



This Week's News!

Friday 24th May 2024

Dear Parents / Carers and Flamstead Families,

A wonderful week ends and the first half of the Summer Term comes to a close. It has gone remarkably quickly and this half term has been full of lots of hard work, but also lots of memorable and exciting events.

The building work that has been ongoing since the start of the school year is very near completion. The roof works are at an end and new guttering is in the process of being added. The final part of the groundwork is also well underway. Drainage pipes to the side of the school have been completed and this work will continue in the school playground and in the school car park over the half term break. Due to the recent inclement weather it is highly likely that the work in the car park will extend into the first week back after the half term break however access routes around the school will still be accessible.

This week children in the EYFS have been comparing the differences between cygnets and ducklings in their Literacy sessions using drawings and sentences to explain these. The children wrote some beautiful sentences. In Maths Nursery have been colour mixing and been down to the outdoor learning area on a number hunt while Reception have been focusing on numbers 11-20 using the language of "ten and ___ more" and 'tens and ones'. For example, 15 has one ten and 5 ones.

KS1 have been busy creating a totem pole in their classroom with pastel drawings of their spirit animals, artwork influenced by Native American art. They also went on a scientific nature walk, observing and collecting plants to fill their cardboard vases. In PSHE they have been learning all about what qualities they recognise in themselves that makes them good friends and what they look for in others.

In KS2 Chestnut class have been busy finishing their fables in English and completing our unit on 'How plants grow' ready for our trip to Knebworth next half term. In PSHE we have discussed how we can be a good friend and also learning how to take responsibility for ourselves. We are really enjoying our music lessons with Mr Eccles and are learning about quavers and minims! Bonsai have explored dialogue in their English lessons this week with a focus on how it can show character and advance action. In Art the class have created their own street art and explored how stencils can be used. Bonsai's highlight of the week has been exploring the script and songs for the KS2 performance. It is going to be a show stopper!

Children in all year groups have enjoyed attending many different clubs and after school activities. This week in Board Games Club there were four budding entrepreneurs who designed their own board game. Mrs Hobbs played it on Monday and was very impressed. She would like to add that she won!

Today we said our goodbyes to Miss Lamarr. The classroom was decorated and we had a lovely assembly where she was presented with flowers and a leaving gift. The children and staff gave her a lovely send off and we wish her all the very best for the future.

Have a wonderful Half term break whatever you are doing and we will all hopefully see some sunshine. We look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 3rd of June.

Mrs Jacqui Walton-Jones
Headteacher

Italian phrase of the week



'Godere' meaning enjoy



FOFS NEWS

On **Sunday the 9th of June** FOFS will be running a BBQ at the Flamstead Arts Festival, in the grounds of St Leonards Church.

It'll be lovely to take part in the Festival and also be a great way to raise money for the school.

We're looking for volunteers to come along and help us with the BBQ. Could you spare an hour or two? If so, we'd love to hear from you. You can email Christy at friendsofflamsteadschool@gmail.com or speak to Christy, Alister, Anna, Sarah Gibson, Tania or Jordana.

Photos of our week



Bright Stars!

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Nursery	Edie	For her perseverance and self-belief in her writing this week. Edie has been taking great care when writing her name and has been practising writing her 'd' the right way around. Well done Edie!
Reception	George	For showing self-belief this week in his reading and writing development! George has been independently writing short phrases making himself and teachers proud! George has also made great strides in his reading becoming more fluent.
Year 1	George	For being a kind, caring and hard-working member of Maple Class. Great week George!
Year 2	Mia	For great discussions and learning in our 'Traditional Tales' literacy lessons.
Year 3	Alice	For continuing to improve in her writing content and presentation and always giving her best in all lessons.
Year 4	Lottie	For hard work and perseverance with her times tables both in school and at home and for showing determination to succeed in Maths.
Year 5	Daniel	For his confidence and imaginative ideas during a creative writing group.
Year 6	Laila	For her positive attitude to learning and paired tasks.

TTRS and Numbots

Year Group	Who impressed us most?	Percentage of Children online
Nursery	Cayleb	43%
Reception	Cordelia	46%
Year 1	Leo	36%
Year 2	Harrison	47%
Year 3	Theo	90%
Year 4	Lottie	100%
Year 5		40%
Year 6	Sloan	22%

Well done Year Three and Year Four— you have met your target very well.

A minimum of 10 minutes a day please from EVERYONE!

Attendance this week

Year Group	w/b 20/05/24
Nursery	89%
Reception	100%
Year 1	99%
Year 2	99%
Year 3	98%
Year 4	96%
Year 5	92%
Year 6	100%

Well done Year 6 and Reception !

Please remember not to take holidays and breaks in term time.

Upcoming dates for your diaries!

