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Dear Parents,

I trust you all had a wonderful Christmas break and a happy new year. I feel for the families that ended up in isolation during the festive period which would have been tough. I hope you are all making up now for lost time! The children have started the new year with happy smiles and enthusiasm for learning.

### **Nature Diary Writing**

On the first day of term, Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January, all children enjoyed a morning of learning outside. Oak class visited the quarry, woods and canal, Willow class enjoyed exploring the village and Rowan class spent time in the forest. The children took in the wonderful nature and sights around them to produce amazing descriptive writing.



### **Winter Wonderland Light Trail**

We enjoyed a magical evening at Park Farm following the amazing light trail set up by Hazel Baker and the KSF committee. You could see beaming smiles on faces as the children explored the lights and opened up the elf doors. A big thank you to Hazel Baker for the lights, Richard Chapman for making the elf doors for us, and KSF for running the event. KSF report that they raised almost £700 at the event which is wonderful.



## Library project

Beech room is gradually turning into our new library. KSF and several volunteers have cleared the room and we are now ready to prepare and paint the walls. Please look out for an invitation to join a parent working party to help. We appreciate all of your support. A big thank you to Seb Grebot who volunteered to come in this week to help with some electrical work in the room and stayed to do some decorating preparation.

## Chance to Shine Cricket

We were visited by Zoe and Kieran from Chance to Shine Cricket, a national charity that aims to give all children the opportunity to play, learn and develop through cricket. Children had the opportunity to develop their personal, social and physical skills and thoroughly enjoyed their cricket sessions.



If you would like your child to join a local cricket club, please visit <https://www.chancetoshine.org/find-club-cricket>.

## Oak Class Cross Country

Oak Class took part in a cross country event at The Malborough School on Thursday.



They completed individually and as a team in both U9 and U11 events and we are very proud of them for taking part. Medals are given for the top three in each category and we are delighted to report that JoJo came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Girls U9s and Zach came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Boys U9s. Well done to all the children who ran.

## Willow Class History Session

Children in Willow class enjoyed making time-lines in their new history topic 'Magnificent Monarchs'. They learned chronological dates, from the earliest times to the present day.



## Rowan Class investigate!

Rowan class have had some disruption in their classroom caused by a naughty bus! The idea is taken from a picture book called 'Naughty Bus'. The children will be incorporating this into their writing over the coming weeks or two.



## Celebration Assemblies

Every Friday we hold our celebration assembly where children receive their successful learner certificates and their Star Writer and Headteacher Awards. We would love to recognise their achievements outside of school as well, so, on Fridays, please do let them bring in any certificates or awards received from activities they take part in. For next Friday, please bring anything received in January.

### Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January

Successful learner certificates: Millie (Reception), Capri (Y1), Redford (Y2), Harvey (Y3), Jojo (Y4), Ethan M (Y5), Rowan (Y6)

Star Writers: Eliza (Y1), Lewis (Y3), Ethan M (Y5)

Headteacher's Award: Kip (Y1)

### Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January

Successful learner certificates: Tom (Reception), Miri (Reception), Lola (Y2), Leyton (Y2), William (Y5), Finlay (Y6)

Star Writers: Betty (Reception), George (Y2), Charlotte (Y6)

Headteacher's Award: Dotty (Y6)

In today's assembly we celebrated our birthdays as always, and we made a big fuss of Mrs Vincent who is 60 tomorrow. A big happy birthday to her and Michelle, our cook – they both received birthday pencils, just like the children.



## Teaching Assistant vacancy

Would you like to come and work in our wonderful school? We have a vacancy for a Teaching Assistant in Willow Class. Please do share this with your contacts.

<https://kirtlington.oxon.sch.uk/our-school/staff-vacancies/>.

## Facebook Page Reminder

Keep liking and sharing so that we can continue share the good news and achievements from our wonderful children and school. <https://www.facebook.com/Kirtlington-CE-Primary-School-103702855403042/>



## **Free School meals**

Should your circumstances change over the next few weeks or months, please see this link for further support. <http://schools.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/free-school-meals>

## **Breakfast club and After School Club**

Remember if you require wrap around care provision, please contact High Flyers [www.highflyers.org.uk](http://www.highflyers.org.uk)

## **Dates and reminders**

26<sup>th</sup> January: Fresh Water Habitats Trust Workshop (KS2)

28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> January: Big Garden Bird Watch

18<sup>th</sup> February: Last day of term (3pm finish)

28<sup>th</sup> February: First day of term

You can find more diary dates on our school website.

I hope we all continue to get through the term without too many challenges! I wish you and your families a peaceful, relaxing and happy weekend.

Joy Baker  
Headteacher

