

Term 5: Week 3

Big Question: How sustainable are we?



Dates for the diary

May 2024

- 6th Bank Holiday
- 10th FRoGS Bingo Night 6.30pm – school hall
- 20th -25th Walk to school week
- 20th 'Our Learning Showcase' for parents 2pm (Nursery 8.45am)

24th End of Term

June 2024

- 3rd – back to school
- 14th – Father's Day Breakfast – more information to follow

19th – Sport Day – more information to follow

July 2024

8th – Inset Day

19th – school reports out to parents (please note change of date)

What a difference a bit of sunshine makes...and we are halfway through term 5!

During our assemblies, we have discussed how St. George wasn't born in England as some of us thought. He was actually born in Turkey and was a very brave Roman soldier. King Edward III used the possible myth of his sleighing of the dragon as his symbol over the English flag to remind his army to be valiant. We also discussed how May Day is celebrated in different countries, learnt some new songs in singing assembly, talked about our **ACHIEVE** values and how we can stay safe in the sun and shade- **Slip Slap Slop!**

Thank you for all your ongoing support,

With best wishes,

The Gagle Brook Team

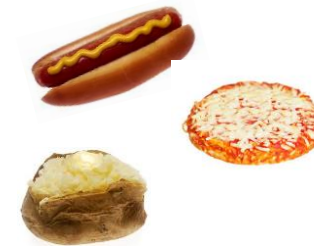
Well done to our first eco-badge winners who have demonstrated great understanding and empathy for our planet and what it takes to be sustainable.

Reception: Eleni
Year 1: Betty
Year 2: Camile
Year 3: Reuben
Year 4: Gregory
Year 5: Harrison



Thursday 16th May Whole School Census Day

Order a delicious lunch on this day... hot dog, cheese and tomato pizza or jacket potato!



The hot weather is coming...

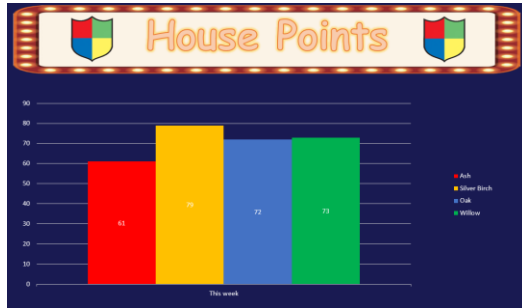
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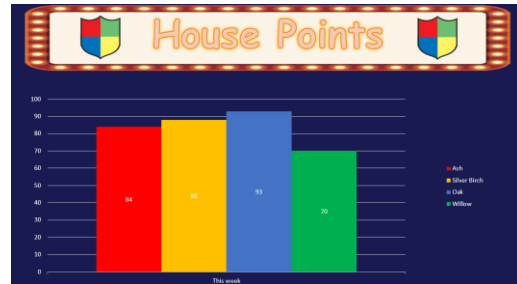


Achieve Awards

House Points



Term 5 Week 2 winner: Silver Birch



Term 5 Week 3 winner: Oak

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WE ARE **AMBITIOUS** AND WANT TO SUCCEED

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WE WORK TOGETHER AS A TEAM THROUGH **COLLABORATION**

H
WE ACT WITH **HONESTY**

I
WE ARE **INCLUSIVE**, APPRECIATE DIFFERENCES AND MAKE EVERYONE FEEL WELCOME IN SCHOOL

E
WE CARE FOR OUR **ENVIRONMENT**

V
WE SHOW **VALIANCE** AND COURAGE WHEN FACED WITH A CHALLENGE

E
WE AIM FOR **EXCELLENCE** IN ALL THAT WE DO

Sports Award

Ivy (Year 1)
Rose (Year 2)

Week 2

N	Astrid
R	Barney
Y1	Harry L
Y2	Daragh
Y3	Leonardo
Y4	Tiana
Y5	Millie
Nest	Will

Week 3

N	Fox
R	Nina
Y1	Leela
Y2	Camille
Y3	Blake
Y4	Oliver
Y5	Louie
Nest	Seli

Attendance Award

Week 2 Snow Leopards (Y1)
Week 3: Pandas (YR)

WE CELEBRATED WORLD PASSWORD DAY



Take the #WorldPasswordDay pledge and take a look at our password tips:

- change an old password to a long, strong one
- turn on two-factor authentication for your important accounts
- password protect your wireless router
- don't store passwords on your computer or phone
- log off when you're done with a program
- periodically remove temporary internet files

Ofcom Data Reveals ...

