

Egyptologist Visit to Year 3



Did you know that the Egyptians worshipped onions? Due to its circle within a circle structure, the Egyptians believed that an onion represented eternity. Year 3 discovered this alongside many more bizarre and wonderful things about the Ancient Egyptians during a visit from Doc - a very knowledgeable Egyptologist. They learnt how to decode Hieroglyphs as well as play the first version of snakes and ladders. Students also mummified Geoff, Doc's trusty helper, and gave him the burial a Pharaoh would deserve. Year 3 ended the day solving an Egyptian mystery story, coming up with their own endings to the incomplete story of the Doomed Prince.



U11s and U9s CNPS Cross Country Tournament

On Wednesday, our KS2 runners entered the Chipping Norton Cross Country Tournament. The U9 teams ran 1.5km and the U11 teams ran 2km.

The atmosphere was tense and our athletes were nervous, but our teams soon overcame their nerves as the races got underway.

Two of our students – Tia and Zack- broke CNPS records, with Tia beating last year's time by twenty seconds!

At the end of the tournament, our under 9 girls and boys came 1st, as did our under 11s! This means that all our teams qualified for the West Oxfordshire Finals next week! We wish them luck! *By news reporters Eli and Benedict – Year 6*



Industrial Action

As you know, one of the teacher unions has declared strike action next week on Wednesday 1st February. We can confirm that, as only one union (so far) has agreed this action, our school will be OPEN as normal on Wednesday.

Other strike days are planned, which, at the moment, we cannot comment on until nearer the time.

There is a possibility that an agreement might be reached before future strikes take place; there is also a chance that other unions may vote to take joint action. The proposed days are:

- **Wednesday 1st February - SCHOOL OPEN**
- Thursday 2nd March - tbc
- Wednesday 15th March - tbc
- Thursday 16th March - tbc

We will let you know nearer the time if, and how, our school will be affected.

Children's Mental Health Week - *Let's Connect*

Children's Mental Health Week will take place from 6 – 12 February 2023. The week aims to shine a light on the importance of children and young people's mental health. This year's theme is *Let's Connect*.

Human beings are intrinsically connected to each other, and human connection is vital for the wellbeing and survival of all individuals. People with positive connections to family, friends and others often experience better mental health than those who are less well connected. Let's Connect is all about forming positive connections with others. For Children's Mental Health Week 2023, we will be encouraging children (and adults) to connect with others in healthy, rewarding and meaningful ways. We have a range of activities planned throughout the week at school and want to finish on a high on Friday 10th by inviting the children to wear their own clothes for ***Dress to Express Friday*** showing us what makes them special and unique. No donation required.

Gardening Club

Gardening Club will be tending our beautiful school garden after the half term break, and we are seeking parent volunteers who might be able to help. We really need an extra pair of hands on Mondays after school. Please get in touch with the office if you can help in any way.

Value of the Month: Humility

Humility:
is recognising my own strengths and those of others
is *not* showing off
Is accepting everyone.

Diary Dates

Weds 1 Feb	CNPS U11 Netball Tournament
Fri 3 Feb	Year 2 Class Assembly
Mon 6 Feb	Children's Mental Health Week
Tues 7 Feb	Safer Internet Day
Weds 8 Feb	Year 5 Class Assembly (rescheduled)
Weds 8 Feb	KPSA Meeting (3pm)
Fri 10 Feb	West Oxon Cross Country Finals (am)
Fri 10 Feb	Dress to Express Day
Fri 10 Feb	Last day of half term
Mon 20 Feb	First day of next half term
Thurs 23 Feb	Year 1 at Fairytale Farm
Fri 24 Feb	KPSA Film Night
Mon 27 Feb	Book Week
Weds 1 Mar	Nursery trip to Cogges Manor Farm
Thurs 2 Mar	World Book Dress-Up Day
Mon 6 Mar	Year 6 trip to Ashmolean Museum
Tues 7 Mar	Hrothgar the Viking visiting Year 4
Fri 10 Mar	Year 1 Class Assembly
Weds 15 Mar	Parents Evening
Thurs 16 Mar	Parents Evening
Fri 17 Mar	Year 4 Class Assembly
Mon 20 Mar	STEM Week
Thurs 23 Mar	Year 5/6 trip to Leamington Gurdwara
Fri 24 Mar	Year 3 Class Assembly
Weds 29 Mar	Interhouse Benchball
Thurs 30 Mar	Interhouse Benchball
Fri 31 Mar	Easter Egg Hunt
Fri 31 Mar	Last day of Spring Term – 2pm finish
Mon 17 Apr	First day back



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