

Head Teacher's News in Brief

- We are very excited to say that Miss Robinson is getting married over the Christmas holidays so will be Mrs Lock when we return in January. We wish her and Kev a wonderful day.
- We will be saying a temporary goodbye to Miss Fowler in early January as she leaves to have a baby. We are all very excited for her and Mat.
- We are holding fire with clubs for January at this stage until we know more about the Covid situation. We will update you after Christmas.
- Just a reminder to all parents that the staff car park is closed until 4:15pm. Parents collecting from After School Club can enter after that time.
- Christmas is always a busy period, which is why we don't set much homework, but please try to ensure you are still reading with your child as much as possible over the holiday as this is such a crucial skill.
- We hope you all enjoy watching the carol concert on the class blogs. A huge thank you to Miss Hollidge and Ms Carnevale for leading the singing and Miss Hoffman for putting the film together. I'm sure you'll agree, the children are fantastic.
- Can I remind parents that if your child starts to show Covid symptoms at all on Friday 17th and Saturday 18th December and you get a positive PCR result, you must still notify us immediately via the office email address. We will then send the necessary warn and inform letters to families if they have had close contact with someone who has tested positive 48 hours prior to the

symptoms starting. If your child develops symptoms from Sunday 19th December onwards and go on to get a positive test result, there is no need to inform us at that point as it is outside of the 48 hours period when the symptomatic child has been in contact with the school community, but obviously let us know on the first day back if they are off isolating.

- Our Nursery continues to go from strength to strength and is full, with a waiting list, from January to July 2022. So, if you have a child that you are thinking of sending to our Nursery from September 2022 onwards, we strongly suggest you make a booking to secure their place.
- Thank you to all the families who supported the book fair in November. It generated £373.00 in commission for us to spend on books in school.
- Children in Need also raised £373.00 Children had a wonderful day in their spotty and sparkly outfits. The highlight was definitely the Strictly Dance Competition!

Class News

Nursery

It has been another fun filled term in Nursery. At the beginning of term, we loved exploring the season of Autumn, hunting and collecting different coloured and shaped leaves and then at the end of term talking about the change from Autumn to Winter. The children have also enjoyed talking about and learning about different celebrations such as Bonfire Night, Birthdays and Christmas. As a class we became very busy preparing for Danny the Dog's birthday party making cards, decorations and joining in with different games. In phonics sessions the children have been working hard at copying different patterns and tapping out the

beats in different words. We have also been working hard at practicing our counting and trying hard to remember to point to each object as we count. Throughout the term, we have been talking about how to look after our teeth, practising our brushing technique with the extra-large model teeth and toothbrush which was great fun!

We have run several taster sessions over the term for our children that will be joining our Nursery class in January. It has been a joy to see how all our current Robins have been so friendly and welcoming to the new younger children and we look forward to welcoming them to our class in the New Year.



There are so many wonderful memorable moments to take away from this term such as meeting Pudsey Bear and experiencing our first school disco! Congratulations, to all the children for working so hard this term it has been fantastic to see them all progressing and continuing to develop their friendships and independence. I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas break.

Best Wishes

Mrs Marsh

Reception Classes

Wow! What a busy term we have had. The children have been trying so hard with their learning. We have looked at lots of stories and texts this term and the children particularly enjoyed looking at the Three Billy Goats Gruff and the Elves and the Shoemaker stories. The stories really excited the children and we got lots of amazing writing, drawings, and role play from them.



In Maths this term, we have looked in lots of detail at the numbers 0-5 and the children have

been fantastic at being number detectives and spotting different representations of these numbers in the environment! They have found examples on dice, in shapes, with objects and even used drawings to show us.

Mrs Guntrip's class have continued with their exciting Forest School adventures and the children have loved every minute of their Friday mornings (even in the rain!) We have made tents, dens, jingle sticks, exciting potions in the mud kitchen and much more! We have one more term left of Forest school, and we are looking forward to it.

