



*Where Children Come First*

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Hello there all

Happy Friday!

We are already two weeks into term—time has rocketed by. The snowdrops are already peeking through; it's not long until spring.

Welcome to Mr Nagle and his boy Theo to school – you have both made your mark already, and it is great to have you here.

**Make Me Smile Day Message from Olive and Lara (Mental Health Ambassadors).** On Tuesday, 14 January, we had our Make Me Smile Day. The Year 6 pupils learnt about mental health and how it can affect us. We were taught by the lovely and kind staff from One Eighty. Later in the day, the Mental Health Ambassadors spoke about mental health to the Year 3 pupils and informed them about mental health and how your physical health is just as important. We then completed an activity where the Year 3 children created their own faces to express a positive emotion.

**Whipsnade Soo:** Our 3/4 had a wonderful trip on Wednesday. On returning to school, I heard many "The Best trip ever!" Thank you to our volunteers who helped out on the trip – it couldn't have happened without you!

**Oxford Fire and Rescue Service:** Last week, our Year 5 and Year 6 students participated in an engaging talk presented by the Fire and Rescue Service. The session focused on crucial topics such as fire safety, road safety, and water safety, all essential for our children's well-being. The talk was informative and interactive, capturing the students' interest and encouraging them to think critically about safety in various situations. It was a fantastic extension of our current topic this term, which focuses on Floods, and provided valuable insights that the children were eager to learn about.

**Banbury Fire Service Visit:** This week, the children in Key Stage 1 were thrilled to welcome a visit from our local Fire Service. The visit was an incredible opportunity for the children to learn about fire safety, the role of firefighters, and the importance of staying safe in emergency situations.

The firefighters gave an engaging and interactive presentation tailored to their age group. They shared valuable fire safety tips, such as how to test smoke alarms at home, the importance of creating a family escape plan, and what to do in the event of a fire. The children were captivated by the demonstration of the firefighter's equipment and protective gear, learning how each piece is essential for keeping them safe while they perform their duties.

One of the highlights of the visit was when the children were invited to explore the fire engine. They were excited to see the hoses, tools, and gadgets up close and had plenty of questions about how everything worked. The firefighters patiently answered their queries, providing insight into the daily challenges and rewards of their vital role in the community.

The session ended with a practical discussion on the importance of making responsible choices to prevent fires, emphasising the role everyone plays in keeping their homes and communities safe. The children left with a newfound respect for the bravery and dedication of our local firefighters.



We are incredibly grateful to the Fire Service for their time and for providing such a memorable and educational experience. We hope the lessons learned during the visit will stay with the children for years to come and inspire them to make safe choices in their daily lives.

**Reading books under beds:** Please check for school reading books at home—many are missing.

**Winter woollies:** Send in warm and waterproof outdoor clothing for outdoor play and Games. We will be spending as much time outdoors as possible. Please make sure everything is named, as we still find items without names daily.

**There are many nasty bugs and viruses taunting the school population. We are working hard to promote hand washing and hygiene and sanitise** desks and door handles. Chicken Pox is rife. **Attendance** has dropped to 95.8% as a result.

**School Foodbank: Please continue sending bits and bobs to our food bank**—your contributions really do make a difference.

### Many congratulations to

**10 CBGS:** Seid V-B, Deiliah S, Charlie W, Atef F, Tommy N, Lowan M-T, Oskar M, Mehtab K, Maximus J, Ellie B, Alya S, Boran S, Maksym S, Sachary H-S

**20 CBGS:** Margarita C, Damir C, Sofia P, Heidi G

**Bronze Badge:** Ayaan R

**40 CBGS:** Beatrice C, Jenson G, Kalia G, Lucas G, Chloe L, Edith L, Anastasia O, Vivaan T, Darcie N, Kimberley M, Gabriella M, Grace T, Kobey W, Arya B-F, Arthur S, Tadana M

**50 CBGS:** Bow O-E, Morgana H, Mila P, Freddie M, Joey M, Bobbie C, Yuri R, Beatrice G, Ayra S, Ela D, Ethan P, Max P

**Silver Badge:** Finley N, Yeva A, Aiden C-S

**70 CBGS:** Henry H, Callen S, Aiden C-S, Henna K, Daria S

**80 CBGS:** Thomas L, Poppy B, Sana M, Alexander W, Hadassah V

**Gold Badge:** Callum C, Lily B, Oliver B, Elisabeth P

**100 CBGS:** Leo S, Aisha H, Lillie C, Faith W, Maximillian N, Frederick S

**110 CBGS:** Alfie M, Oliver J, Josie B, Oliver G, George T, Nancy S, Jacob Y, Fleur B, Jack M, Maeve R, Perry S, Mikayla H,

**Platinum Badge:** Ivy W, Sienna S, George B, Felix Bu, Leah P, Nathaniel P, Ellis R, Joey N, Leighton D, Harriet C-S, Lennon K, Maisie W

**130 CBGS:** Gabriel D, Phoebe W, Joel F, Leah W, Holly W

**140 CBGS:** Arthur H, Callie M, Gabriel S, Elektra A, Isla D, Alma G, Mason W, Jacob W, Laurel B, Noah O, Ronnie J, Kaylum G-S

**150 CBG Book:** Scarlett F-H, Felix V, Marnie S, Genevieve D, Emily S, Jack H, Charlie M, Maggie W, Milan G, Joseph W, Madeleine B, Sophie M, Betsy G, Arlo H, Seth P, Poppy S, Felix B, Charlotte-Rose B

**160 CBGS:** Madison B, Reuben C-S, Emmi M, Thomas G, Dylan W, Samuel B, Harvey H, Amelia H

**170 CBGS:** Amelia H, Brooke D, Tilly R, Toby W

**Amethyst Badge:** Faith A, Angel T, Oliver W

**190 CBGS:** Yousuf H, Aurora H, Grace W, Fern B-T, Lily G

**200 CBGS:** Summer H, Willow C, Danila S

**Topas Badge:** Rory A, Fateh H, Freddie N, Millie H

**220: CBGS:** Olive C, Isla B, Sophie W

**230 CBGS:** Evie H

**Ruby Badge:** James W

**250 CBGS:** Levi V

**Sapphire Badge:** Anthony E

### Showing The Grange Way outside school

Katie S has received two rosette awards for dance, one for tap and one for ballet.



Sophia K (**again!**) has been awarded three medals from Banbury Swimming Club: Club Champs 50 back, Club Champs 50 free, and Club Champs 100 Fly. Sophia has also qualified for the County's 400 Freestyle race and is representing Banbury Swimming Club at the County's relay teams—phenomenal Sophia.

Alexis B has done well in her dancing, achieving 3 distinctions and 3 merits across 6 different dance styles.

Adam D, Jayden D, Isabella H, Henna K, Amelia H, Tadana M, Jennifer A, Willow C and Harvey H, have completed 25 metres in swimming.

Poppy B has achieved Level 3 in Swimming.

Thank you again for the kindness you showed towards the staff team at Christmas - cards and gifts aplenty.

To our parents who may be going through challenging times, please know our thoughts are with you. Parenting and life is a journey filled with triumphs and trials, and we recognise the courage it takes to persevere. We wish you strength, peace, and brighter days ahead. Remember, you are not alone, and our school community is here to support you in any way we can

That's it for now folks.

Take care, keep warm and have a good weekend.



Ms Boswell x

