

Finedon Schools Weekly Newsletter

Friday 9th February 2024



CHINESE NEW YEAR IN RECEPTION

On Thursday, Reception children were meant to visit the Wellingborough Fish Bar in Finedon. Unfortunately, due to the weather, they were unable to do this.

We were very grateful to the takeaway who still supplied us with a range of traditional food to taste. The children enjoyed sampling fried noodles, egg fried rice, mini spring rolls and fortune cookies.

As part of the celebrations, they sang Chinese New Year songs and have been enjoying engaging in lots of Lunar New Year activities within the setting.



ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to **Puffin Class** with 96.7% attendance who are this week's attendance winners at the Infant School.

Well done to Flamingo Class who also achieved over 96%.

Congratulations to **Chaffinch Class** with 98.4% attendance who are this week's attendance winners at the Junior School.

Well done to Red Kite, Woodpecker and Kingfisher Classes who also achieved over 96%.

JUNIOR VALUE STARS - PERSEVERANCE

The value stars nominated by the children, were awarded to Eloise, Nevaeh, Kyrah, Biya, Barnaby, Frankie, Robbie and all of Kestrel Class!

ACHIEVEMENTS ATTAINED OUT OF SCHOOL

Congratulations to the following children who celebrated their achievements in this week's assemblies:

- Isabelle and Eloise for their swimming award
- Zack for being man of the match and Elijah for being star of the week at their football club
- Elise for being gymnast of the week
- Charlotte and Jacob for their achievements in gymnastics

STARS OF THE WEEK

Infant School Stars	
Flamingo Class	Isla
Toucan Class	Hunter
Nightingale Class	Tristan
Peacock Class	Mariah
Dove Class	Henry
Puffin Class	Jack

INFANT VALUE STARS - PERSEVERANCE

The value stars were awarded to Kit, Darcy, Savannah-Lou, Georgia, Oliver and Aidan

Junior School Stars	
Chaffinch Class	Charlotte
Woodpecker Class	Oscar
Kestrel Class	Perrie
Starling Class	Archie
Kingfisher Class	Matthew
Magpie Class	Barnaby
Red Kite Class	Prior
Robin Class	Theo

NUMBOTS

Every fortnight the Infant School awards a certificate to a child in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 who is one of the top contributors on Numbots.

This week certificates were awarded to Herkus, Olivia O and Olivia R.

Do try to login to Numbots with your child as the app helps to build number fluency and mathematical confidence. Your child's login can be found inside their reading record.



MULTI SKILLS COMPETITION

Today, 7 Reception children attended a multi skills competition at Benham Sports Centre in Northampton. The children participated in running races, hurdle races and target games. The team came 3rd, out of 12 schools! Yet again, we received compliments on the positive behaviour of our pupils. Well done to everyone involved, you were all fantastic!



CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Kestrel Class have been busy this week drawing self-portraits and annotating each other's with positive affirmations.

They also led an assembly sharing information about how their voice matters, which is the theme of this year's Children's Mental Health Week.



MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK - MINDFUL MOVEMENT

During our Thrive sessions at the Junior School we have been busy thinking about mindfulness and ways we can self-regulate, focusing on:

- Discussion – what is mindfulness?
- Mindful movement (breath and body)
- Feeling emotions in our body
- Mindful eating meditation
- Mindful walk – (using our sense of sight as an anchor to the present moment)
- Mindfulness in nature – 'Hapa Zome' (a Japanese print making technique using the natural pigment in leaves and flowers) and clay modelling
- Thanks and gratitude

We have also learnt different breathing exercises, which you can try at home (see below).



TIME OUT FOR DADS - HOPE FOR FAMILIES WORKSHOP

The Hope for Families organisation is offering a series of 5 online workshops aimed at anyone who is fulfilling the role of Dad. The workshops will focus on the importance of Dads and help them to build an even better relationship with their child.