Have an amazing Christmas break everyone and we look forward to seeing you in January.

Mrs Guntrip, Mrs Pile and Mrs Tyler

Year 1

The children have worked very hard this term. They have produced some amazing pieces of writing. They have especially enjoyed looking for Dragons in the school playground and then writing instructions all about how to find a dragon. Happy hunting!



In Maths we have continued our work on numbers to 20 and have started to count in 2's, 5's and 10's. The children have really enjoyed our weight and capacity work and had fun comparing different objects around the class. In Geography we have been learning all about compass points, maps, and our local area. We have even tried to draw maps showing our journeys to school.

In DT this term we have been making lots of pop-up pictures and learning about sliders and levers. We hope you like the cards the children have made for Christmas.

The children have worked so hard on learning the songs for our concert. Don't forget to log into Google Classroom so you can watch the filming

together. I hope you enjoy listening with them and joining in! We wish you all have a fantastic fun Christmas, and we are all looking forward to 2022.

Mrs Lawrence and Mr Grant

Year 2

The children have been working very hard this term with all their learning. They have impressed us with their amazing learning attitudes and have achieved so many wonderful things. Well done to all the children in Year 2!

This term in English the children have written a range of genres from poetry, instructions, story writing where they have retold the stories of the Gunpowder Plot and the Christmas story and non-fiction writing including investigations in Science and facts about the inventor John MacAdam. They have produced some high-quality writing and have remembered to use a range of punctuation and sentence types. Some children have achieved their handwriting certificates and we would like more children to achieve this next term!

In Maths, the children have been learning all about 2D and 3D shapes. They learnt about the shape's properties and explored lines of symmetry. The children have also impressed us with their multiplication knowledge. They learnt how to use and draw arrays to help them solve multiplication and word problems. We will be exploring division next term and make links to multiplication. Hopefully this will help children with timetable rock stars.

The children got very creative in our Art lessons this term. They learnt all about the artist Wassily Kandinsky and his important work on colour mixing to create some beautiful paintings. They explored colour mixing and learnt all about primary and secondary colours. The children then used a range of objects to create some beautiful firework paintings to link to our topic, 'The Gunpowder Plot' including toilet roll tubes and straws.

The children had a visit from the fire fighters and had a chance to use the hose pipe. The children had so much fun and asked lots of questions to the fire fighters. They absolutely enjoyed this day and many of them said they would like to be firefighters in the future!



Finally, the children practised and performed their beautiful Christmas carols for our online carol concert. We hope that you get a chance to see the children's performance and enjoy watching it as much as we enjoyed recording it.

Thank you again for all your support this term, we are so proud of how well the children have adjusted to the expectations of Year 2. We hope you have a restful Christmas break, and we are already looking forward to seeing you next term.

Miss Hancock and Mrs Bibi

Year 3

Well done to Year 3 for another great term. Where has the time gone?

The weeks have whizzed by as you have all been working your socks off! First of all, what amazing writing you have produced. From creating your own legends and fables to TV adverts to sell wonderful Stone Age homes, you have entertained us with your ideas whilst trying your best to use the grammar we have been learning. We have fought dragons, wrestled sea-snakes and flown into space! You have also produced some wonderful Stone Age jewellery as part of your DT, sculpting clay to create life-like animal teeth and bones. You have used different tools to create holes, ready for them all to be threaded. We hope you enjoy wearing them! We have been so impressed by the Tag Rugby skills you have developed in PE with some amazing dodging skills on show and have seen your determined competitive sides shine.

Most of all, we have been moved to happy tears by your amazing Strictly Dancing for Pudsey day and your wonderful carol singing. You have sprinkled Christmas Spirit all around our classrooms with your wonderful voices. We wish you all a wonderful Christmas holiday. Get

lots of rest and remember to get to bed early on the Christmas Eve.



We look forward to seeing you all in the new year but beware...we'll have the Romans with us!

