



Robert Piggott CE Federation Newsletter

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Dear Parents

How quickly the first half term of 2024 has passed and how much has been packed into those 5 weeks. Since my last newsletter we have had jousting and a banquet on Castle Day, celebrated Chinese New Year, gymnastics experiences, visited Maidenhead mosque, attended The Piggott School and held a treasure hunt for artefacts to kick off preparations for recreating the Great Fire of London. Upon our return we will be welcoming a Rabbi to the Infants, all participating in Team Schools Super Sports, the Early Years will be visiting Rushall Farm and there will be fire safety talks at both schools.

The Infant School was inspected by the Church of England (SIAMS) and I had pleasure of sharing this report with you by email this week. It can be viewed on our website [here](#). The report is an accurate reflection of how religion and spirituality are woven through our curriculum and I would like to thank all staff, governors, parents and pupils who took part and everybody for their support.

Over the last couple of weeks Mrs Hodge, Mr Hawtin and Mrs Jackson took a selection of pupils from across both schools to Pinewood Gymnasium to have a taster of gymnastic based activities. The Infants tried the beam, the bars and the trampoline runway. The Junior pupils competed against other schools in the trampoline, floor and the vault. The pupils had an amazing time, sometimes digging deep to find their courage and they were wonderful ambassadors for the schools.

At the end of this half term we must say thank you and send our prayers with Miss Hawker as she leaves to move on to new adventures. When we return we will be welcoming Mrs Prebble who will be joining Mrs Coe to teach to Cherry class.

I look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 19th February 2024.

Happy Half Term

Vanessa O'Byrne
Executive Headteacher

Mosque Visit

On 7th February Phase 2 went to Maidenhead Mosque to explore more about the Islamic faith. We were welcomed in and were asked to take off our shoes. After we had put our shoes on the rack, we walked into the prayer room which had ornate arches, on the carpet facing Mecca (a holy city in Saudi Arabia). Next, we were taken under the dome where we were shown how to pray. Then we went past the wudu (a room to cleanse yourself before praying) on the way upstairs. The carpet was very soft and we all gathered round to watch a video about the east London mosque. After that, we split into groups of two or three and answered a quiz about what we had learned that day. Just before we left the guides called us over and handed out a chocolate penguin to each pupil as well as the teachers! Finally, we went back downstairs, put our shoes on and reluctantly went out of the door.

Ben W, Barney B and Jacob S



Attendance

Infant School 96.0%

Junior School 96.2%

Attendance expectation 96%

You can view your child's attendance online using your Arbor login.

Should your child drop below 90% you will be notified by the School leadership team.



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ROBERT PIGGOTT CE FEDERATION LUNCHTIME CONTROLLER Part time Permanent
Position £12.18 per hour

We are looking to appoint a Lunchtime Controller to work with our friendly, dedicated lunchtime team across the federation. We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The post is to start as soon as possible and is for 1 hour 15 mins per day, five days per week Monday to Friday, term time only. Robert Piggott is an exciting place to be with well-behaved children. If you are motivated to help make lunchtimes safe and happy for our children, both inside and on the playground, we would love to hear from you.

Application forms can be found on our website:
<http://www.robertpiggott.wokingham.sch.uk/staffvacancies/>



The Baylab Lab Coat Competition is now open!

It's that time of year again and we would love to invite you to join us in creating some truly spectacular lab coat designs for the chance to win a set of lab coats, along with a host of other goodies, for your class.

In celebration of the 30th week of British Science Week, this year's theme is "**Going Digital**". In an age where technology is prevalent in our everyday lives and advancements in Artificial Intelligence (AI) create opportunities to improve the world, from healthcare to food security, it's never been such an exciting time in the Sci-Tech world. We would love you to explore how the world has changed and what technology and AI mean for the future of our planet. As always, it's completely open to interpretation, all students need to do is design both the front and back of a lab coat around this theme. This could be how they use technology in their lives, a use of AI, a new robot of the future or an invention of their own!