These workshops will be held on Sunday evenings 7:30 – 9:30 pm from 25th February through to 24th March.

The cost to participate is £15 per household, this includes an accompanying parent handbook (RRP £9.99), additional resources and goodies. Bursary places are available for parents who may qualify which will provide a 50% discount on registration.

Click [here](#) to book your place.

Click [here](#) to view this image in full.

In Miss Homer's lunchtime mindfulness sessions, children had the chance to enter a competition 'my voice matters'. We had some amazing entries, and both Mrs Callnon and Miss Homer had a very difficult decision choosing the winner, Heidi. We would like to congratulate everyone who participated.



FRIENDLY FEBRUARY

In support of the Action for Happiness campaign, this month, and every month, be friendly to others and give your relationships a boost!

Click [here](#) to view and print off your very own 'Friendly February' Calendar.



SAFER INTERNET DAY

This week we have celebrated Safer Internet Day which had the theme 'together for a better internet'. Everyone is encouraged to make the most of the internet's potential to bring people together.

Parents and carers play a crucial role in empowering and supporting young people to use digital technologies responsibly, respectfully, and creatively, impacting on children's safety and wellbeing in the online world.

You can support your child by ensuring you have open dialogue with them, educating them to use digital technologies safely and positively, or by acting as digital role models.

Top Tips for Parents and Carers

These top tips have been written to help you support your child to stay safe and happy online.

Make space for regular conversations about life online!

Talk openly and frequently about what you are doing online and encourage your child to do the same. Talk about the positive experiences you can have online, share what you have done when you have come across content you did not want to, and how you dealt with the situation.

Make space for enjoying and exploring the online world together!

Play games, watch videos, and express an interest in your child's online life. Celebrate all the opportunities that technology has to offer and show them what a great space the internet can be when used responsibly.

Make space for supporting and reassuring your child if things go wrong!

Remind your child they can talk to you about anything. If something goes wrong, listen and respond with reassurance and kindness and stay calm. Work with your child to find solutions to the problem, perhaps by using the block and report tools or seeking advice from school.

Make space for working as a family to agree expectations for going online!

Talk to your family about the role technology plays in your lives. Establish rules and expectations that encourage meaningful use of technology, in the same way you set boundaries in other areas of your children's lives. It's important to review these regularly and adapt them for each member of your family.

Make space for learning about the apps, games and websites your child is using!

There are lots of tools and guides to support you with keeping your child safe on whatever apps, games and websites they are using. Research age ratings, privacy settings, and safety features (like the block and report button) so that you are best placed to help your child should anything go wrong.

There are lots of good tools and organisations to support you in keeping your child safe online. Explore the different privacy settings and [parental controls](#) available to you, and know [how to report](#) inappropriate content. These can all help make the internet a safer place for your children.



DESIGN A MASCOT COMPETITION

Thank you to all the children who submitted entries for our design a mascot competition to promote internet safety. The winning mascots will be used to promote our internet safety rules around each school. The Infant School Council chose Mila, Ava and Hollie as the winners of the competition and the Junior School Council chose Charlotte and Livy as the winners. Well done to all!

COOKING ON A BUDGET WEBINAR

The Northamptonshire Healthy Schools Campaign will be holding a free webinar for families to find out how to create healthy, affordable meals on a budget.

You will receive tips to help make budgets go further when planning what to eat, shopping and cooking and you will also look at some nutritious foods that are low in cost.

