

# Nursery and Reception

In Reception this week, the children have been learning about rock pools and the different creatures that we find in them. They drew their own rock pools and even spotted that the cover over the sand pit which had filled with rain looked like a rock pool!



They have also completed a class piece of art work for Take One Picture. The children decided to make a magical archway, designing and painting their own section. As you walk through the archway, it transports you wherever you want to go. Their ideas included dinosaur land, a unicorn forest, fairy land and even KFC!





# Year 1 and 2



This week we had a fabulous time on our class trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park. We saw lots of different animals that we have looked at as part of our Paws, Claws and Whiskers topic.



We had a workshop with one of the park keepers who talked to us about some of the different animals at the Wildlife Park.



# Looking at Learning





# Year 1 and 2



We were really lucky to see some magnificent animals close up. We were even so quiet in the wolf enclosure that they ran right over to us!



A special thank you to all of our fabulous parent volunteers who came along to help us on our trip.



# Looking at Learning



# Year 3 & 4

# Looking at Learning

This week, the Year 3 and 4 students visited Cotswold Wildlife Park. It was an opportunity for them to learn more about animals, their habitats, and any conservation projects they may be a part of, linking in with our topic on Predators.



The children started their day with an educational talk. During the talk, the keeper took us around to visit some of the different animals, allowing the children to see a variety of species. In this talk, we looked at different predators and prey and examined the adaptations that help them survive in their environments. We discussed differences in senses, teeth, feeding techniques, bones, digestive systems, and behaviours that assist in life as the hunter or the hunted. We also touched upon food chains and the importance of predators and prey coexisting in one habitat. This allowed for a discussion of similarities and differences between the animals. The children had the opportunity to ask and answer questions about the animals they saw.



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# Year 3 & 4

# Looking at Learning



Afterwards, we toured the wildlife park and had the chance to see a variety of animals such as lions, zebras and rhinos. This allowed the children to get up close to the animals, and as a class, we discussed their features, habitats, and diets. We finished the day with a yummy ice lolly. The children had a fantastic day.





## Year 5 and 6

# Performance Poetry

The children in class 5/6 were looking at the poem Hummingbird by Grace Nichols in one of their guided reading sessions this week.

They looked carefully at the language chosen and watched a video about hummingbirds to try to understand why the poet had chosen particular language in her writing.

We talked at length about what words stood out and any writing techniques that were used to try to unpick the poem even more.

Finally, using the poem as a starting point, the children created a piece of performance poetry which they shared with the rest of the class. They were able to do this effectively using the techniques we have mastered during our work with the RSC .



The language in the poem gave the impression of lots of movement. We used this in our performances.



We were intrigued by the use of alliteration by the poet. It made certain words stand out more.



We used the skills we learned through our work with the RSC to help us to make a performance based on the poem.



# Diary Dates



<b>Summer Term</b>		*= New additions to the diary dates
<b>July</b>		
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Year Reports will be sent to parents this week	
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Y 5/6 National gallery online workshop session 1-2:30pm	
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Whole school transition morning	
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Bling Your Bike—3pm	
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leaver’s Assembly— 9.15am	
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Nursery (+parent) morning workshop at British Motor Museum	
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Break up for summer holidays	

Break up on Friday 19th July for the Summer holiday.

School is closed for In-Service Teacher Training (INSET) on Monday 2nd September and Tuesday 3rd September 2024.

**Pupils return to school on Wednesday 4th September 2024**

School is closed for INSET on Monday 6th January 2024.



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Article 5, Parental Guidance, Article 18, Parental responsibility

# News

## Staffing Update

Unfortunately, Sharon Stafford will be retiring at the end of this academic year. Sharon has worked at Lighthorne Heath Primary School for an incredible 17 years. She has worked across all of the year groups, most recently in the Early Years and Breakfast Club. Sharon has been an advocate for enhancing early language acquisition, being a key lead on our Time to Talk programme. She will be thoroughly missed!



## Baking Competition

We were dazzled by the fantastic entries in the baking competition. Thank you very much to all the bakers for their contributions. The hard task of judging was handed to Becci Wilcox from Warwickshire County Council. She selected Teodora's rocky road as the winning entry. Congratulations to Teodora who won herself a family ticket to Gulliver's Land.

## Volunteers

Thank you to all our incredible volunteers at the Summer Fair who worked really hard to make the fair a success. We really couldn't have done it without you!

