

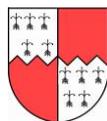
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Fitzwaryn

'Through learning to learn, pupils will access society'

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you all had a great time over the half term break. The pupils have come back to school very happy and settled and have got straight down to work!
Your child's class teacher will be sending you details about the curriculum for this half term.

Home School Link Worker

I am delighted to announce that we have appointed Ossa Buckle as our new Home School Link Worker, this is the first time that the school has had such a role in place, and I am sure that having a role like this will make a difference to the school's offer. Ossa will be working collaboratively with families, children and the school to provide early intervention, signposting, support and guidance. Ossa will forge strong links to other professionals and outside agencies enabling effective support for pupils and their families. Ossa will be introducing herself to you all very soon.

Parents' Evening

Don't forget that Parents' Evening is on **Wednesday 9th November**. Please see the letter that was sent out on 17th October. You can book an appointment online via the Arbor Parent Portal or you can return the reply slip. Unfortunately, we cannot accept any further bookings for appointments after Friday 4th November. If you need any help with booking a slot, or a paper copy of the letter please let the office know and someone will be able to assist you.

Friends of Fitzwaryn

The Friends of Fitzwaryn have been very busy once again planning the Autumn fundraising activities.

- **Glow Disco** – unfortunately due to very low ticket sales we will need to cancel the event. Those pupils who were due to come will receive glow sticks as compensation and all monies will be returned.
- **Christmas Bingo** – Wednesday 30th November 6.30pm, eyes down at 7.00pm. We are looking for an enthusiastic Bingo caller! Please let us know if you or anyone you know would be able to come and call for us on the night. The caller will be provided with plenty of tea and cake! Please send any Christmas related prizes into school before 21st November.



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- **Chocolate tombola** - at Didcot Mini Festive Market on Sunday 4th December. Some donations of chocolate have already been sent into school, thank you so much! Please send in chocolate bars, tins of sweets, chocolate coins, tubs of hot chocolate or in fact anything chocolate related into school ready for the stall. Do go along and support on the day if you can.
A reminder that all items sent into school need to be NUT FREE.
- **A Christmas party** - for pupils in EYFS to Year 6 complete with a visit from Santa will be held on Tuesday 13th December – more details to follow.

Members of the Friends of Fitzwaryn committee do realise that there a number of requests at the moment and are very grateful for your ongoing support.

For those of you who are planning on coming to Parents' Evening, members of the Friends Committee will be here to receive any gifts and be able to chat to you about any ideas you may have about fundraising events.

A selection of Christmas jumpers will also be available for sale on the night ready for Christmas Jumper Day in December. If your child has outgrown their jumper, please donate it to school and we will make sure it goes to a good home!

Dates for Friends of Fitzwaryn meetings:

AGM - 30th November 2022 (at the Bingo)

Monday 9th January 2023 - 5.30pm in school

Tuesday 14th March 2023 - 9.30am in school

Tuesday 16th May 2023 - 9.30am in school

If you cannot make the meetings in person but would like a Zoom link so that you can join in, please let us know and we can arrange it.

Good News! MacMillan Coffee Morning

In September the Student Centre organised the MacMillan Coffee Morning. I am delighted to announce that they raised an amazing **£531.66**!! Congratulations to everyone for superb planning and delicious cakes!

Children in Need – Pine Class are planning our Children in Need event this year. It will be held on Friday 18th November, more details to follow.

School Council

The School Council are up and running again and held their first meeting last term. There is representation from each class on the committee and a link governor is in attendance.

The aim of the School Council is to ensure that there is pupil voice in the developments within the school. This year the meetings are planned and run by members of the sixth form who are putting their leadership skills into practice. On the agenda for discussion is mental health and well-being for pupils and staff which links very neatly into one of our school development priorities.

On that theme, we held an excellent 'Hello Yellow Day' last term where pupils engaged in lots of different activities across the day all linked to mental health. Please read the following report from Holly Class who organised the day for everyone.

Mental health and well-being – Holly Class reflection

Mental Health is about feeling positive and happy and to avoid getting angry and stressed. We use a range of strategies to help us with our mental health. We arranged a day for all the school to do activities to help them too. Hello yellow day was fun and joyful.



Here are some of the activities that we did.

Messy Play

So people could get creative and use their imagination. When you create your own ideas and start drawing, doodling, etc, it makes you calm no matter what place you're in.



Lavender Bags

Lavender creates great smells with the purple feeling, because it makes you calm and relax when you have nothing to do. It can also help you get more sleep, have less insomnia, and can help you relax your brains.



Sensory Bottles

Sensory Bottles can help get rid of your anger and your negative thoughts by shaking the bottle. After that, you might see all those glitters and bright colours coming past you, when you are looking at the bottle, and can help your brain and body to relax and calm your mind down.

Healthy Snack

I enjoyed healthy snacks making chocolate popcorn. It's a healthy snack, which is high in fibre and low in sugar. You don't want too many sugars as you get energy crashes. I tried chocolate popcorn and it was very good.



Jar of strength

We wrote down 5 positive things about ourselves. We then made a jar of layered rice to represent each strength. Whenever you feel down you can look at the jar and be reminded of how wonderful you are.

Glow stick disco

Dancing and exercise releases endorphins that make you feel good. Exercises helps keep a positive mind and body!



I think you will all agree that a great day was had by all with positive messages for the pupils.

Recruitment

We are currently looking for Teaching Assistants for a January start to join our fabulous team of staff. If you know of anyone who would be interested in such a position, please signpost them to the vacancy page on the website.

<https://www.fitzwaryn.oxon.sch.uk/page/?title=Vacancies&pid=21>

If anyone you know would like to speak to someone about the post, please ask them to contact the school office in the first instance.

Christmas events

Once we have finalised plans for the run up to Christmas we will let you know the details.

As always please contact us if you have any queries or need any more information about your child at school.

With very best wishes

Stephanie Coneboy
Headteacher