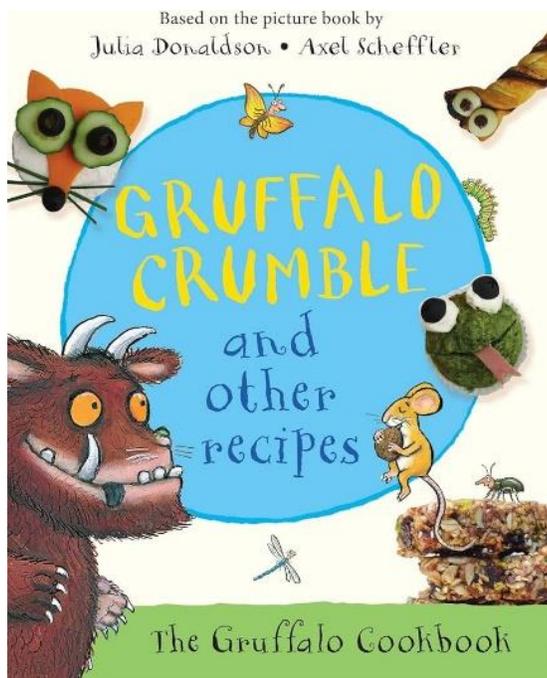
Click [here](#) to book your place.

WORLD BOOK DAY – SPECIAL THEMED LUNCH

To celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 7th March, Kingswood Catering will be holding a special themed menu!

All children who have a meal ordered through Kingswood on this day will be in with a chance to win a Gruffalo Cookbook!

Please see poster at the end of this newsletter for the tasty menu that's on offer! Meals need to be booked by midnight on Wednesday 28th February.



PIRATE WEEK AT THE CHESTER HOUSE ESTATE

See information below from Chester House:

Get ready to set sail and join in the fun this half term for a swashbuckling adventure during Pirate Week at The Chester House Estate.

The event takes place from Saturday 17th February – Sunday 25th February. To avoid disappointment, make sure you pre book for your Pirate Adventure Pass by clicking [here](#)!



ST MARY'S CHURCH EVENTS

There are a number of events taking place next week at the church, these include:

Saturday 17th February at 10am – 12pm

Join in the fun at the family fun day in church! The day will include welcoming in the Chinese New Year with dragons, celebrating Lent with pancakes and thinking ahead to Mothering Sunday.

So come along and join in with crafts, games and activities. And if crafts are not for you, there will be a very big box full of toys for the younger members, nicely followed by a story, singing and refreshments.

Last month the children left with beautifully painted crosses, lots of bird feeders, flowers and plenty of chocolate and biscuits decorated and eaten! For more information on this event contact Julie on jaklubby@gmail.com

Saturday 17th February at 7:30pm

An Evening of Entertainment provided by the Church Choir and Soprano Soloist, Amy Haworth. There will be music, readings, and refreshments.

Tickets are £10.00 (including refreshments). Tickets are available on the door or email: finedonchurchmagazine@gmail.com

Every third Thursday of the month 10am – 12pm

Come and join the Community Outreach Coffee Mornings at the Mission Room. You will find a warm welcome with drinks and cake. The sessions are held on the third Thursday of the month 10am - 12noon.

The next will be on 15th February in the Mission Room on Well Street, which is opposite The Green.

It is an opportunity for anyone, any age just to meet over a coffee and a piece of cake, have a chat and find out what's going on in Finedon. It is a great place to meet new people!

DONATIONS OF CLOTHES WANTED

We keep a supply of spare items of clothes in school in case a child should need to change their clothing as a result of an accident.

At the Infant School we have plenty of school jumpers, cardigans and t-shirts available however our stock is currently very low of certain items including girls' and boys' pants, socks, tights and trousers/joggers. If you are able to donate any spare items from home that are between ages 4 and 7 in size, this would be very much appreciated.

In addition, if your child has come home wearing a school item, please could you kindly wash and return the item so we can add it back into our stock. Thank you.

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HEADLICE

There have been a number of reported cases of headlice, particularly in our reception classes. Please ensure that you regularly check your child's hair and treat if necessary.

You can find some useful information from the NHS by clicking [here](#).

LEARNING REVIEW MEETINGS

Our next Parent/Teacher/Pupil Learning Review Meetings will take place week beginning 4th March.

An email with details about how to book will be sent on Wednesday 14th February and bookings will open at 6:00 p.m. that day.

