

Fire Station Visit

Our Years 2s this week have been out visiting Maidenhead Fire Station and it sounded like they had a great time. The children were allowed to use the hoses, they learnt about the special cutting equipment and they got to sit in the fire engines. The children found it very entertaining, when Mrs Ford was asked to dress in the fire-fighting uniform. Thank you Mrs Ford for leading the trip, to Mrs Seaman and our parent helpers, Mr Heales and Mrs Simou, for their support.



Photo: Children learning about the fire equipment

Black History Month

In assembly on Monday, we spoke about October being Black History Month. During this month, we recognised the contributions that people have made to our country and across the world. We discussed what the term racism means and how we should never discriminate against another person. The children were very reflective and understood the need to treat everyone equally.

Nursery Provision

We wrote to families yesterday, to share the news that we are increasing our Nursery provision to a full day offer. We hope this will be welcome news to many! The

change will come into place in January. We received lots of positive responses in our consultation survey and we are pleased to hear that many of our families are interested in afternoon provision. We will be writing to you in due course to share the details of the offer, as well as information on how you can enrol your child.

Staffing News

It was great to see Ms Hayward return this week, as part of a phased return to our Reception class. Ms Hayward will be increasing her days over the next two weeks and she hopes to be fully back by half-term. We would like to thank Mrs Moore for working with the class, but this isn't goodbye! Mrs Moore will be moving into a pastoral role, which will involve her supporting families and working with some of our external partners, such as Education Welfare and Early Help.

Open Evening

Thank you to all those children who supported our very first Open Evening. The children were brilliant at speaking to prospective families about their experiences at our school. We plan to run more open mornings next term, please check our school website for details.



Photo: Our Year 2 pupils visiting Maidenhead Fire Station



Photo: Children engaging in art activities during Open Evening

Parent / Carer Meetings

Next week we have our first parent / carer meetings. The meetings on Tuesday and Thursday, are for our Year 3 – 6 parents/ carers. We are now using a new booking system on ParentMail. Please check and make an appointment, it is really important that you receive verbal feedback on how your child is doing.

Read Write Inc Phonics eBook Library

If your child is being taught phonics in school we use an online eBook library to set your child phonics practice to do at home. Your child has been given a username and a password, so that they can access their own personal student area on Oxford Owl.co.uk. This information has been stuck into their diaries. Just a gentle reminder to please keep up your home reading by logging in. These books are designed to reinforce work that they have done in school and sounds they are learning and make us all phonic superstars! Please note, when your child has completed the phonic scheme, they will no longer receive these books at home as they are fluent readers..