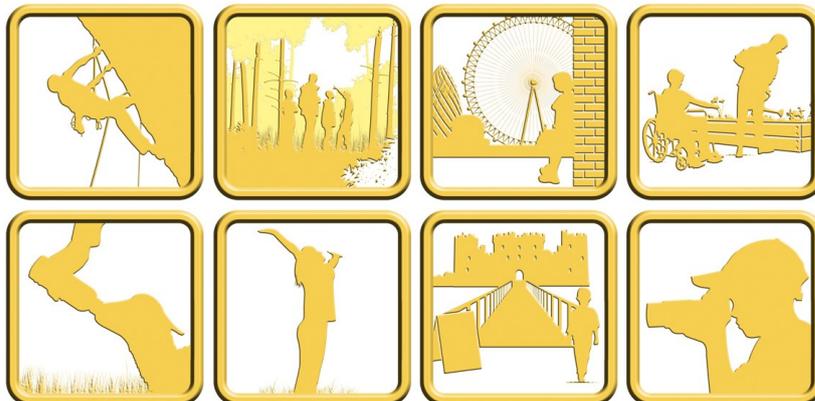


WHADDON NEWS

SPECIAL GOLD EDITION 2018

We are very proud to announce that our school (that's yours, the children's and the staff's) has been awarded the prestigious **Learning Outside the Classroom Gold** award. We are celebrating this honoured accreditation with a special Gold Edition Newsletter this month. Thankyou everyone for your support and belief that the school's approach to providing high quality learning in the outdoors, on school grounds and from the surrounding community is the right one. We know we are enabling well-rounded, inquisitive, motivated children, who question, explore and learn from each other and the experiences they have.



LOtC Mark (Gold)

May Fayre 2018

What a wonderful day it was! The sun shone and so many volunteers gave up their time to help to make this year's May Fayre a sparkling success. Huge thanks to our hard-working FOWS. What a team!



Class 1 Visit to Campbell Park

This half term, Class 1 has become the S.S.S.C. (Scientists who Study Strange Creatures). One blustery Thursday they visited Campbell Park, to assess its suitability as a habitat for some Gruffalos.



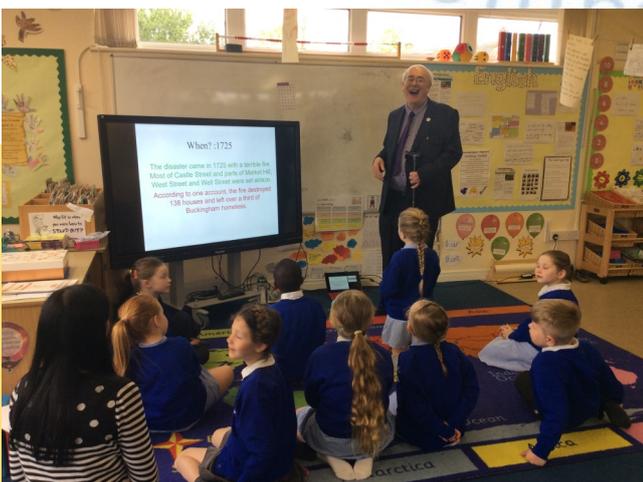
The children studied the plants and trees in the park, considered whether there would be enough food for the Gruffalos (they are omnivores, so the children suggested duck and magpie), climbed up a hill to look at the geographical features in the park and finally considered what other information might be useful. The good points of the park were: it has plenty of food for an omnivore and it has some shelter in the form of trees. However, the children decided that: it was also quite busy and noisy, the bikes and cars could be dangerous and the Gruffalos might disturb the forest school sessions as well as the cricket club.

The Great Fire of Buckingham

Visit from Ed Grimsdale, Buckingham historian

On Wednesday 16th May 2018 class two had a visitor called Ed Grimsdale. He came to tell us about the great fire of Buckingham. Ed Grimsdale started by telling us about the old jail and told us a story of why they built it and why people went there. We have been learning about the Great Fire of London which is why Ed came in to talk about the Great Fire of Buckingham. We learnt a lot. No one died in the Great Fire of Buckingham apart from 3 pigs and 1 horse. Fascinatingly, everyone owned a pig to eat in 1724 so they could have a slice of bacon everyday for a whole winter. Children started the fire because they were playing with flint and straw behind the Unicorn Inn, which is now an Oxfam Shop. The fire brigade was in Windsor and was pulled by a horse, so it took a whole day to get there. The fire lasted for 3 days. Luckily there was a bucket brigade. It's where people keep passing buckets to each other (see photos below!).

Written by Class 2, led by Ella.

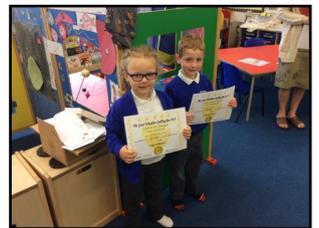


Spelling Bee

For the past six weeks, the children of Whaddon School have been working hard, both at school and home, in preparation for **The 2nd Annual Great Whaddon Spelling Bee**. On Thursday 24th May Foundation Stage had their mini-bee in their classroom (which was covered in bees) and Classes One and Two went down to the hall where they got into their bee hives ready to spell, spell, spell.

