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'Life in abundance'

Thursday 28th March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have ended Term 4 with a beautiful week that started with the KS1 Easter Celebration and ended with the Year 5 Passion Play. Also this week, 12 pupils attended the VAT Science Fair at Williams F1, Year 2 had an excellent trip to the Oxford Botanical Gardens, and our dancers performed brilliantly at the Wyvern Theatre, Swindon at the National Schools Dance Competition. We are truly living life in abundance at Wantage CE Primary School.

Year 5 Passion Play

I would like to start with our Year 5 Passion Play. This year, Year 5 performed a passion play full of power and emotion. Everyone performed their roles with skill and sensitivity, and the quality of the poetry that Year 5 read to us that accompanied each scene was superb. I found the passion play profoundly moving, and many people have been in touch with me to say what a special performance it was. Very well done Year 5, and a particular thank you to Mrs Drysdale, Miss Handford and the Year 5 team for creating such a wonderful passion play for us.

There are more photos on our school website, however, here are a selection for you.



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National Schools Dance Competition

On Tuesday, our dancers went to the Wyvern Theatre in Swindon to compete in the South heats of the Great Big Dance Off. Everyone danced brilliantly, and we were delighted to hear that one of our dances, our lyric dance, has been put through to the national finals in June.



Once again, I would like to thank Miss Gillian, from the American Dance School, Mrs Brew, Mrs Gniadek-Pitt and Mrs Pike for many hours of training and rehearsals, and for looking after our dancers on the day.



VAT Science Fair

I had the privilege of accompanying our science fair finalists to the Willams F1 headquarters on Wednesday. I was so impressed by the standard of our science fair entries, and the judges commented on our knowledge and ability to talk about our inventions articulately and with passion. The theme of the science fair this year was experiments and inventions to find solutions to the climate crisis. Wantage CE pupils produced entries that included floating fields for low-lying countries such as Bangladesh, and ingenious houses that were able to raise themselves above floodwaters using hydraulic pillars.



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Congratulations to everyone who took part, and special congratulations to Alfie, James, Bonnie and Thea who all won third prize for their creations against very strong competition. There are more photos from the day on our website – including many photos of Formula 1 cars!



Word Millionaires

I am proud to announce that we have eight new word millionaires who are proudly wearing their badges. These are pupils who have read at least 1,000,000 words since September – an impressive achievement! Very well done to: Alex, Izabella, Charlie, Caden, Alice, Chloe, George and Oyuna.



Oliver's generous donation – and please donate to his charity

Oliver in Year 6 is having hair cut off this weekend. He is donating his hair to The Little Princess Trust and raising money for JRDF which is a leading global Type 1 diabetes charity. Although he has reached and passed his target of £500, it all goes to a great charity and the more he can get the more grateful they'll be.

Here is his just giving page - <https://www.justgiving.com/page/oliver-henstridge-1709937112064?startedBy=webjustgiving>



[Oliver's fundraiser for JRDF](https://www.justgiving.com/page/oliver-henstridge-1709937112064?startedBy=webjustgiving)

Help Oliver Henstridge raise money to support JRDF
www.justgiving.com

3JS on a Thursday

I am pleased to inform you that Mrs Wright will be taking over the teaching of 3JS on a Thursday after Easter. I would like to thank Mr Chadwick for teaching 3JS on a Thursday this term; he will be teaching across schools in the Vale for the summer term.



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Pastoral Team Coffee Morning


Thank you to everyone that attended our Pastoral Coffee morning, it was lovely to see so many of you there. Our next coffee morning will be on Monday 22nd April at 8.40am in the school hall so do come along for a chat, drink and biscuit.

We are very pleased that our School Health Nurse is able to join us for this, so do pop along if you have any questions that you think she might be able to help with, eg. bed-wetting, diet/health needs, nits etc....

VAT Parent and Carer Survey

A reminder that if you haven't already completed the VAT Parent and Carer Survey, please can you take a moment over the Easter holidays to fill it in. It should only take five minutes and it provides very useful feedback to me about how well we are doing and what we can do to improve. Thank you very much for doing this for us.

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|  | <p>Parent View (Wantage CE Primary School) - 02/24</p> <p>Please click the link to complete this form. form.jotform.com</p> |
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Parent Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy on our Local Governing Body (LGB) for a parent governor. Being a school governor is a very special role and it is a wonderful way for parents to become involved in the life of the school.

If you think you may be interested in becoming a parent governor at Wantage CE Primary School, please do get in touch with either of our current parent governors, Barry Cook and Nicola Ormston, or Sue Hunter, our chair of governors (shunter@vale-academy.org)

I hope that you have a lovely Easter Holiday, and that everyone is able to have a well-earned rest.

I'm going to leave you with these lovely photos of Mrs Godfrey's class Easter Garden, and I look forward to seeing everyone back safe and well on Monday 15th April for the start of the summer term.

Yours sincerely,

Andy Browne
Headteacher



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"Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they came to the tomb. They were saying to each other, 'Who's going to roll the stone away from the entrance for us?' When they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away. (And it was a very large stone!) So they entered the tomb, where they saw a young man sitting at the right, wearing a white robe—and they were alarmed. "Don't be alarmed," he said. "I know you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is not here—he has been raised!" (Mark 16:2-6)

Calendar

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| Monday 15 April | | School reopens for Term 5 |
| Tuesday 16 April | 3.30—5.00 pm | Y5/6 Girls' football home v All Saints |
| Friday 19 April | | Y1 Cake sale |
| Monday 22 April | 8.40 am | Pastoral Team Coffee Morning |
| Tuesday 23 April | 9.30—10.30 am | Nursery Open Morning |
| Wednesday 24 April | 9.30—11.30 am | Y4/5/6 Girls football at St James, E Hanney TBC |
| Friday 3 May | | F1 Cake sale |
| Monday 6 May | | Bank holiday—school closed |
| Thursday 9 May | Am | F1 to Sutton Courtenay |
| Thursday 9 May | | Y4 to Windsor Castle |
| Monday 13—Friday 17 May | | SATs week |
| Monday 20—Thursday 23 May | | Y6 Cycle training |
| Wednesday 22 May | 8.40 am | Pastoral Team Coffee Morning |
| Thursday 23 May | | Y1 to Beale Park |
| Friday 24 May | | Friends' Rainbow run/Spring Fair |
| Friday 24 May | 3.15 pm | End of Term 5 |



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