

Dear families,

We have done so much learning this week! Pegasus welcomed Tom Bown into their class on Monday to learn all about the wildlife and climate he experienced when visiting Antarctica.



Cygnus and Tucana enjoyed a trip to Oxford on Wednesday to visit a Synagogue and the Story Museum. They were superbly behaved and very curious!



12 of our service pupils made us proud on Thursday by completing some work with the 'Standing with Giants' charity for an art installation

which will be on the Normandy beaches in June to commemorate 80 years since the D-Day landings.



And finally, Phoenix finished off the week with an explosive class assembly all about their learning so far around volcanoes. Thank you families for



Happy St David's Day!



DATES COMING UP

(parents are welcome at events in italic bold)



Tue 5th	Pegasus Swimming
Wed 6th	Childhood Measurement Programme YR & Y6
Thu 7th	World Book Day Phoenix Fossils workshop
Fri 8th	Mothers Day Workshop
Mon 11-15th	Science Week
Mon 11th	Phoenix rocks workshop

Design a meal competition

Can you design a healthy, balanced meal to fuel a Team GB or Paralympic athlete at Paris 2024? Your design could win £1,000 for your school and a family trip to the Olympic Games!

To celebrate the countdown to Paris 2024, Aids, Team GB and Paralympic GB are challenging young people aged 5-14 to get creative and design a healthy, balanced and tasty meal to fuel an Aids Athlete Ambassador at Paris 2024. The overall winner will receive £1,000 for their school and a family trip to see Team GB in action and the Paris 2024 Olympic Games this summer!

Key learnings

- Explore foods that support good health and the benefits of a balanced diet.
- Understand how to make a balanced meal that caters to different needs and tastes.
- Practice ways to generate and describe creative ideas and incorporate feedback to create an entry.

Entering the competition

- The judging panel are looking for entries that are clearly presented, healthy and balanced, well suited to your chosen athlete and tasty and creative!
- Students should complete their design on the Design a Meal entry template. Teachers or parents/carers should submit this with a completed cover sheet. See Student Resources below to download.
- Completed entry templates and cover sheets can be submitted via post or email. Post your entries to Design a Meal Competition, The Education Company Service Centre, Old Street, Hanger Hill, Borden, Kent, ME8 8JL or email them to info@educationcompany.co.uk

Full terms and conditions can be found here: gethelp@tesco.co.uk/about/faq/meal-termsandconditions

Our whole school PSHCE and Collective Worship theme this term is called 'Healthy Me' and we have been focusing on different elements of eating, exercise and emotional-mental health as part of this. Please see the information about a competition you might choose to take part in.

Today, our pupil council met and agreed they would like to work with Alvescot Parish Council to discourage smoking in areas of Alvescot used by children (such as the play areas). They will launch this with pupils during Science week.

WRAP AROUND UPDATE: Please see our school website from this Monday for the full policies and information relating to Calm club which is launching on Mon 15th April. A parent summary is attached with this newsletter. We will open the parent mail for bookings on Monday morning (4th). Please note: next week is already a very busy one for Mrs Hayler so we have set up an email for specific queries regarding wrap around: calmclub@stpeters.oxon.sch.uk. We would be very grateful for your patience with any teething problems as the booking format is new to us as well. When all spaces are booked, the system will not allow more bookings on that day.



Well done Tobias on your swimming achievements.

If you are in Faringdon, please do pop into Tesco and add a token to our FOSPS pot to raise funds for school. Finally, we are excited about welcoming in some visitors as part of Science week starting on the 11th March. Do get in touch if you can help.

Diana Apple

WHAT HAS MY CHILD BEEN LEARNING THIS WEEK?

- Cygnus** Thinking about what we might find at the top of Jack's beanstalk and moving bodies in different ways through dance.
- Tucana** We have been learning lots of information about London Landmarks and have been writing fact files. We also visited a Synagogue and learnt about what Jewish people use when they gather together to worship.
- Phoenix** about the features of a church, writing non-chronological reports and preparing for our class assembly.
- Pegasus** This week we have been researching and writing non-chronological reports about animals in the frozen kingdoms. We also enjoyed a talk from Mr Bown about his amazing trip to Antarctica and have begun to explore computer-aided design software.

Hedgehog Club Easter Activity Days at Hailey Community Wood, nr Witney

9.30am -3.30pm. 3rd, 4th and 5th April 2024



Would your child like to spend a day outside building dens, bug hunting, hunting for Easter eggs, using tools and knives and lighting fires? Then why not book a place on the Hedgehog Club Easter activity days. They cost £38 per child for a whole day which includes hot drinks, squash, homemade biscuits and campfire snacks all day. Early drop off and late pick up is available - £48

If you want to book your child a place check the website and follow the booking links.

www.thehedgehogclub.co.uk

Joining instructions will be sent to everyone the before. See you there.

Email Mandy @ thehedgehogclub123@gmail.com have any questions.

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Online Safety & Gaming SWGfL Safe. Secure. Online

Gaming refers to playing electronic games, whether through consoles, computers, tablets, smartphones or other devices. Gaming remains one of the most popular forms of entertainment, attracting a wide range of age groups from all across the world. Gaming is always looking to develop, often improving on graphical features, accessibility and user engagement as years go by.

Unlike many other forms of media, gaming brings a sense of challenge to the player. Usually there is a degree of skill involved that players need to develop in order to progress. Depending on the type of game, it can also offer players a platform where they can be imaginative and explore their own creativity.

Some games have rich storylines and characters that are engaging and memorable. Many players also use it as an opportunity to compete and socialise with other users whether it be in person or online. More often than not though, people game, because it is fun!

Benefits of Gaming

- 1 Can develop critical and creative skills
- 2 Can bring educational benefit and awareness
- 3 Is available to most audiences and family members
- 4 Is an easy and accessible way to socialise with others

Considerations for Gaming

- 1 Have awareness of appropriate age restrictions
- 2 Parental awareness around purchasing
- 3 Active discussions around socialising safely
- 4 Reporting harmful or offensive content online

Socialising Online
A staple of gaming is the community that surrounds it. Groups and audiences can gather around a specific game, character or theme to build specific fan bases that can interact with each other. Young people may like to socialise online because:

- 1 It gives them a platform to be with friends outside of school
- 2 There is usually a competitive element at play, which can feel rewarding
- 3 It can build confidence and social skills which may not be attainable physically
- 4 It gives opportunity to young people who have difficulty socialising with friends and others

Reporting and Blocking
Gaming communities can range from supportive and educational, to toxic and harmful. In some instances, it can even lead towards more radical content being promoted. When faced with something or someone being harmful online, make sure young people know how to:

- 1 Report the player or piece of content
- 2 Mute or block the player
- 3 Manage their privacy settings or communication options
- 4 Speak with a trusted adult for support

To find out more about Gaming visit the SWGfL hub: swgfl.org.uk/topics/gaming/ or scan the QR code

Further Support

Professionals Online Safety Helpline: saferinternet.org.uk/professionals-online-safety-helpline
Harmful Sexual Behaviour Support Service: swgfl.org.uk/harmful-sexual-behaviour-support-service/
Report Harmful Content: reportharmfulcontent.com

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Hedgehog Club Easter Family morning at Hailey Community Wood.

10 – 1pm

Sunday 17th March 2024

Come and enjoy some outdoor fun including den building, fire lighting, cooking, crafty activities, and Easter egg fun.

We will be toasting marshmallows on the fire. Hot drinks, squash, homemade biscuits will be available all day.

Costs: Per child £15, all children must be accompanied by an adult.

Booking is through the website www.thehedgehogclub.co.uk

