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Dear Parents,

The academic year has started with ambitions that we hope will make a difference in the lives of the children. The governors and I have been working hard writing a School Development Plan that will move us towards becoming an outstanding school. The goals can, at first, appear challenging but once we break them down, take one step at a time and work a strong and supportive team, our aspiration will become a reality.



I am in awe of the athlete Eliud Kipchoge who recently set himself the goal of running a marathon in under two hours. With a passion and dedication for the goal, Kipchoge and the awesome team around him achieved an incredible feat that was thought impossible just a few years ago. The leadership and staff of the school have the Kipchoge positive mindset!

Four years ago, 195 countries of the United Nations decided to 'transform our world' by 2030 and agreed to 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's). I have been sharing them with the children during our assemblies and we have been considering what we are doing and can do more of to achieve these highly aspirational outcomes.



The Harvest Service donations will help to **reduce hunger** (SDG No. 2); the 100km Challenge is promoting **good health and well-being** (No.3); our annual Shoe Box Appeal will be a step towards **reducing inequalities** (No. 10); the new Eco Club and school assemblies are raising awareness of the issues that face our planet and encouraging the children to consider **climate action** (No.13); and our newly elected School Council is considering how to make the school even better is an example of **peace, justice and strong institutions** (No. 16) having a positive impact on our lives. These may appear small things that 'small' people are doing but we are encouraging values that we hope the children will carry forward into their teenage and adult life that really will transform their world.



Kipchoge says that 'no human is limited' and I believe the children and staff at Standlake should never see a limit to what they want to achieve in their lives. Bring on the new academic year!

Andrew Denham



Harvest Service & Conkers

This years Harvest Service supported the BESOM foodbank charity in Witney. They were very grateful for the generous donations from the Standlake families. During the service we reflected on how fortunate we are to have so much when others can have so little. The individual classes sang with enthusiasm with Morpurgo and Shakespeare class going for some entertaining alternative harvest songs! The day was rounded off with our traditional Conker Competition on the playground.



Eco Club



Standlake now has an Eco Club. It has been great to see so much passion and enthusiasm from the children for Climate Action at a local, national and international level. We hope to get our Eco Award by the end of the is year.





Mrs Sheehan helped us launch our 100km Challenge with an assembly on the importance of having healthy lives so that we can succeed in our work and play. We have challenged the children to walk, jog or run 100km this year to help promote healthier lifestyles that will have a positive impact on their work in the classroom. Our new track around the fields has proved very popular with children, staff and parents!



Generous Donation

We were delighted to receive a very generous cheque for £2500 from James Cooper, son of Joseph Cooper, of JJ Cooper and Sons who own Lincoln Farm in Standlake. The money will go towards buying books for the library to support our class topics.

Shoe Box Appeal

We were pleased to welcome Jane Heath back to lead an assembly on this year's Shoe Box Appeal. We hope that all families will find the opportunity to fill a Shoe Box over half term and bring in on Friday 8th November for our Special Shoe Box Service.



Cross Country



We took 48 children to the West Oxfordshire Cross Country event. It was brilliant to see so many take part in their first ever competitive sporting event (one of our 50 Things to Do). The Under 11 boys and girls had to run 2000m and the Under 9 boys and girls ran 1500m. Each race had over 200 children taking part and we had a Top 20 finisher in every race. The Under 11 girls team have also got through to the County Finals!



School Council



The newly elected School Council have got straight down to work and reviewed the Pupil Survey from this year. They have decided to focus on finding ways to making behaviour even better in the school by reviewing the behaviour polciy .

Dolce

We are delighted by the quality and quantity of the hot school meals that our new catering provider, Dolce, is providing. The children and staff are really appreciating the food, all prepared and served by the happy and smiling staff Corrie and Jodie.



Donaldson Class

A messy Gingerbread Man visited Donaldson Class this term. They enjoyed designing, decorating and of course, eating their own Gingerbread Men. In PE, they have had lots of fun improving their balance in PE and creating their own dance routines! There are now lots of mini firefighters in Year 1 after an exciting visit from Mr Hardy. Donaldson Class achieved one of their 50 things this week. They went to 'volunteer' in the Church to teach the older members of Standlake community some games during 'Teacake Tuesday'.