World Book Day

7 MARCH 2024

DRESS UP AS A WORD

BRING A KITCHEN ROLL TO DRESS AS YOUR FAVOURITE BOOK CHARACTER





Team *Superschools*

Back by popular demand, Team Superschools will be visiting our school once again this year – this time with sprinter and Commonwealth Games Gold Medalist 4x100m, Ryan Scott!

The children will be raising sponsorship by taking part in a fun exercise circuit. On Wednesday 28th February the children will do their circuits and then have an inspirational talk with Ryan and a chance to meet and ask him some questions.

Please take a moment to register your child online:
[click here](#)

From the website, you can also download a sponsor form to share with friends and family; or, once your child is registered, you can forward the link with family and friends for them to make online donations.

The children absolutely loved this event last year and we raised lots of funds for the school, which directly supported the provision of sports kit and other much needed items. Let's do it again this year!

Please let any member of the PTA know if you have any questions. Thank you in advance for your participation and support!

Free School Meals

Are you entitled?



Free school meals and extra funding for your child's education
Across the UK more than 10 per cent of pupils who are eligible for free school meals do not register to get them.
We want to make sure 100 per cent of our pupils claim when they can in Wokingham Borough.
Importantly, it also means schools can get additional funding to support pupils.
To qualify, your child must be in school and you must be receiving one of the following benefits:

- Income support
- Income based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
 - NASS support
 - Guarantee element of State Pension
- Child Tax Credit, provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
 - Working Tax Credit for the four weeks after employment ends
- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400

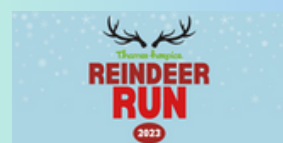
If this applies to you but your child isn't registered for free school meals, complete a form and return it to your child school.
Download the form and apply for Free School Meals on Wokingham Borough Council's website.

DON'T BE A SELFISH PARKER

#selfishparking



// RESPECT OTHERS
// THINK BEFORE YOU PARK
// DON'T BE SELFISH



Money raised for Thames Hospice:
Junior School £1,530.10
Infant School £1269.45

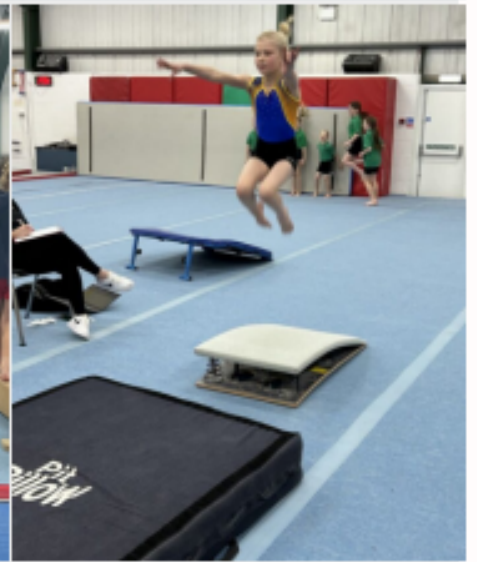


CASTLE DAY



January/February 2024

GYMNASTICS EXPERIENCE





Happy
Valentine's Day

FROM ART CLUB



Kids Holiday Club, Face Painting and more!



Website- www.messyjessys.net
Email- Messyjessys@outlook.com
Phone- 07742752459

Get ready to break, spin, and rock the dance floor!

John Johnny
BREAK DANCE ACADEMY

REGISTER NOW

BAND NEW Break Dance class for all skill levels: ages 6 - 11.

£8.50 PER SESSION

Dance

Mondays: 5.30 - 6.30pm

Are you ready to break it down and unleash your inner rhythm? Look no further! Our Breakdance Classes are here to turn your moves into a masterpiece!

What to Expect:

- Learn the fundamentals of breakdancing.
- Develop your own unique style.
- Boost confidence and self-expression.
- Have a blast while staying fit!

YMCA

Location:
2 Lawson road,
Henley-On-Thames,
RG91NZ.

John: 07956-460950

To register your interest please email: johnjohnny@hotmail.co.uk

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residents

Wokingham Highways Alliance are currently consulting on their updated Local Transport Plan (LTP4) before adopting a finalised version. LTP4 is a strategic document that sets out how they aim to improve their walking, cycling and public transport facilities in the coming years.