Miss Robinson and Mrs Thomas

Year 4

What another busy, exciting term! We would like to start by saying that we continue to be incredibly proud of the hard work and determination you have shown towards your learning. Your continuous enthusiasm and desire to find out more has been great to see.

This term, you have all worked so hard on your times tables, completing your inter-class tournaments and it has been fantastic to see so many children's confidence developing as your speed increases. You will all get there - just keep using the app regularly; it makes such a difference!

In English this term, we have worked hard on our cross-curricular writing, composing persuasive texts about healthy eating, researching, and writing non-chronological reports about electricity and designing safety posters to ensure people know about the dangers around this power. Your knowledge and understanding of the technical vocabulary have been very impressive!



Lastly, as teachers, we want to say how lovely it has been to hear your angelic voices when singing our Christmas carols. You sounded beautiful and we all feel that it has really lifted our spirits as we approach the end of term. We can't wait for your parents to listen to your

wonderful talent - get your tissues ready everyone!

We would like to wish everybody a very Merry Christmas. Stay safe and have fun Year 4.

Miss Ross, Miss Hoffman and Mrs Robertson

Year 5

This term, Year 5 have enjoyed diving deeper into the topic of World War Two. The children have been busy learning about the role that women played in WW2, after their partners would have been sent away to fight for their country. The children have not only written non-chronological reports about this, but then also took on the character of these women and wrote letters home to their families. We were very impressed with their ability to switch from a formal to informal tone.



In Maths, children have continued to build on their knowledge, taking part in active Maths lessons. The children have focused on topics such as statistics and fractions. Again, we have been wowed by their focus and their determination to build up their resilience.

In DT, children have researched about Anderson shelters, designing and creating their own models. The children certainly loved getting creative with the design process. Children then used this knowledge to also write persuasive leaflets, encouraging others to use valuable resources during the war.

In Science, children have been learning all about light and how we use it to see. Children have drawn diagrams of their eyes and creating physical representations of how we see images. Children have also taken part in a practical lesson, where they created their own periscopes, investigating how reflection enables us to see. It was very fascinating to find out that periscopes would have been used during WW2 as well!

We are incredibly proud of Year 5's hard work this term and their enthusiasm for their topic.

We would like to wish you all a Happy New Year and hope you have a restful break.

Miss Penniston and Miss Hollidge

Year 6

What another fantastic term Year 6 have had! This term we have linked our Science learning to our English writing and the children have written some lovely biographies about Charles Darwin. We worked in groups to create a timeline to help us write the biography about his life. The children have thoroughly enjoyed researching, writing, and sharing their biographies with each other.

In Maths, the children have continued to work hard learning and developing new concepts and using known strategies and rules to build on their understanding. They have completed a lot of work focusing on fractions, BIDMAS and algebra and showed great resilience when faced with a challenging problem.

As well as focusing on the work of Charles Darwin, the children also completed Science experiments, looking at the best locations to store bread. Some of the locations the children decided to test their bread in were the cupboard, freezer, windowsill and in the fridge. The final results were very interesting and unpleasant!

We hope everybody has a restful and joyful Christmas break and we look forward to seeing you in January ready for another busy term.

Miss Jeffries, Mrs Newman, and Miss Fowler

After School Club

We have had a fantastic albeit busy term throughout the After School Club. At the beginning of November, we all enjoyed creating pictures with lots of glitter, sequins, and tissue paper to celebrate bonfire night, poems and dances too!

We continued with making red and black wool poppies and Pudsey creations made from toilet rolls and material.

December had brought even more cheer with more sprinkles of glitter. Music has filled the room and once again some amazing dance routines have been produced.

Tea picnics has been a favourite with all our children as well as lots of chatting about the most wonderful time of year!

We would like to thank all our children for making our afternoons so much fun and hope you all have a lovely Christmas and break.

We are looking forward to the New Year with more laughter!

