



Dear Parents

The children have shown real enthusiasm for their learning over the last few weeks, and it has been a delight to see them giving real thought and consideration to their learning behaviours. The staff have worked hard on fine tuning our new behaviour policy and we will be making this available for parents to give us feedback on over the next few weeks. Our theme for this week's collective worship was about skills and talent, and the children reflected on their own skills and talents and how they could use these positively over the week.

I was very fortunate last week to take a group of Key Stage 2 children to Marlborough school to compete in a Woodstock Partnership cross country competition. The children showed real resilience and demonstrated excellent sporting behaviours. I was very proud of them all.

Lauren Murrey

Behaviour in school

Please can I ask that if parents have any concerns about the behaviour of children in school, including disagreements between children, that these are shared with your child's class teacher so that these can be resolved in school.

Parking

Please can I ask that parents park with care and consideration for residents of the village when dropping off and collecting from school.

Achievements and Certificates

Congratulations to the children receiving the following awards:

VALUES	ASH	OSPREY
7th Jan 2022	Respect—Holly Brooks	Kindness—Darcey
14th Jan 2022	Friendship— Ash Class	Kindness—Maksim

READING RAINBOW	ASH	OSPREY
Red		Mckenzie
Orange		Rufta, Darcey, Zakk
Yellow		Charlie, Hannah
Green		Noah, James, Holly Bryant
Blue	Joseph	James, Zachery

TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS	1st	2nd	3rd
7th January			
Most improved speed	James	Noah	Zachery
Highest number of coins earned	James	Noah	Tom

Osprey Class

In English this term we are looking at newspaper reports. We are intending to write one about an incident from a traditional tale. We have: investigated the key features; have written headlines and interviewed key witnesses using direct and reported speech. An example from an interview is below:

When I asked the third little pig if he was the smartest of the pigs, he said "I'm not one to boast but considering the outcome, I'd say I am!" It was a bit of a joke of a question, but next I asked what his favourite food was... He said "It's probably wrong, but bacon." *Mckenzie*

Ash Class

Ash Class had a great start to the new term. The children shared their Christmas holiday stories of which a big part was talking about their presents! Santa certainly didn't disappoint anyone this year. In the first few days back we focused our attention to Islam and the importance of prayer for Muslims. We thought about commitment and discussed how does praying 5 times a day help a Muslim in everyday life. We tried out different prayer postures and explored artefacts like a prayer mat and Qur'an. We concluded that praying 5 times a day is not an easy commitment to fulfil but one that feels us with calm and help us focus on daily tasks.



Ash Class continued

This week we have started our topic of toys and books from the past. We had a visit from Mr Moon who talked to us about toys he played with when he was a little boy. We will continue learning about and comparing childhood toys, old and new, in the next few weeks.

Message from Oxfordshire County Council's Road Safety Team

Oxfordshire County Council's Road Safety Team are constantly looking to improve the safety of child pedestrians and so are reviewing the advice and guidance we provide to parents and carers.

To help us achieve this, we are evaluating the effectiveness of the Footsteps (Child Pedestrian safety advice for parents / carers) programme and would like parents and carers to help by completing an online questionnaire.

If you would like to keep your child safer on our roads, please visit [Walking with children | 365Alive](#) where you can download a copy of the Footsteps leaflet to provide you with guidance to support your child in becoming a safer and, eventually, an independent pedestrian.

Once you have downloaded the Footsteps guide, the link to the survey can be found further down the page, please click on the link to complete the short questionnaire which will then help us to keep all children safer.