Blake Class

Blake class have really enjoyed their topic this term 'Time travellers'. We have researched and found out about the lives of famous people in history such as, Florence Nightingale, Benjamin Franklin, Georges Seurat, Boudicca etc. The children have looked at ancient artefacts and investigated who would use them and what these objects were used for. We have also been doing interpretive dance recreating our own time travel through a variety of movements.



Dahl Class

In Dahl class this term, we have been finding out all about what life was like in prehistoric Britain. We made some amazing models of Stonehenge, visited the Iron Age museum in Andover and explored the settlement at Danebury Hillfort. It's been exciting finding out how people survived back then, but we're very glad to be living today in Standlake! In Science, we have been learning about animals and the food they eat. We've created food chains, put together a model of the human digestive system, and made a set of human teeth out of plasticine!



Murphy Class

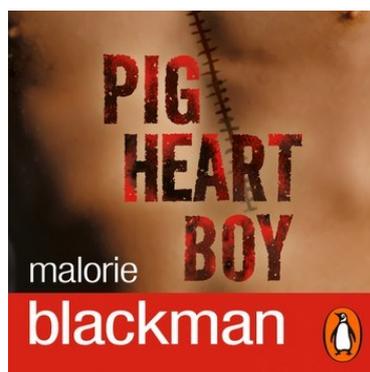
This term our topic has been Castles, Dragons, Knights and Princesses. We have enjoyed reading the story of Cinderella as well as 'how to catch a dragon'. After reading this book we were inspired to find our own dragon so we went on a dragon hunt. We began by using different materials to build a library castle before marching through the forest school to find the dragon. When we found the dragon we realised he was friendly and instead of fighting him we drew him just like Albie in the story! We have also been busy creating our own large castle that we can use during our role play.



Shakespeare Class

This term has been very exciting for Shakespeare class. We have been away on our residential and had lots of fun: surfing, rock climbing, rock pooling, water fall scrambling, a walk along the ridge, team building games, fire building, toasting marshmallows, zip wire, orienteering and learning about the Lynmouth flood.

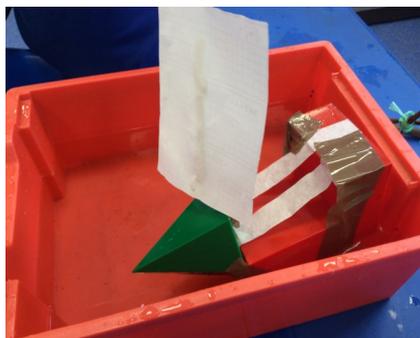
We have also been learning about the human body linking to our class book: Pig heart boy. From this we then dissected a pigs heart to learn all about the heart and its functions. Some of us enjoyed this more than others.



Morpurgo Class

Morpurgo Class have loved learning about the Ancient Greeks this term. We have discovered much about Greek gods, the Olympics and famous battles, as well as writing our very own Greek myths. The children have produced some brilliant home learning presentations, posters and videos, demonstrating their enjoyment of and enthusiasm for our topic. The Greek clay vases that we have researched, designed and created with Mrs. Abraham are nearing completion, along with the detailed online presentations about Internet Safety.

Our Science work this term has involved lots of experiments and we also enjoyed a trip to Cokethorpe School, where comedian, scientist and TV presenter Simon Watt taught us about space.



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Three Cheers for Volunteers!