After School Club

Debbie's Diary

The Household Support Fund (HSF) has been launched by the government to offer an important lifeline for vulnerable households who may struggle to afford life's essentials over winter.

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/council/corona-virus-covid-19/covid-19-support-residents/support-costs-food>

Cherwell District Council will use the HSF to offer support to residents through a voucher scheme. Needs will be assessed, and vouchers issued by [Citizens Advice North Oxfordshire and South Northants](#) (CANOSN). The money will primarily be used to help pay for food, energy, and water bills for vulnerable households, but other costs can also be covered. The funds will be awarded according to individual circumstances. You can call the CANOSN Household Support Fund helpline on **0300 303 0993** and leave your details.

Please contact me if you need to access the **Foodbank** by contacting the office or emailing me direct Hsclw@queensway.oxon.sch.uk Or you can contact CAB on 0300 330 9037 for a referral. You can also visit the Community Fridge in Merton Street, which is open daily though times do vary.

Lateness – May I please remind parents that the cut-off point for registers is 8.40am (Yrs. 1-6) and 8.45am for Reception. Any child arriving after this time is marked as late. Being late can be embarrassing for your child and disturb lessons which have begun. Please support school by being on time.

Have a lovely time over the Christmas break – I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Debbie

Sport

This term, children have focused on new sports and developed their skills and understanding in

their PE lessons. Children have enjoyed working both outdoors, with sports such as hockey, as well as indoors, participating in sports such as yoga. Mr Mawn has continued to support multiple year groups, delivering fun and exciting lessons.

A special thank you also goes to Mr Mawn for supporting Queensway so that we could run our very own Cross-Country event. Years 3-6 thoroughly enjoyed competing in classes, supporting one another, and winning valuable points for their houses. Please see below the results and pictures from the day.

Broughton	299 points
Upton	166 points
Sulgrave	163 points
Wroxton	124 points



Sports Council

The following Sports Councillors have now also been elected and are ready to start their new duties in the coming terms: Hamza Y, Gracie W, Yonasz L, Jarred J, Elle L and Aimee B. Congratulations to you all for applying and being chosen to represent the school.

PTA

We are delighted to be able to tell you that we got together as a committee this term to discuss fund raising activities. Our initial activity within the school has been 'Name the Teddy'. This event has raised £100 and made 15 children very happy with a new Teddy for Christmas. Thank you very much to everyone that took part and kick started our fund raising for the school. We were also lucky enough to secure a route on the Round Table Christmas float. It was so lovely to be out together enjoying singing along with Santa and chatting to our Queensway community. We hope to be able to tell you next term how much we raised.

Finally, if you would like to support the school further then why not purchase a ticket from the Queensway School Lottery. It's quick, easy and you might even win some money! Just follow this link for further information.

<https://www.cherwelllottery.co.uk/support/queensway-school-pta>

Wishing you all a lovely relaxing holiday

Queensway PTA

Chair of Governors

It has certainly been another uncertain and challenging year but as always, the Queensway community has risen to the challenges faced. It's fantastic that despite all the necessary restrictions put in place, to give the best possible chance of Christmas not being ruined, a way has been found to ensure a lovely range of Christmas activities can still take place. The Governors would like to thank all the staff, pupils, parents, and everyone else who helps the school for all their work and support given during 2021. We wish everyone a safe, healthy, and restful Christmas break.

Governor Elections

Governors normally serve for a 4-year term, at which point they can seek re-election. When parent governor's positions come to the end of their term an election is always held to give the opportunity for other parents to take up the vacant positions. Elections for two parent governors will be held in Spring 2022. Parent governors are a very important part of the Governing Body, as they provide a different perspective on the running of the school and can ensure the parents' voices are heard. If you are interested in finding out about the governor's role then please contact the office and they will arrange for you to have an informal chat, with absolutely no commitment.

Term 4 Dates

17th - 4th January 2022 – **School Closed**

5th January 2022 – **School re-opens**

18th February 2022 – **Last day of Term 3**

