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This week in assembly, the older children talked about the new legislation which will allow 16 year olds to vote in the next general election. A lively discussion ensued, with children having a mix of opinions about whether this was a good or a bad thing. Interestingly, more were against than for this change, feeling that they may not have enough knowledge to be able to make an informed choice about who will govern their country. Certainly something to make the children think, so do carry on the discussion at home!

Reception Getting into the Swing of Things!

The children have been learning their new routines really well and have had lots of fun playing with new friends and siblings on the playground after lunch. This week we began talking about 'community' and what this means; we went on a walk around the school and met lots of adults. We asked them to tell us about their work space and what they do there, when we got back to class we drew a giant map of our school and included all of the people that we met!



Coming Up This Week

Mon 22nd	Recorder Club Starts
Wed 24th	Young Leader Training at CNS

Dates Coming Up

Mon 29th Sept, pm	R-Y3 Second Hand Uniform (age 4-5, 6-7, 7-8)
Weds 1st Oct	U11 Football Festival at CNS
Thursday 2nd Oct, pm	Chipping Norton School Open Evening
Mon 6th Oct, pm	Y4-6 Second Hand Uniform (age 8-9, 9-10, 10-11)
Tues 7th Oct	Reception trip to Little Rollright Farm
Thursday 9th Oct	Y1&2 trip to Woodstock Museum
Friday 17th Oct	Whole School Art Trip – Headington
Mon 20th Oct	CNS Family Focus week
Mon 20th Oct, 3:30-7:00	Parents Evenings (Reception-Y6)
Tue 21st Oct, 3:30-7:00	Parents Evenings (Reception-Y6)
Weds 22nd Oct, 8:45	Harvest Assembly in St Michael's Church—all welcome

The Nits Are Back!

The nits are here I'm afraid (currently just in Y34 I believe). That really didn't take long! Please check your children's hair carefully, treat as necessary, and ensure hair that is long enough is tied back in a pony-tail or plait, well away from children's faces. This makes a huge difference in reducing the spread of head-lice, which are an interminable problem in school!



Reception's Map of Our School!



Mrs Miles was nowhere to be found—she was out with the Y6 children!

Lunches!

Despite a few teething problems with a change of transport provider, meaning lunches have been a bit late this term, particularly for the older children, this has now been sorted out and the lunch service is running very smoothly again. Hannah and I have been helping to serve and if the clean plates and requests for second helpings are anything to go by, hot lunches are going down a storm. Roast chicken was certainly a hit! **To help Hannah administer the lunches and ensure the kitchen has adequate notice, please make sure that all orders for the following week are placed no later than Thursday at midday. Thank you!**

Years 1&2 Feeling Proud of Their Teamwork

Year 1 and 2 have had another action-packed week with lots of moments to be proud of! The children are particularly proud of their teamwork and have been earning pom-poms which are placed in a jar and go towards Golden Time on a Friday! This week the children really enjoyed playing with a massive farm set which used to be Mr Grant's when he was younger - other toys were also available! The children have been learning about the Bible and the Christian story of creation. To show our understanding of the story we ordered the different events in the story and then made something from the natural world (a cupcake flower!) - I think the photos say it all... determination, pride and teamwork! In other news, please check your children's book bags for a picture book and sound mat. We change picture books on Friday but only if your child returns their book! I will explain this system to the children so they feel motivated to bring back their book and scour our wonderful selection of books to take home and share.



News from Years 3&4

We have had another great week in Years 3&4! In English the children enjoyed designing and writing about their own imaginary wild plants and they are now in the middle of writing their own guides to surviving the Wilderness. In science, we have been learning about carnivores, omnivores, and herbivores and, in maths, we have been looking at placing and estimating numbers on a number line. We have been learning greetings and phrases to describe how we are feeling in our French lessons, and Djembe drumming with Mr Stone continues to be a huge hit (excuse the pun)!



Year Six at Junior Citizens

On Monday afternoon the Year Six children hopped on a bus to Oxford with children from Kingham School, to take part in Junior Citizens, a programme for Y6 children co-ordinated by Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Services. The children were an absolute credit to themselves—they listened and participated with great commitment and as a result gained a huge amount from their afternoon, learning about how to keep themselves, and others, safe at home and when out and about with their friends. Not too much can be said as it's all top secret (we don't want to spoil it for the Y5 children!)... but suffice it to say the children enjoyed their afternoon.