Every child in the school approached the challenge with positivity and enthusiasm. They made their teachers very proud.

Well done everyone!



A particularly huge 'well done' goes to **Elizabeth** in Foundation Stage, who scored **19/25** to win the mini bee first prize and a book token, and to **Claudia** in Year One who scored an incredible **50/50** to win the Golden Bee Award! **Well done!**

Forest School News

At last the sun hats and sun cream have made an appearance at Forest School! After months of learning how to keep warm, now the children are learning how to look after themselves in the sun. The change in temperature has meant that Base Camp has moved to the shade, which has proven popular.

The warmer weather has brought many other changes at Forest School. The children have noticed so many different plants growing it's hard to keep up. The living willow has needed watering, as well as the other plants we have planted; there have been plenty of opportunities to discuss what plants need to survive. Added to this are all of the insects that are coming out of hiding in the warmer weather.

Since the removal of the sheep next door, we have some very curious neighbours - a herd of friendly cows. They like to come over to see what we are doing. Their presence



has prompted discussions about what they eat, where milk comes from and what 'herbivores' are.

The final change is the arrival of a wormery, hand-built by Miss Swain. The children enjoyed stocking it up with soil, plant seeds, lavender and of course.... worms! It will be a great way to watch worms at work.

The 'Learning Outside the Classroom' assessor was very impressed with Forest School and enjoyed meeting the children there last week as they climbed trees and balanced along logs.

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time	Venue & Further Information
Monday 4th June	School reopens	8.40	
Monday 4th June	Whole School trip to Whipsnade Zoo		
Tuesday 5th June	September 2018 Foundation Stage new starters Family Picnic	13.00	School Field
Friday 15th June	Father's Day Celebration	All day	Information to follow after half-term
Tuesday 19th June	Class 2 Safety Centre Trip	13.00—15.00	MK Safety Centre
Tuesday 3rd July	Moving up morning for Class 2 to new schools	AM	Information available from new school
Wednesday 4th July	Moving up morning for Class 2 pupils who are transferring to Great Horwood in September	AM	Information available from new school
Thursday 5th July	Moving up morning for Class 2 pupils who are transferring to Great Horwood in September	AM	Information available from new school
Tuesday 3rd July	September 2018 Foundation Stage new starters Taster afternoon and New Parents Information Meeting	13.00	Foundation Stage Classroom
Thursday 5th July	SPORTS DAY—Everyone Welcome	13.30—15.00	School field Information to follow after half-term
Friday 20th July	End of Year Celebration Service	14.00	St Mary's Church Information to follow after half-term
Friday 20th July	Leavers Family BBQ	13.00	School Field Information to follow after half-term

*Many of the events are now hyperlinks which, when clicked on, will take you to where you can find more information about the event.

SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS

AUTUMN TERM 2017	Monday 4 September	Friday 20 October
	Monday 30 October	Tuesday 19 December
SPRING TERM 2018	Wednesday 3 January	Friday 9 February
	Monday 19 February	Friday 30 March
SUMMER TERM 2018	Monday 16 April	Friday 25 May
	Monday 4th June	Tuesday 24 July

TERM TIME BANK HOLIDAYS 2017/2018

Monday 7th May 2018 – May Bank Holiday

INSET DAYS 2017/18

Monday 4th September 2017
Tuesday 5th September 2017
Wednesday 3rd January 2018
Monday 23rd July 2018
Tuesday 24th July 2018

Year 1

Work to be Proud of

22.05.18 L.O. To write a report using the key features of a report.



Living lizards spurs

What do they look like?

• Living lizards have big wings.

• Living lizards have long ^{many} tails.

Food

• Living lizards have smaller and.

• They have spineless insects.

• Living lizards are the and.

Sound It adds to they are great.

What do they eat?

They eat leaves and plants.

They eat grass and the things are.

They live in the green area.

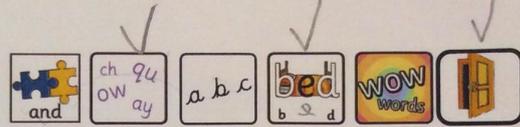
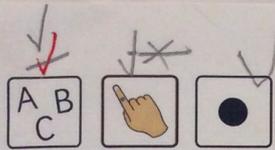
They live in the park.

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Jacob's Non Fiction Report
on Flying Lizards

Year 1

Work to be Proud of



03.05.18 L.O. To use descriptive language.

Mouse's Diary



~~On a~~
I took a stroll thru some
deep dark woods. Next to
me was a glit^{or} ee pond
all around where the blow^t
trees. On a branch I ^{her d} saw
an owl hooting.
I did ~~not~~ see a wh^{hole} owl but
I get in it.

Harrison's Mouse Diary

Year 2 and 3



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All of Class 2's
Tudor jetty houses