Date	Time	Event
27.05.24	-	May Half Term holiday
03.06.24	-	Back to school
03.06.24	-	Y4 Multiplication Times Tables checks from today (National)
05.06.24	-	Y3 and Y4 Tag Rugby competition at Harpenden Rugby Club
07.06.24	-	Whole school to Flamstead Arts Festival at St Leonard's Church
10.06.24	-	Year 1 Phonics Check week (National)
10.06.24	All day	Chestnut Class trip to Knebworth
17.06.24	All week	Art and Sports Week
19.06.24	AM	Hula Hoop Workshop for the whole school
20.06.24	All day	Y5 and Y6 attending UniSong at St Johns in Boxmoor
20.06.24	2.45	Y5 and Y6 parents invited to Unisong concert at St Johns Church - children can be taken home straight from the Church.
25.06.24	All day	Y1 and Y2 'History off the Page' workshops at Markyate School
27.06.24	AM	Sports Day and Picnic
28.06.24	9.00	Cherry Class Assembly
28.06.24	-	New Reception intake home visits
01.07.24	All week	Y5/6 Residential to Grittleton House
05.07.24	-	New Nursery intake home visits
08.07.24	-	Cherry Class Trip to Bekonscot Model Village
09.07.24	9.00–9.45	New Nursery and Reception children 'Stay and Play'
10.07.24	3.30–5.30	Open Evening and Arts Fest
11.07.24	9.00	Hertfordshire Secondary Transition Day
11.07.24	AM	School Transition Day with Nursery children and Parent staying for lunch
14.07.24	12–5pm	Flamstead Summer Fair
17.07.24	3.30–4.30	KS2 Production to parents/carers—afternoon
18.07.24	6.30–7.30	KS2 Production to parents/carers—evening (children back 6pm)
22.07.24	9.00	Y6 Leavers Assembly
23.07.24	1.30	End of the Summer Term. School finishes at 1.30pm

Please put these into your diaries! All these dates and term dates for 2024–2025 are also on the school website.

ART CLUB



Please follow the link below to see the works produced by the children of Flamstead after school art club

The big garden birdwatch Art project inspired John James Audubon

<https://www.myafterschoolartclub.com/flamstead-art-gallery>

School lunches—Gentle Payment reminder



Please can you check your Arbor account and make sure that you are on track with your lunch payments.

There are quiet a few accounts that need to be cleared before the end of term and we would be appreciative if you could address this as soon as possible.

Can you also ensure that your account is always in credit for the lunches that your child is taking for the remainder of the term.

Grittleton House Residential for Year 5 and Year 6



We are making our final preparations for our school residential, which as you know is happening later in the Summer Term.

We have been checking payments and there are some accounts that are outstanding, some by quite large amounts.

We have to pay the remaining balance by the 4th June.

Please can you make sure all payments are made by this date.

GIRLS RUGBY



WEDNESDAYS

7 -8 PM

HARPENDEN RUGBY CLUB | AL5 2BA

FEATURED GIRLS AGE GROUPS

U8 - U11 (YEARS 3-6)

U12 (YEARS 6 & 7)

U14 (YEARS 8 & 9)

U16 (YEARS 10 & 11)

U18 (YEARS 12 & 13)

NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE NEEDED

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HARPENDEN RUGBY CLUB



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Together
Putting Smiles on Faces



SMILES FOR DACORUM

Absolutely Together is supporting families with children with additional needs in Dacorum this spring and summer by providing free access to a wide range of family leisure activities.

ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE INCLUDE-

- Odean Cinema Tickets
- Theatre Tickets (Aylesbury)
- Accessible Karting (Aylesbury)
- Family Swim Sessions (Hemel Hempstead)
- Family Tenpin Bowling Sessions (Aylesbury)
- Family Tickets to The Bucks Goat Centre
- Cloud 9 Inflatable Park (Hemel Hempstead)
- Climbing, Skate Park Access and High Ropes (Hemel Hempstead)
- Foot or Disc Golf (Hemel Hempstead)
- Plus Much More



To register interest, please email

smiles@absolutely-group.co.uk

www.absolutely-together.org

Registered charity number- 1152093



Cyber Choices and Online Safety Events

For parents / carers of children aged 9 and up

You are invited to attend two **free** online sessions to discuss all things "cyber".

These sessions will be suitable for parents/carers of children in Year 5 (age 9) and above. This will be a fantastic opportunity to learn and ask questions regarding your child's online world and it shouldn't be missed!

Part 1 will introduce you to the Cyber Choices programme which will be delivered by the Eastern Region Cyber Choices Team. They will provide:

- An overview to parents and carers on what cybercrime is.
- What the risks to young people are.
- How the Cyber Choices programme supports at-risk individuals.
- How you can refer a young person into Cyber Choices.

You will also hear from Kent County Council's Education Safeguarding Team, who will provide an overview of;

- Some of the potential risks that children and young people may experience online.
- Advice to support parents to make informed decisions and keep their children safer online.

Please visit the NCA website to find out more about [Cyber Choices](#)

Please register for **one** part 1 session only (as these will be duplicated), by clicking on the link below.

Wednesday 8th May 2024 @ 1000 - Part 1
[Book here](#)

Wednesday 5th June 2024 @ 1300 - Part 1
[Book here](#)

Wednesday 3rd July 2024 @ 1600 - Part 1
[Book here](#)

Part 2 will be delivered by the Eastern Region Cyber Protect Team. They will provide:

- Advice on how to improve your personal cyber security.
- Identifying and protecting yours (and your children's) key accounts.
- Threats and techniques that cyber criminals may use to target you / your family.
- Benefits of family accounts.
- Parental controls on your router.
- Signposting to useful resources.

The aim of the session is to provide you with tools and techniques to improve the cyber security of your family.

Advice and guidance from the session will be in line with the Government's [Stop! Think Fraud](#) and the National Cyber Security Centres [CyberAware](#) campaigns.

Again, please register for **one** part 2 session only (as these will be duplicated), by clicking on the link below.

Wednesday 15th May 2024 @ 1000 - Part 2
[Book here](#)

Wednesday 12th June 2024 @ 1300 - Part 2
[Book here](#)

Wednesday 10th July 2024 @ 1600 - Part 2
[Book here](#)

If you have any questions or would like us to cover a certain topic within our sessions, then please complete our [online form](#).