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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new term and wonderful signs of spring. Daffodils are blooming and the birds are singing! Already, we have had an exciting first week back.

School Council: Valentines – ‘What is Love’?

The school council have been fundraising this year for *Asylum Welcome*, a charity that supports asylum seekers, refugees and vulnerable migrants living in Oxfordshire. Our value last term was ‘love’, which fitted in rather well for Valentine’s Day. Children wore the clothes that they love to school and made a small donation to the charity. We raised just under £100 for this worthy charity. As a homework project, children were invited to design a poster based on the theme ‘what is love’. Congratulations to our winners: Demelza, Barney, Harvey, Henry, Jack and James.



Shrove Tuesday

Thank you to KSF for organising a pancake breakfast club. The children enjoyed playing games and eating delicious pancakes with a choice of fillings including a range of fresh fruit and cream. At break time the sports leaders led pancake races and the winners (one child from each year group) were awarded with a pancake medal! Thank you to Richard Chapman for contributing his wonderful pan and medal designs. KSF raised over £100.



BBOWT – Berkshire, Bucks and Oxon Wildlife Trust

Rosie Willcock has been involved in setting up and managing the new Kirtlington orchard. She has invited the school to participate in planting a new hedgerow. Each child will be responsible for planting a new sapling. BBOWT delivered an assembly to us yesterday, explaining the



important of hedgerows and the huge benefits they have to wildlife. We look forward to doing this toward the end of the month.

World Book Day

This year, we celebrated World Book Day with a difference. Children came dressed as adjectives and each class produced a short story using their adjectives. The children took part in live World Book Day lessons. We had some very creative costumes and adjectives! Your child will be coming home with a book token today.

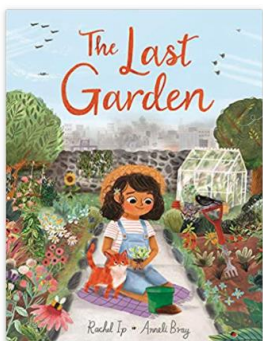


Fairtrade Week

This week we have been thinking about 'fairness' and Fairtrade. In collective worship on Monday, children learnt about the importance of Fairtrade and how we can buy and use Fairtrade products to help producers in growing countries achieve sustainable and equitable trade relationships. Miss Grocutt and the ECO council delivered an entertaining short drama during celebration assembly today to spread the message.



The situation in Ukraine



Mr Protherough and Mrs Baker have addressed the situation in Ukraine with Oak Class this week and responded to any questions that the children have had. In Rowan and Willow, the children have not mentioned the crisis, but we have a book to share with them and a short video. We do not want to worry the children unnecessarily, but we will try to answer any questions. I have included a link if you are looking to help your child. We have said prayers for the people in Ukraine during our collective worships this week.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/13865002.amp>

Reading Awards

Many children across the school were awarded a reading certificate today. Congratulations to all those children. Please keep reading because a frequent reader makes a great writer!



In KS1 children receive a sticker for every three books and after ten stickers they receive a reading certificate. In KS2 for every novel read, children receive a sticker and for every three stickers, they are awarded a reading certificate.

Reading Survey

We would really appreciate you completing our [reading survey](#) so that we can assess what is working and where we might be able to improve. It would be helpful if you could complete this short survey by Friday 11th March.

Successful Learners, Star Writers and Headteacher's Award

The following children have earned a successful learner certificates:

Aria (Reception), Beth (Reception), Jonah (Y1), George (Y2), Hollie (Y3), Henry (Y4), Finley (Y6), Rowan (Y6)

Congratulations to our Star Writers – Finley in Year 3 and Teddy in Year 4. A big well done also goes to Demelza in Year 1 who was given the Headteacher's Award this week.

Emerald were the House Cup winners this week.

Astronomy Evening

We hope to see lots of you on Monday from 6pm for a talk by the Chipping Norton Amateur Astronomy Group. Please see the attachment with this newsletter.

After school club reminders

There are still places left on both Multi-sports on Mondays and Create Club on Thursdays. Please contact the school office for more information.

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. They have new shorter sessions available in the afternoons. www.highflyers.org.uk.

Dates for your diary:

7th March	Multi-sports after school club starts
7th March	Astronomy observation evening from 6pm



10 th March	Oak Class trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park
14 th – 18 th March	Science Week
18 th March	Comic Relief
23 rd March	Parents Evening – 5-7pm
24 th March	Parents Evening – 3:30-5:30pm
30 th March	Willow Class trip to Farmer Gow's
1 st April	KSF Egg Hunt after school
26 th March	Preschool Easter Bazaar
TBC 4 th April	Easter service and concert at St Mary's Church
8 th April	Easter Egg decorating competition
8 th April	Term ends at 1:30pm

You can find more diary dates on our school website.

Wishing you all peaceful, relaxing and happy weekend.

Joy Baker
Headteacher

