



Dear Parents,

We have had a very cold week this week but have been lucky enough to have some sunshine to allow us to enjoy lots of time outside. Mrs Clarke even spotted a rainbow as she arrived at school!



This week we have continued to talk about Chinese New Year and linked this to our value of kindness with a focus on generosity and the quote from Buddha 'Generosity brings happiness'.

In class, the children discussed the Big Question 'Can being generous ever be the wrong thing to do?'

We are very keen to involve parents and the wider community with the school and would welcome anyone who is interested in volunteering at the school to hear readers, help with transporting children to sporting events or maybe to share a particular talent with the school. We will soon be sending out a form for you to fill in if you are able to help out in anyway.

Year 5/6 visited the mosque on Wednesday, they returned from the trip very excited about what they had seen and learnt which was lovely to see. Please see the class section below for more information.

We ended this week focusing on the phrase 'Kind hands, Kind feet, Kind words' and every class discussed what they thought this means. We will continue to use the phrase throughout the year.



Next week, our focus will move from kindness towards others to kindness to ourselves, with a focus on mental health. Linked with this and the importance of being active, I am going to be taking part in the Cancer Research Skipping Challenge and would welcome the children's support and encouragement, carrying out my 100 skips at school during playtimes throughout February. If anyone else is interested in fundraising for this, please sign up at [Find an event | Cancer Research UK](#) and we can make a Charlton-on-Otmoor team!

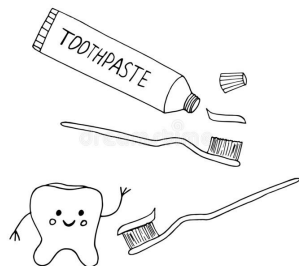
Finally, I would like to encourage parents to contact the school to talk to teachers or a designated safeguarding lead if you have any concerns about anything happening at school regarding any of the children in school. This really helps us to deal with any problems swiftly and through the correct channels.

Wishing you all a warmer weekend,

Nadia Gosling

Early Years Oral Health

Early years are looking for a Dental Health professional that could spare some time to visit our FSU Class to discuss Oral Hygiene. If you know anyone that maybe interested please contact the office.



Nut Free

This is a reminder that we are a nut free school.

Please ensure that children are not bringing in snacks containing nuts.

Head Teacher Value Award -Kindness

Huxley – for showing great kindness towards his friend when feeling unwell.

Logan- for always showing great kindness towards others, offering to help out at every opportunity.



School Dates

8th & 9th February—Parents Evening (more information to follow)

8th February—Year 6 Visiting Junior Citizens

Friday 10th February —End of Term Non-uniform day and PTA cake sale after school

Monday 20th February—Return to School

Year 5 & 6 Swimming Lessons:

Thursdays (19th, 26th January, 2nd & 9th February)

Class Attendance Winner

This week's best attended class is Year 3&4 with:

98.98% Attendance

Whole school attendance

97%

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



Breakfast Club & CAST

Drop & Play: Mon-Fri 8.30am-8.45am

Breakfast club: Mon-Fri 7.50am-8.45am

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

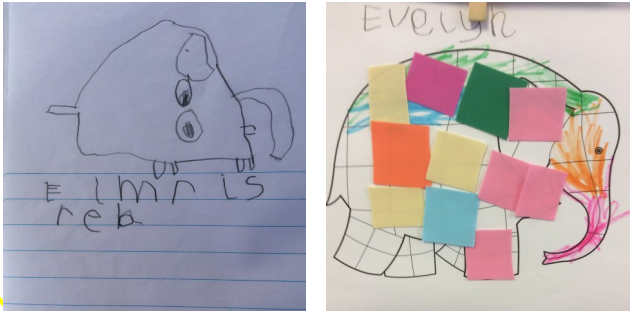
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If you would like your child to attend Breakfast Club, Drop & Play or CAST, please book a place using the app. All clubs are open to Reception through to Year 6 children only.

If you could [please try to get your clubs booked by Sunday for the week ahead](#), so that snacks can be arranged. (Although we appreciate that you may need to book on last minute- and that is no problem, this will just help our CAST team to plan ahead.)

Early Years

It's been a colourful week in FSU as we read the story of Elmer by David McKee. We have written about Elmer, made collages of him, drawn and coloured him as well as listened to the story and talked about it.



Year 1 & 2

We started our new English book this week: We Are Water Protectors. It is the story of a young Native American girl whose homeland is being threatened by water pipes. The story cleverly calls the pipes 'the black snake'. We enjoyed predicting what the black snake might be before thinking about why water is important. We also came up with adjectives to describe the girl such as 'brave', 'mighty' 'determined'. We have made a class river display featuring our ideas for why water is important



Year 3 & 4

Year 3 and 4 have begun to write their own versions of 'Leon and the Place between'. They have made a great start and have really used their imagination to create an exciting piece of writing.

Year 5 & 6

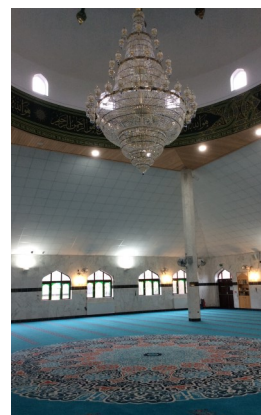
"On January 25th, we went to the mosque in Oxford. We spoke to the Imam, who told us about Islam. We learnt that Muslims pray 5 times a day and that when they pray, they always face towards the Kaaba in Mecca. We were shown a £25,000 chandelier in their prayer room!" - Aubrey

"We went to the mosque in Oxford. We learnt that men and women pray in separate rooms. Also, before Muslims pray they go to the wudu which is where they wash so that they are clean. There is also a kitchen- every Friday, they stand outside the mosque and give food to people who are less wealthy." - Henry

Celebrations this week



Class	Value	Reason
Early Years	Respect	Finn—For showing respect and maturity at CAST.
Year 1 & 2	Resilience	Oliver— For working hard in all lessons
Year 3 & 4	Resilience	Chloe—For trying really hard in her writing and creating a great story opening.
Year 5 & 6	Respect	Brody—Always showing respect in lessons and trying his very best.



Safeguarding

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