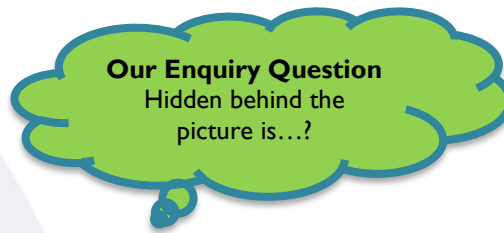


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Friday 10th November 2023

Newsletter 10

Dear Families,

We have had another fun filled week at Gagle Brook with lots of exciting learning along the way. New texts have been started across the classes with children going back in time to the Stone Age and World War 2. The Year 1 and 2 children have been stepping into the history of Art, experiencing Katie's adventures along the way. The Nest and Early Years have been finding out about the festival of Diwali. We are also very proud of our Reading Leaders who went to the Oxfordshire Book Awards. They did us proud and had a wonderful time.

This week we are pleased to announce our star achievers and look forward to seeing them on the Golden Table. A big congratulations to...

The Nest
Iona, Hunter
Nursery
Delilah, Toby,
Presley
Reception
Nandi, Ada

Year 1
Delilah, Tyler
Year 2
Kian, Ayva

Year 3
Sienna, Ezmay Rose
Year 4
Angel, Riley
Year 5
Harry, Evie

Our winning house is: Ash House 🏡

Our attendance winners are: Hedgehogs (Year 2) and Orangutans (Year 4)

Classes 🏡

Our Sports Award Winners are: Amaira from Reception and Astrid from Nursery 🏡

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An introduction to our Pupil Leadership Team 2023 2024

We are very proud to announce the names of our PLT 2023/24. The children are already busy arranging meetings with their lead and making plans! A big well done to them all.

Head Boy – Grayson **Head Girl:** Lily
Pupil Governor Lead – James
Computing Leads – Theo, Ollie, Sam, Millie
Reading Leads – Dolly, Kara, Mali, Gabi, Freyja
Eco Leads – Reuben, Rory, Sienna, Alma, Harrison
Inclusion Leads – Holly, Tiana
Early Years Leads – Billy, Evie
Sports Leads – Eli, Ruby, Leonardo



Anti Bullying Week – Monday 13th November

Next week we will be discussing bullying across the school and exploring what makes us feel safe and how we approach bullying within our school. The children will take part in an assembly on Monday morning with Mrs Izzo and Mrs Holloway. **On this day, children can come to school dressed in their**

odd socks. Anti Bullying also falls on World Kindness Day this year. We will spend the week thinking about the value of kindness and what it means personally and within our school community.

Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!

There is no pressure to wear the latest fashion or to buy expensive costumes. All you have to do to take part is wear odd socks to your school, at work or at home, it couldn't be simpler! Odd Socks day will take place on the first day of Anti-Bullying Week each year to help raise awareness of bullying.

In 2022 over 5 million children, 1,000s of parents, 100s of workplaces and lots of celebrities and influencers got involved. In previous years we've had Ant and Dec, Emma Willis, Brian May, Craig David, Sir Mo Farah and Annamarie donning their odd socks! Don't miss out highlighting the important issue of bullying in such a fun way.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6UU_jOiway0

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PSHE Curriculum Workshop – Wednesday 15th November 2023

We will be having our termly PSHE workshop on Wednesday 15th November at 2.45pm – 3.05pm. This is an opportunity to find out about what your child will be learning in Jigsaw this term. The workshops will be held in three rooms:

Year 1/2 – Miss Saffron’s Classroom

Year 3/4 – Mr Street’s Classroom

Year 5 – Mrs Burridge’s Classroom

We look forward to seeing you there.

Children in Need – Friday 17th November 2023

This year we are having a ‘Spotacular’ theme at Gagle Brook. To join in, bring a donation for CiN and come dressed to school in spots! We are looking forward to a day full of fun and activities to support this special cause.



Blue Tokens at Tesco

We have been working hard to collect tokens at Tescos across Bicester to support our garden project at school. Please do keep an eye out for the blue tokens at Tescos around Bicester. We are in the large store and some of the express stores too. Huge thanks to everyone 😊

FROGS

Thank you to those of you that were able to support the AGM and Ideas Session last Tuesday. It was a great success and so lovely to have more people come along. A huge thank you to Stacey who has stepped into the Chair’s role for the second year running. If you were unable to come along to the meeting but are interested in being on FRoGS or Tadpoles do get in touch with the school office who will forward your details to the FRoGS team.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed the Break the Rules event in school today. Thank you for your contribution of sweet treats. Next Friday, we would welcome any donations of cake into school to support the Winter Fair which is taking place on Sunday 19th November at 11am-2pm.

Finally, we are looking for donations of cardboard tubes (small cracker size) and empty jam jars (any size). If you can help, please can these be dropped into the office by Thursday at the latest. Huge thanks 😊

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A message from Mrs Whiskerd and Mr Latham

Our Physical Challenge of the month.....

I would like to introduce you all to our physical / PE challenges which are going to be planned each month.

Physical activity for children is very important and therefore we would like to set up a monthly activity to help get everyone in the GB community active!

The PLT Sports Crew are going to work alongside Mrs Whiskerd and Mr Latham to get these up and running!

The idea is for the children to work on these challenges in school during breaktimes and lunchtimes and also work on them at home with their family during weeknights, weekends, and school holidays. Each month there will be a new challenge and the idea is for children to keep working on achieving the challenge, they may wish to improve their skills weekly etc.. or even set up a family competition to see who has mastered the skill the best!

*I am pleased to say "N" is for **No ipad November: for 30mins a night we would like you to ditch your ipad, phone or tablet and get active why not set up some physical challenges for your family e.g. who can stand on one leg for the longest? Who can do the most jumps in 3 minutes? What other physical time challenges can you do?***

We have also sent some physical activity cards you might like to use plus this website might be helpful [Free indoor activities for kids – Healthier Families - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

So this challenge will start on Wednesday 2nd November and will end on Thursday 30th November. The PLT Sports Crew will be setting up some physical challenges for the children to enjoy and complete during playtimes and lunchtimes

So let's see how active we can all become in November, Good luck!

Have a lovely weekend,

Emily Holloway and the Gagle Brook Team



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Our Gagle



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Diary Dates

Dates for your diary – November 2023

13th – 17th Anti-bullying week
13th World Kindness Day at Gagle Brook
13th Odd socks day!
15th PSHE Curriculum Meeting for parents: Reception, Years 1-5 2.45pm (Term 2)
17th Children in Need
17th Donations of cakes for our Winter Fair please ☺
19th FRoGS Winter Fair 11am -2pm
23th EYFS Communication and Language Workshop 9.15am (Teams)
25th – 3rd Dec National Tree Week

Dates for your diary – December 2023

7th Whole School Panto (in school) – big thank you to FRoGS
8th Christmas Jumper Day
12th KS1 Christmas production – 9.00am
14th Nursery and Reception 'A Christmas Wish' - 9.00am
18th A Christmas Wish Years 3,4,5 – 2.30pm
20th **End of Term**



Free Entry

The Hummingbird

LIGHT THE LIGHT

Saturday 9th December
12-4.30PM

Come and join us for a festive day of fun...

- Santa Claus
- The Launton Village Players
- Military Wives Choir
- Festive Stalls
- Face Painting
- Hot Drinks and Cakes
- Tombola
- And Much more!

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