## Thank you!

We are delighted to share the news that the total amount of money raised at the school fair was £310. The money will go towards our school fund to provide extra resources to enhance the children's learning experience. Thank you for your support!





# BLING YOUR BIKE

Following a successful introduction last year, we are happy to offer another 'Bling your Bike' session this year.

Children are invited to bring their bike (or scooter) after school on to the front playground. Here they will be able to choose from various resources to make their bikes safer when the evenings start to get darker again in the autumn.

## FRIDAY 12TH JULY



We hope to see you there!



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During the Christmas and Easter holidays, we have been fortunate to secure funding to host a HAF club. We have secured funding for this to be repeated for 3 weeks over the Summer Holiday. Unfortunately, places are limited to just 27 this time and will be allocated on a FIRST COME FIRST SERVED basis.

If you need any more information then please contact  
[ben@onsidecoaching.co.uk](mailto:ben@onsidecoaching.co.uk)







educaterers

**Weekly Menu**

Warwickshire, Coventry: 169, 710, 1811, 912, 131/25, 32, 33, 24/3  
Oxfordshire: 166, 710, 1811, 912, 131/25, 32, 33, 24/3

**Week one**

**MONDAY**

Choose a main meal...  
Pork Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Noodles (G,SB,SU,E)  
On the side...  
Fresh Salad Bar  
Vegetables of the Day  
For dessert...  
(V) Cheese Crackers and Apple Wedge (G,D) or Fresh Fruit

**TUESDAY**

Choose a main meal...  
(V) Cheese & Tomato Pizza Wedge with Potato Wedges (G,D)  
On the side...  
Fresh Salad Bar  
Vegetables of the Day  
For dessert...  
(Vg) (h) Chocolate Cracknel (G) or Fresh Fruit

**WEDNESDAY**

Choose a main meal... WEDNESDAY ROAST  
British Roast Beef, with Traditional Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy (D,E,G)  
On the side...  
Fresh Salad Bar  
Vegetables of the Day  
For dessert...  
(V)(h) Syrup Sponge with Custard (D,G,E,SB) or Fresh Fruit

**THURSDAY**

Choose a main meal...  
(V)(h) Mac 'n' Cheese with Freshly Baked Crusty Bread (D,G)  
On the side...  
Fresh Salad Bar  
Vegetables of the Day  
For dessert...  
(Vg) Toffee Apple Donut (G,D,E,SB) or Fresh Fruit

**FRIDAY**

Choose a main meal... FISHY FRIDAY  
(MSC) Battered Fish Fillet (G,F) with Chipped Potatoes  
On the side...  
Fresh Salad Bar  
Peas or Baked Beans  
For dessert...  
(Vg) Jelly with Fruit or Fresh Fruit

Warwickshire, Coventry: 20, 239, 1410, 411, 2511, 1612, 201/25, 102, 103, 31/3  
Oxfordshire: 29, 239, 1410, 411, 2511, 1612, 201/25, 102, 103, 31/3

**Week two**

**MONDAY**

Choose a main meal...  
British Pork Sausages with Gravy & Mashed Potatoes (G,SU)  
On the side...  
Fresh Salad Bar  
Vegetables of the Day  
For dessert...  
(Vg)(h) Flapjack  
Fresh Fruit

**TUESDAY**

Choose a main meal...  
(h) British Beef Bolognese with Garlic Bread (G,I,cheese D)  
On the side...  
Fresh Salad Bar  
Vegetables of the Day  
For dessert...  
(V) Strawberry Whip with Fruit (D) or Fresh Fruit

**WEDNESDAY**

Choose a main meal... WEDNESDAY ROAST  
British Roast Chicken Fillet, Sage and Onion Stuffing and Gravy (G)  
On the side...  
Fresh Salad Bar  
Vegetables of the Day  
For dessert...  
(V) Ice Cream (D)  
Fresh Fruit

**THURSDAY**

Choose a main meal...  
(h) Italian Chicken Pasta (chicken and pasta in a tomato sauce) with Freshly Baked Wholegrain Baguette (G)  
On the side...  
Fresh Salad Bar  
Vegetables of the Day  
For dessert...  
(Vg)(h) Up Beet Chocolate Cake (G,E,SB) or Fresh Fruit

