm

Wednesday 24th July – 12.15pm: End of term 6

Please visit the school website to view full term dates for 2023/24: <https://ewelmeprimaryschool.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Ewelme-Primary-School-term-dates-2023-24.pdf>