



Friday 23rd June 2017

OXFORD HOUSE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 27th June-

Author James Campbell visit

Wednesday 28th June

Mrs Knight to meet with Form VI parents at 3.45 re PSHE lessons

Thursday 29th June -

Swimming Gala

Friday 30th June-

Essex Library Assembly

Monday 3rd/ Tuesday 4th July-

Mercury Theatre Rehearsals

Friday 7th July-

Bunting Room rehearsals

Sunday 9th July—

Summer production

Monday 10th July-

Talent Show

Tuesday 11th July—

Tudor Day Form V&VI

FATHERS' DAY EVENT -

With a wonderful breakfast menu designed by our new Chef Jay, muffins and juice for the children and with the glorious sunshine, the morning was a triumphant success. For those whose Dads' couldn't make it, they also had great fun in their groups designing fathers' day cards and having a special snack. We would like to thank Chef Jay and Melissa for their hard work as well as Mrs Shine and all the staff for their help in making the morning a success. We have had some really great feedback from both children and parents' and hope to repeat the event next year!



Mrs Quinn and Mrs Knight currently run a gardening club on a Wednesday night. The children have been working hard as you can see in this picture of their impressive efforts so far. They are growing tomatoes, lettuce, strawberries, beetroot, sweetcorn, cucumber and herbs to name a few. This week they have turned their attention to planting seeds for bedding plants, as well as planting established plants.



SPORTS DAY 2017

Another day of sunshine on Thursday 15th June meant that our two Sports Day events went ahead. The Early Years event included Nursery I, II and Reception who each took part in three races, including running, beanbags and fetch and carry. The children all enjoyed their events.

This year, our Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 event saw the introduction of some new races, as well as some old favourites. The results of the Sports Day races are as follows:

WINNER OF THE VICTRIX LUDORUM TROPHY: : KEZIAH FORM VI

JOINT WINNERS OF THE VICTOR LUDUROM TROPHY: : TOBI FORM VI AND BEN FORM V

All of the children participated and received a book prize.

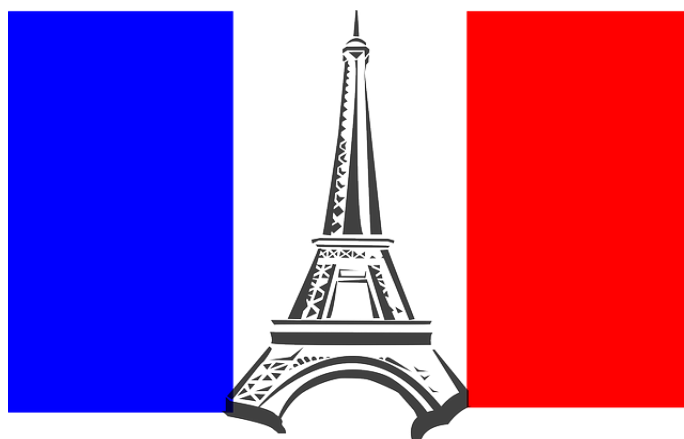
It was lovely to see so many parents, friends and relatives there cheering on the children and joining in the fun with the egg and spoon race!

There are a couple of pictures below of the day, please go to our school website and have a look at additional pictures from the day.



FORM VI FRENCH DAY

Form VI enjoyed a French themed day on Monday 19th June. They played French games, took part in quizzes and many more activities. The favourite activity for most of the children appeared to be making croissants! Many of the other Form groups also had the opportunity to join in with some of the activities. We would like to thank Madame Dubaire for all of her hard work!



RECEPTION TRIP TO FINGRINGHOE NATURE RESERVE

The Reception trip on Tuesday to the Fingringhoe Nature Reserve was enjoyed by all of the children. Their day began with hunting for pipe cleaner caterpillars in the woodland, classifying and sorting them by identifying natural habitats, warning stripes etc. They then took to the meadow for pond dipping to assess and classify the types of mini beasts caught in their nets, followed by eating their packed lunches with the teachers which they all really enjoyed. More photographs are available on our website.



AUTHOR VISIT—JAMES CAMPBELL

We have been lucky enough to secure a visit for the children in Reception up to Forms VI from the author James Campbell. James is the author of the highly accredited 'BOYFACE' series of books. As previously mentioned, this visit has been paid from part of the funds raised through the Second Hand Uniform Sale, so a big thank you for all of your support and generous donations! James will be running age appropriate workshops for the children, with a brilliant opportunity to purchase a book and get it signed by James himself at the end of the day.

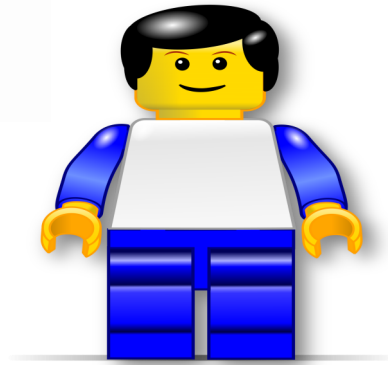
FORM II VISIT TO COLCHESTER CASTLE

After the disappointment of their initial planned trip to the castle being cancelled, the children were delighted when a new date was arranged. The children had a day full of activities to develop their learning. They built a Roman Villa and a Celtic roundhouse, dressed in Roman and Celtic attire, went interactive chariot racing, used the interactive Roman character features and sampled the tools and cooking utensils in the mock roundhouse. There were games that helped the children to understand what it was like to live in this era. They really enjoyed going down into the vaults and travelling back in time to learn more about the battles the Romans had between the Celts and Queen Boudicca. More photographs are available on our website.



PLEASE LOOK OUT FOR-

- Next week we will be sending out full details via e mail for the drop off and collection arrangements for the Mercury Theatre 3rd/4th July, Bunting rooms 7th July and the Summer Production Performance details for Sunday 9th July.
- We will be holding a talent show in school on Monday 10th July. Details regarding this will be sent to you next week.



IS YOUR CHILD COLLECTING THE LEGO CARDS FROM SAINSBURYS? - If so and they are looking for specific card numbers, please let Mrs Garnham know as she has a huge collection!

PAYMENTS FOR SCHOOL TRIPS -

Please be aware that from September 2017 all school trip payments will be added to your invoice.

E mails— The majority of our correspondence now goes out via e mail, please can you ensure that you have supplied an e mail address so you don't miss out.