*Thank you to the following people
who have given up their time to support our school this term.*

Mrs Christy, Mrs Clanfield, Mr Clay, Mrs Collier, Mrs Armeanu for reading

Mrs Clarke for helping Blake Class with reading comprehension

Mr Hardy and Mrs Mace for their visit to Donaldson Class

*Mrs Bowden for cycling proficiency training and all the helpers, including
Mrs Macdonald, Mrs Giles, and Mr Del Rio*

Mrs Isard for helping with the Science trip and the dance competition

Mrs Giles for helping with the Andover Trip

Mrs Sheehan for her assembly and helping with the Cross Country

*Jessie, Laurie, Nick, Ollie, David, Jake, Holly for the Friday Enrichment
activities*

*Mrs Towersey for Choir, Mrs Conroy for Eco Club, Mrs Mitchels for Book
Club, Ms Gurga for Library Club, Jessie Whealy for Art Club, Mr Brown for
Lego Club, & Stuart for Football Club*

All the governors who give their time and support to the school

*FOSS and their army of supporters and helpers, particularly those who
helped with the Halloween Disco*

‘What if you woke up today with only the things you thanked someone for yesterday?’

PS. If we have inadvertently forgotten to mention your name it is our embarrassing

Term 6 Achievement Book

Arthur Prior for being kind and polite to all members of the class.

Elias Anderson for great enthusiasm and determination in Maths when counting to 10

Brody Cox for fantastic effort in all of our learning this week.

Darcy Rodgerson for being an outstanding role model in class and a great attitude towards learning

Lucas James Wells for fantastic effort and great pronunciation during our French lesson.



Grace Bassey for being positive, enthusiastic and hardworking and rising to meet challenges

Freddie Fowler for his hard work and determination in maths

Arlowe Techasitbunyapha for making fantastic contributions to class discussions and working hard in phonics

Zara Bandali for great progress in maths this week and for doing it all with a smile

Ella Townsend for excellent maths work and for supporting others

Emilia Gingell for her consistently excellent approach to all of her learning



Nancy Walker for always being polite and trying really hard with her letter formations in phonics

Kitty Jenkinson for excellent contributions in class and thoughtful prayers at the end of each day

Lucy King for having a great attitude to work and always being ready.

Fenn Melhuish for a great explanation for subordinating and coordinating conjunctions

Sophia Burton for her can do attitude across all subjects and going that extra mile with her work

Brodie Hutchins for her conscientiousness in class— striving to do her best in all of her work

Emily Weldon for her consistently excellent approach to all her work

Oliver Chandela for some fantastic work in Maths this week. Super mathematical vocabulary

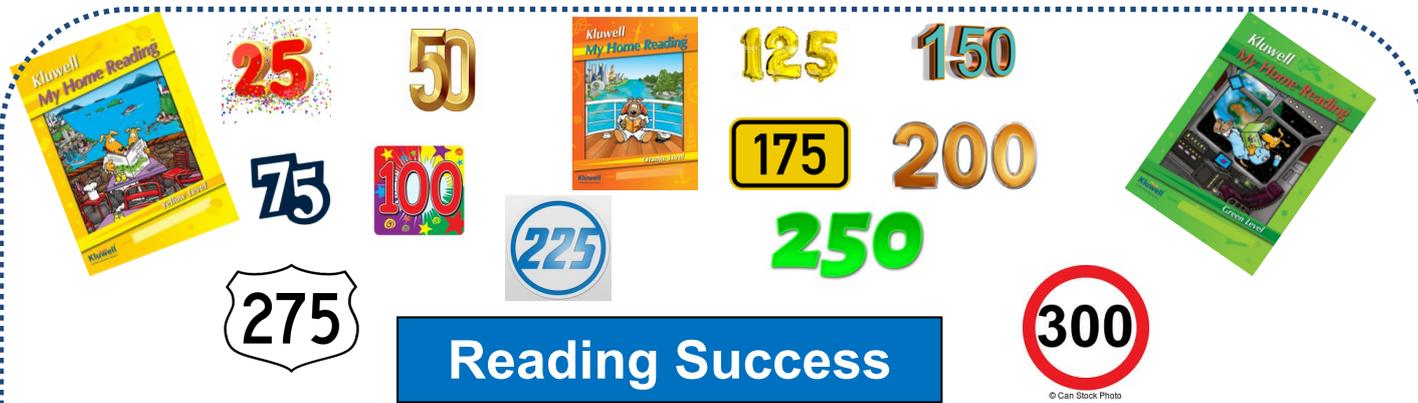
Ava Barnas for showing kindness patience and empathy towards her classmates

Amanda Smith for maintaining excellent focus and making super progress in her learning this week

Ruby Blackler for improved focus and determination in all of her work this week

Lily Keane for listening to advice to improve her work. Keep up the hard work!





