



Dear Parents,

This week brings us to the end of January, a very busy month for all the classes. The staff have also been busy planning exciting activities in and out of school for the rest of the school year.

In our collective worship this week, we explored another Julia Donaldson book, 'The Smartest Giant in Town'. We thought about how compassionate and selfless the giant was, not expecting anything in return.

We also thought about generosity, based around the Bible verse "Love your neighbour as yourself" Mark 12:31. The children learnt about Johnny Appleseed who planted apple seeds as he travelled around America so that all villagers could plant an apple tree. Like the George, Smartest Giant, he did not worry about new clothes or good things but helped others.

Our 'Kindness Shout-out' boards have been a great hit across the school. Our kindness ambassadors have done a great job of collecting these across the week and even shared some of the many acts of kindness that have been happening this week in our collective worship sessions. There were even some for members of staff!

Thank you to everyone who has donated items to the Welly Swap. Next week, the Eco Council will be visiting the Bicester Food Bank to learn more about what it does. I am looking forward to hearing all about it when they share what they have learnt with the rest of the school.

Next week also bring us to our parents evenings on Wednesday and Thursday for children from Reception to Year 6. Please make sure you sign up for a slot using Eduspot.

Wishing you a great start to February,

Nadia Gosling



2 day's worth of shout outs for Year5 &6!



**Headteacher Award**  
**All of FSU & Mackenzie**  
**Well Done!**



## Our Stars of the Week

Emi

Ralph

Matilda

Evie H

Anna

Lilly E

George F

Florence

## Class Attendance Winner

This week's best attended class is Year 1&2 with:

**98% attendance**

**Whole school attendance**

**95%**

Also, Well done to everyone for getting into school at 08:45. It makes such a difference!

## Breakfast Club & CAST

Drop & Play: Mon-Fri 8.15am-8.45am  
8:30am—8:45am

Breakfast club: Mon-Fri 7.50am-8.45am

CAST times: Mon-Thurs 3.15pm-4.15pm  
or 3.15pm-5.30pm.

If you would like your child to attend Breakfast Club, Drop & Play or CAST, please book a place using the app. All clubs are open to Reception through to Year 6 children only. If you could please try to get your clubs booked by **Midday Fri-day** for the week ahead, so that snacks can be arranged. As our numbers are increasing, we may not be able to accept last minute bookings due to the adult ratio's required.

Please also be mindful of pick up times, if you are late picking up your child you will be charged for the later session.

## ECO COUNCIL

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Welly and Waterproof Swap for our Waste topic. The donated items will be available next week at school drop off and pick up. Please help yourselves to any items you need. After half-term we will be starting our Global Citizenship topic, more details to follow.

## WANTED!

If you have any age 5-7 dressing up clothes and small toy cars that you no longer need the year 1 and 2 children would really appreciate a donation

## Diary dates

- **5th February Yr 1/2 Florence Nightingale Workshop**
- **5th February Yr5/6 Bicester Schools Football League**
- **5th February Eco Council Foodbank visit**
- **7th February Parent's Evening Reception to Year 6 3:30— 6:00**
- **8th February Parent's Evening Reception to Year 6 4:00 —6:30**
- **12th—16th February Half Term Week**



## FSU

We have loved our story-filled week in FSU. Lots of different versions of Goldilocks, including the Ghanaian Goldilocks, which was a big hit. We also enjoyed some lovely stories from two mystery readers - thank you to Camilla's Grandma and Harriet's Mummy



## Year 1 & 2

The sun has started to come out which has made our introduction to multiplication a bit easier. We have also created Chinese New Year cards in RE which look fantastic! Everyone is looking forward to having Florence Nightingale join us on Monday.



## Year 3 & 4

Well done to the children in Year 3 & 4 who have worked so hard on their assessments, both last week and this week (catching up after absences last week). I have been very proud of how hard they have worked, how seriously they have taken the tests and of their scores, and I look forward to sharing these in parents' meetings next week. To brighten up our week a little, we have been continuing to make interactive science books for our Living Things topic. The 'lift the flap', 'pop up' and 'bouncy spring' details in these books have been fun to make and informative!



## Year 5 & 6

This week in science, we learnt about our blood and how it helps us. We made blood soup! The red cheerios were red blood cells; the white blood cells were mini marshmallows; the platelets were represented by sprinkles! It was a really fun way to understand how our blood keeps us alive and healthy.



## Safeguarding

Please contact Mrs Clarke, Miss Giles or Mrs Gosling should you have any safeguarding concerns.

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