**FRIDAY**

Choose a main meal... FISHY FRIDAY  
(MSC) Salmon Fish Cake with Chipped Potatoes (G,F)  
On the side...  
Fresh Salad Bar  
Peas or Baked Beans  
For dessert...  
(Vg)(h) Ginger Cookie (G) or Fresh Fruit

Warwickshire, Coventry: 99, 30/9, 21/10, 11/11, 21/2, 61/25, 27/1, 24/2, 17/3, 7/4  
Oxfordshire: 99, 30/9, 21/10, 11/11, 21/2, 61/25, 27/1, 24/2, 17/3, 7/4

**Week three**

**MONDAY**

Choose a main meal...  
Southern Style Chicken Strips in a Wrap with Potato Wedges (G)  
On the side...  
Fresh Salad Bar  
Vegetables of the Day  
For dessert...  
(Vg)(h) Chocolate Orange Cookie with Orange Wedges (G) or Fresh Fruit

**TUESDAY**

Choose a main meal...  
Beef Burger in a High Fibre Bun with Crispy Diced Potatoes (G,SB,C)  
On the side...  
Fresh Salad Bar  
Vegetables of the Day  
For dessert...  
(Vg) (h) Shortbread (G) or Fresh Fruit

**WEDNESDAY**

Choose a main meal... WEDNESDAY ROAST  
British Roast Pork Loin, Apple Sauce and Gravy  
On the side...  
Fresh Salad Bar  
Vegetables of the Day  
For dessert...  
(V) Strawberry Swirl Mousse (D) or Fresh Fruit

**THURSDAY**

Choose a main meal...  
(h) Mild and Creamy Chicken Korma with Wholegrain rice (D)  
On the side...  
Fresh Salad Bar  
Vegetables of the Day  
For dessert...  
(V) Pancakes with Fruit (G D E) or Fresh Fruit

**FRIDAY**

Choose a main meal... FISHY FRIDAY  
(MSC) Fish Fillet Fingers (G,F) with Chipped Potatoes  
On the side...  
Fresh Salad Bar  
Peas or Baked Beans  
For dessert...  
(V)(h) 'School Favourite' Sprinkles Sponge Cake (G,E,SB) or Fresh Fruit

**Allergies**  
Please contact your school cook for information regarding the content of dishes and products on our menu.

**Educaterers' New Menu**

Educaterers have informed us that from September 2024 there will be a new rolling three week menu. You should have already received a copy by email.



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# Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health



## Mental Health in Schools Team Tips For Wellness



### Challenge

Challenges are a normal part of life that we all face, no matter how big or small they are! Some of these challenges may be hard and we might need support to manage them, whereas others will be easier for us to manage by ourselves. All challenges push us outside of our comfort zone but help us to grow and learn new interests, more about the world and who we are!

By challenging ourselves, we learn that we can work towards a goal, overcome obstacles and be persistent even when something is difficult. A **growth mindset** can help us take on new challenges, as it builds our confidence to have a go at things, increases our self-esteem and encourages us to try again if it doesn't work out the first time!

#### Our top tips for challenging ourselves:

1. Set yourself some goals you would like to reach this time next year (long term goals). Perhaps these can be things you've always wanted to do but never tried before. Break your goals down into medium-term goals and short-term goals (goals you can set to work towards the long-term goal in a few weeks or months).
2. Ask for help when needed. Challenging ourselves is not about getting through difficult times alone...sometimes we need a helping hand and that is okay!
3. Push yourself out of your comfort zone this week. You might want to try a new food, learn a new hobby, start a conversation with a different friend, or put your hand up in a lesson at school. Can you think of a **SMART** goal you would like to challenge yourself with this week? Follow the QR code to learn more about SMART goals:



4. Read books with characters who overcome challenges. What strategies did the characters use to push through them? Follow the QR code to a list of books that help children face challenges:



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MHST are available to support you and your school throughout the school year including term time and school holidays.

Please contact your school's Mental Health Lead for information and advice.



# Lighthorne Heath Learning Heroes

## Nursery & Reception

This week Miss Wood has chosen Ella as her hero. She has been doing some great writing about pirates and has been using her phonics to help her spell. Well done Ella!



Co-operate

## Years 1 & 2

Our hero this week is Osman. Sadly, Osman is moving on to a new school next week. We would like to make him our hero this week to say a big well done for all that he has contributed to our class and school during his time with us.