The following children have read between 25 and 300 times since the start of the year...

MURPHY: 25 reads: Oliver, Henry, James, Reggie, Beth, Gabe, Lena, Arthur, William, Arlowe, Samuel, Nancy, Ella

DONALDSON: 25 reads: Rosie, Sophie, Finley, Lily, Annabel, Tilly, Sienna, Emilee, Ella 50 reads: Luis, Ezra, Finlee, Alexander

BLAKE: 25 reads: Harry, Mara-Jade, Ruby, Archie, Leila, Rhys, Darcy, William, Oscar, Aaron, Scout, Freddie

DAHL: 25 reads: Kaspar, Ava, Anna, Marley, Esme, Niall, Abigail, Emily, Emilia, Louie, Grace W, Cameron, Kate, Kassia, Sammi, Darragh, Freddie, Rosie 50 reads: Grace B, Lucy

MORPURGO: 25 reads: Fynley, Simi, Sophie, Holly, Mae, Che, Amanda 50 reads: Alec, Diego, Emilia, Brodie, Fran, Ella, Eddie

SHAKESPEARE: 25 reads: Isabel, Lydia, Freddy, Emily, Eleanor, Fenn, Lawrence, Benjamin, Ellie, Bailey, Zara, Finlay, Amy H, Charlie, Leo, Leif, Elodie

Governor Update

I have recently been appointed as Chair of Governors and Jenny Macdonald as Vice Chair. Whilst the recommendation to fill this position came as a surprise, we feel very honoured to have such confidence placed upon us and will certainly do our best to serve the school and the community.

The School's ambition is to be an outstanding school, where pupils are able to thrive not only academically but also in extra curricular activities so they understand their own worth and potential. As a Governing body we will work with Mr Denham and the teachers, supporting them with the schools development plan in order to achieve this aim.

Along with a number of other Governors, we will often be seen helping out at the school with; cycling proficiency, reading and participating in the exciting enrichment programme that is being held on Friday afternoons. It is wonderful to see the children enjoy a variety of activities and have new experiences.

We all look forward to meeting some of you in the near future.

Karen and Jenny

KAREN ARMEANU



Diocesan Foundation Governor,
Chair of Governors

JENNIFER MACDONALD



Diocesan Foundation Governor,
Vice Chair of Governors

Dates and Events

2019/20

Friday 25th October: Last Day. 3.10pm finish

Monday 4th November: INSET

Tuesday 5th: Term starts

Thursday 19th December: Last Day. 1.10pm finish

Monday 6th January: INSET

Tuesday 7th January: Term starts

Friday 14th February: Last Day. 3.10pm finish

Monday 24th February: Term starts

Friday 3rd April: Last Day. 1.10pm finish

Monday 20th April: INSET

Tuesday 21st April: Term starts

Friday 22nd May: Last Day. 3.10pm finish

Monday 1st June: Term starts

Tuesday 21st July: Last Day. 1.10pm finish



School Clubs will start the first week back.

ParentPay

Please ensure that you check that you are up to date with payments on ParentPay and School Grid. If you have any difficulties with the system or with payment of a particular trip/activity please come and speak to the office

Dates for your diary!

Wednesday 6 November—School Photos

Friday 8 November—Shoe Box Service

Monday 11 November—Remembrance Service

Friday 15 November—Children in Need Day (Wear something spotty!)

Sunday 1 December—Christmas Fair

9—12 December—Parents Meeting Week

Thursday 12 December—Dance Competition, New Theatre in Oxford

Tuesday 17 December—Evening Nativity Performance

Wednesday 18 December—Christmas Lunch & Afternoon Nativity Performance

Thursday 19 December—Christmas Party

Please check the calendar on the school website for dates .