1 in 3 Children Aged 5 -7 use Social Media unsupervised.

A third of children aged 8-17 had seen something harmful online, but only 20% of parents reported that their child had told them about it.

Click here to read more:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/blog/ofcom-data-reveals-1-in-3-children-aged-5-7-use-social-media-unsupervised>

If you would like more online safety help or advice, please visit the 'Online Safety' top tab on our website.

Some tips about technology from NOS...

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SHOPPING PLATFORMS

For people looking to make purchases on their phones, several shopping apps – such as Temu – allow users to buy goods at reduced prices. Others, like Vinted and Depop, let you sell items you no longer want. As internet shopping continues to grow, however, so does the risk of scammers, hackers and breaches of privacy.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MISSING ITEMS

Users of Vinted, Depop and Temu have reported not receiving their products despite payment being taken. Users can initially contact the seller to query a missing item, and they have between two and five days (depending on the app) to tell the company what has happened. However, once the money has reached the supposed 'seller', it can be quite difficult to get back.

SCAMMERS AND PHISHING

Scammers are always on the lookout for unsuspecting buyers or sellers. Common tactics include consoling shipment of an item once the payment has been processed or asking to conclude the chat and payment outside of the app, where the victim is no longer protected by the buyer protection plan. This should, naturally, be avoided at all costs.

DATA MISUSE

Apps of all kinds frequently collect our data, often asking for more information than is necessary to set up an account. Data gathered in this way is then usually sold on to third parties for marketing purposes. Lately, certain apps have been under scrutiny for using spyware to track their members' activities – but all too often, the user's consent to this practice has been hidden away in the terms and conditions.

FAKES OR REPLICAS

It's certainly not unheard of for poor-quality products to be falsely marketed as luxury items, using misleading pictures or clever wording. These disingenuous sales are sometimes outed by suspiciously low price tags, but this isn't always the case. For children and young people especially, there's a risk that the promise of bagging a high-end item for a fraction of its usual price will outweigh any suspicions they may have.

SLOW REFUNDS

While all apps offer a refund if the product is damaged or doesn't match the description, it can take up to a month to be compensated for this. For many people (especially during a cost-of-living crisis) that can be a long time to be without both the product you bought and the hard-earned cash you spent on it.

MISLEADING DESCRIPTION

Some people will be able to notice when, say, a product's photo and its description don't seem to match. This isn't a reliable means of picking up on misleading marketing, however – especially not for children and young people, many of whom may not yet realise that such practices even exist. While it's legal to advertise one thing and sell another, plenty of shady traders use clever wording and omissions to get around this.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ALWAYS STAY ON THE APP

It's vital that users pay for any goods through the same app on which they found them, to ensure they are covered by buyer protection. This means users can access support if the item arrives damaged, isn't as described, or doesn't arrive at all – allowing them to seek compensation for the loss. Such regulations can't protect you, however, if you didn't do the deal through the app in question.

BE WARY OF PHISHING ATTEMPTS

Scammers frequently send messages within these apps to steal personal and financial information from other users. Don't respond to these messages – and under no circumstances should you follow any links they contain. Check for spelling errors, as well as inspecting the name of the sender. Report any suspected phishing emails to the app's help centre – and notify your bank if you think your financial information has been compromised.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant at iCyberAware, who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety workshops and policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviours of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



CHECK REVIEWS

Take time to read the reviews and comments left by other users – not just of products, but of sellers and buyers, to ensure they're legitimate and reliable. Before buying an item online, check the reviews for comments about the product's quality, the seller's communication and the delivery time. If you're selling, check the reviews of your buyer for red flags such as frequent requests for refunds or claims of 'missing' items.

KEEP SAFE AS A SELLER

Sellers can be exploited just as much as buyers. Some users may purchase an item, for example, then pretend it didn't arrive to secure a refund. Always take photos of the shipping label, along with a picture of you posting the item. Send the package's tracking number to the buyer and keep a copy for yourself, letting you investigate any future claims that it never arrived. When taking photos of items you're selling, ensure nothing personal is in the background.

Source: See full reference list on guide page at nationalcollege.com/guides/shopping-apps

Friends & Relations of Gagle Brook Primary presents:

BINGO NIGHT

Friday 10th May

Doors open 6pm
Eyes down 6.30pm

Gagle Brook Primary School
Cranberry Ave, Bicester OX27 8BD

FAMILY FRIENDLY FUN FOR ALL! PRIZE BINGO

Entry: £5 per player including bingo book (additional books available)
Children welcome
Cash flyer available on the night £1
Refreshments will be available

Any questions please contact
frogs@gaglebrook.org.uk

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NEWS and EVENTS

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Elmsbrook's Tallest Sunflower Competition 2024

Win £75, £50 and £25 in garden vouchers

Smarter Services, your Grounds maintenance contractor, will be sponsoring the competition again this year.