They would like to get feedback from residents on the proposed document and this can be done at this link <https://engage.wokingham.gov.uk/en-GB/projects/a-new-local-transport-plan-for-wokingham-borough>

The consultation is now live and running until 23rd February 2024.



Primary Schools Competition

Walk or cycle to school more in 2024



BETWEEN MONDAY, 15 JANUARY AND WEDNESDAY, 21 FEBRUARY WE WOULD PUPILS TO DRAW OR TAKE A PHOTO OF SOMETHING THEY LIKE TO SEE WHEN TRAVELLING ACTIVELY TO SCHOOL.

WE WOULD ALSO LIKE YOU TO WRITE A SHORT DESCRIPTION OF WHY YOU LIKE TO SEE THIS.

SEND YOUR ENTRY TO: MYJOURNEY@WOKINGHAM.GOV.UK BY WEDNESDAY, 21 FEBRUARY

PRIZES ARE:

FAMILY TICKETS TO A READING FOOTBALL MATCH SPONSORED BY READING FC

RUNNERS-UP PRIZES:

KS1: FAMILY SWIM TICKET SPONSORED BY PLACES LEISURE
KS2: BORN TO MORE CLASS SPONSORED BY PLACES LEISURE



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FEBRUARY HALF TERM



DON'T MISS OUR SPECIAL MONDAY OPENING!

ALL WEEK, THROUGHOUT FEBRUARY HALF TERM

ACTIVITY CART
Free, drop in

MONSTER MAYHEM TRAIL
£1.50, pay on the day or book online via our website.

NATURE EXPLORER TRAIL AT READING MUSEUM
£1.50 per trail, pay on the day or book online via our website.

MONDAY 12 FEBRUARY
OUR GREEN STORIES: LIFE ON LAND STOP MOTION ANIMATION WORKSHOPS

TUESDAY 13 FEBRUARY
SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS: HEDGEHOG BREAD BUDDIES

WEDNESDAY 14 FEBRUARY
MAKE & TAKE: CLIP ON MUSEUM CREATURES, LIFE CYCLE OF A BUTTERFLY

WEDNESDAY 14 FEBRUARY - EVERY WEDNESDAY
RHYMETIME AT READING MUSEUM

THURSDAY 15 FEBRUARY
SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS: DISCOVER HOW PLANTS GROW

FRIDAY 16 FEBRUARY
VICTORIAN SCHOOLROOM EXPERIENCE IN THE GATEWAY

FRIDAY 16 FEBRUARY - EVERY FRIDAY
OBJECT HANDLING



FILM Club

Come and join us for the afternoon to watch SING 2. Everyone is welcome!



SATURDAY, 2 MARCH 2024

3.00 PM - 5.00 PM

Wargrave Scout Hut, Recreation Ground, Wargrave

Tickets: £5, or £7 to include a snack (popcorn, cake, etc)

Treats and drinks will be available to purchase.

Tickets are available now, so bring your friends and family and join us for a fun afternoon!



For tickets: www.1stWargraveGuides.co.uk/events



The choir is for girls between the ages of 9 and 18. We rehearse on Sundays between 6.15 and 7.45pm. Throughout the year we work on different projects - our themes have included songs from films, songs about travel and Christmas! For our summer project we are working towards a concert on July 7th to celebrate World Chocolate Day! We will be working on songs about chocolate and sweets including The candyman, Hot chocolate and A Spoonful of sugar. We sing in two or three parts. The choir is a great place to meet new friends, improve vocal skills and improve confidence. We also enjoy social events together - the summer term will end with a Pizza party and a family quiz evening. We are looking for girls to join us for this project so I am hoping you can mention it at your school. People can contact me for more details - suzanneynewman@btinternet.com



READING ROCKETS HALF TERM PROGRAMME

Dinky Ballers (From Walking - 3 years old)

Micro Baller Camp (Ages 4-6)

Mini Baller Camp (Ages 7-10)

Ball Handling and Shooting Masterclass (Age 11+)

SEND Session (Age 16+)



For information and bookings please visit the website or scan QR code

WWW.READINGROCKETS.CO.UK