Have a go



Concentrate

## Years 3 & 4

Miss Singh has chosen Luke as this week's hero for his excellent home learning work. Luke has shown a real curiosity for our new topic, Predator, and has demonstrated his ability to research and work independently. Superb work, Luke!



Be curious!

## Year 5 & 6

Mrs Cox's hero this week is Zara. I was impressed with the beautiful sculpture she made for her homework this week. She worked hard, concentrated and used her imagination to create a larger than life 3D Toblerone which looks absolutely amazing. Keep up the good work, Zara!



Enjoy learning

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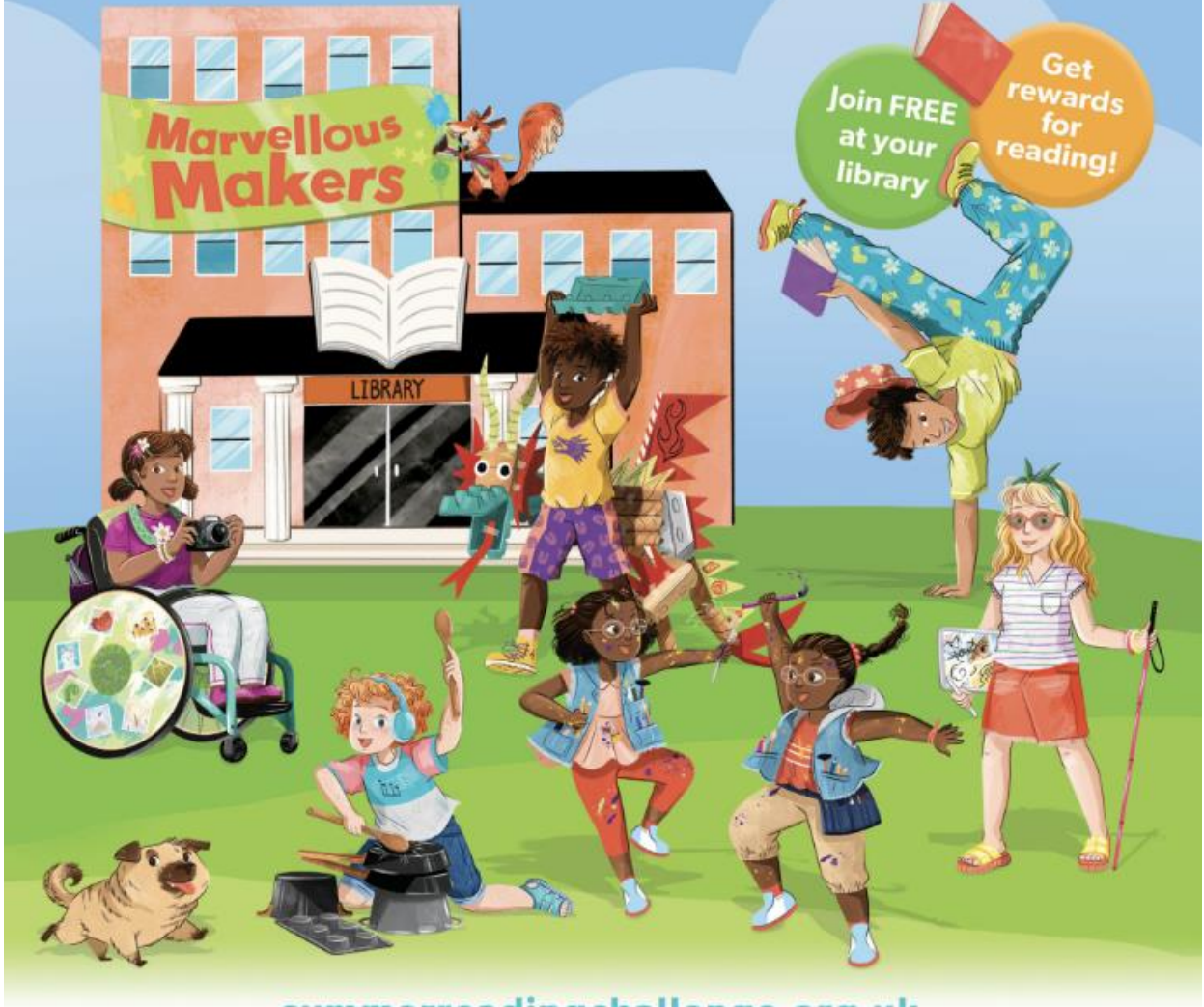
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