It's open to all Elmsbrook residents and Gagle Brook School.

Judging will take place in August. More details about how to enter will follow, but for now, get planting your sunflower seeds in well-drained soil in full sun.

Good luck!



MAY HALF TERM 2024 28TH - 31ST MAY

ACTIVITIES THEY'LL LOVE!

- LEGO ANIMATION
- MINECRAFT CODING
- 3D PENS
- CIRCUITRY
- SMART ROBOTICS
- LAZER TAG
- VR
- ENGINEERING EXPERIMENTS

HERE THIS MAY HALF-TERM!

TECH CAMP

FOR BOYS & GIRLS AGES 5-11, 9 AM - 4 PM DAILY

FIND YOUR NEAREST CAMP ON OUR WEBSITE
www.nextthing.education

What to bring to camp?

- Perked Lunch and Snacks
- Water Bottle
- Headphones
- Weather Appropriate Clothing

We are in your area!

We have more than 30 camps running this May. Find your local camp on our website: www.nextthing.education

Kids love NextThing!

'My child had a fabulous time, and this is the first type of STEM holiday club I've seen in our area. I'd definitely recommend and book again!'

Parent - St John's College School

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NEWS and EVENTS

HOLIDAY SPORTS COURSE FOR 4-12 YEAR OLDS

Fun, inclusive sessions covering a range of sports and activities

**Tuesday 28th May - Friday 31st May
9am - 3pm**

Bure Park Primary School,
Bicester OX26 3BP

£15 per day or £55 for all 4 days

Advanced
Coaching & Education



BOOK HERE

ACE TOTS FOOTBALL FOR 4-7 YEAR OLDS

Fun and age-appropriate drills and games to develop basic football skills

Saturday mornings, 9am-10am
Whitelands Farm Sports Ground,
Bicester, OX26 1AJ
12 week block - £60

Commencing Saturday 4th May 2024

To book:

Email info@advancedcoachingeducation.co.uk,
call Paul on 07740 081375, or use QR code

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Dear parent/carer,

I am delighted to inform you that there is an opportunity to learn the violin/viola/cello or double bass at your school. Prices start at £6.40 per lesson, depending on the size of the group, and are available for all year groups, including the youngest in the school.

The benefits of learning a musical instrument are endless. It is scientifically proven that playing an instrument engages practically every area of the brain at once, the perfect workout for the brain. In studies, those people who were exposed to a period of music learning showed enhancement in multiple brain areas compared to those who hadn't been exposed. This is all explained in "How playing an instrument benefits your brain - Anita Collins", a short educational video that you can watch on *YouTube* which clearly describes the amazing effects of playing an instrument.

Here is a list that describes 18 benefits to learning a musical instrument:

1. Increases the capacity of your memory
2. Refines your time management and organisational skills
3. Boosts your team skills
4. Teaches you perseverance
5. Enhances your coordination
6. Betters your mathematical ability
7. Improves your reading and comprehension skills
8. Increases your responsibility
9. Exposes you to cultural history
10. Sharpens your concentration
11. Fosters your self-expression and relieves stress
12. Creates a sense of achievement
13. Promotes your social skills
14. Boosts your listening skills
15. Teaches you discipline
16. Elevates your performance skills and reduces stage fright
17. Enhances your respiratory system
18. Promotes happiness in your life and those around you



I am a qualified teacher who has 24 years experience of teaching strings. I trained at the Royal Northern College of Music, where I completed a 2-year PGCE in Music with Specialist Strings Teaching. I work for Oxfordshire County Music Service. If you would like your child to have violin/viola/cello/double bass lessons at school, during the school day, please go to www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/musicinterest on the Oxfordshire County Music Service website and click on 'Apply for Lessons.' Once we have enough children to start a group, I will be in contact and then lessons can start. Lessons will take place during the school day at school.

Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free lessons, instrument hire and ensemble membership. Please contact the Music Service on musicserviceadmin@oxfordshire.gov.uk to check eligibility before making an application for lessons.

Please do not hesitate to get in contact with me if you have any questions: elizabeth.callejopaterson@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Best wishes,
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