APPLE TREE CLUB

Booking is open for the half term holiday at Apple Tree Club.

You are able to book 8:00 a.m. - 5:45 p.m. for £23.50 which includes breakfast or 8:50 a.m. - 5:45 p.m. for £20.00. Half day places are also available.

Please be aware that term time after school places must be booked and paid for in advance by 2:00pm at the latest on the day required using the Arbor parent portal or by contacting Caralyn Cox on the number below.

If you would like more details about our Club, then please contact the club manager, Caralyn Cox on 07766 978374.



SAFEGUARDING

All children have the right to grow up and learn in a safe and secure environment. If you have a safeguarding concern, please contact one of our designated safeguarding leads, listed below.

Mrs Joanne Lloyd-Williams	head@finedonmulso.northants-ecl.gov.uk
Mrs Caroline Jewell	caroline.jewell@iflt.org.uk
Miss Lucy Sadler	lucy.sadler@iflt.org.uk
Miss Felicity Pettitt	felicity.pettitt@iflt.org.uk
Mrs Jen Reed	jen.reed@iflt.org.uk
Mrs Caralyn Cox (for Apple Tree Club)	caralyn.cox@iflt.org.uk

- 01933 680433 (Junior School)
- 01933 680467 (Infant School)

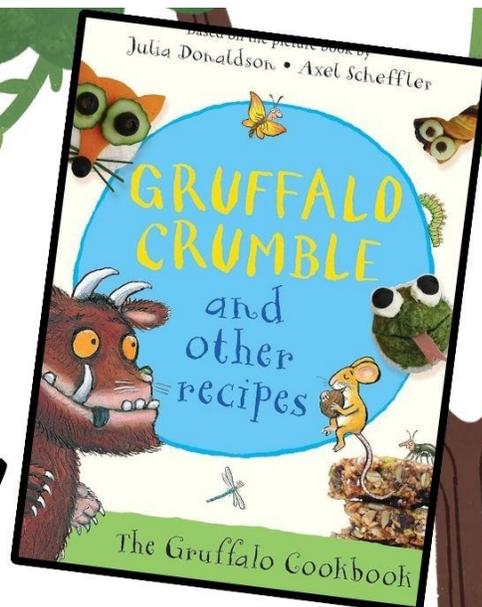
If you are worried about a child outside of school time you can call the local Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub for advice (anonymously if needs, be) on 0300 126 7000 or 0300 126 1000.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please see key dates for you to be aware of.

Date	What's on
Tuesday 13 th February	Chocolate Bingo Event
Friday 16 th February	Term three ends
Monday 26 th February	Pupils return to school for term four
w/c Monday 4 th March	Learning Review Meetings taking place this week
Wednesday 13 th – Friday 15 th March	Year 4 Residential to Whitemoor Lakes
Tuesday 21 st – Friday 24 th May	Year 6 Residential to Sheringham



WORLD BOOK DAY

To Celebrate **World Book Day** on Thursday 7th March we are holding a special Themed Menu. Order a meal for your child in the normal way for that day to be in with a chance to win a Gruffalo Cookbook.

Main - Gruffalo Terrible Tusks

Served with Owl Eyes and Brave Beans
(Pork Sausages with Saute Potatoes and Baked Beans)

Vegetarian - Poisonous Warts Pepper and Cheese Frittata

Served with Owl Eyes and Brave Beans
(Pepper and Cheese Frittata with Saute Potatoes and Baked Beans)

Plant Based - Knobbly Knees

Served with Owl Eyes and Brave Beans
(Vegetarian Nuggets with Saute Potatoes and Baked Beans)

**Packed Lunch - Mouse's Favourite Cheese Roll,
Mouse Droppings, Orange Eyes and a Log Pile House**
(Cheese Roll, Sultana and Raisin Bag, Cocoa Brownie and a Satsuma)

Pudding - Snakes Smoothie

(Strawberry Smoothie)

