



West Kidlington
Primary & Nursery School
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WEST KIDLINGTON NEWS

Dear Families

We are halfway through the term already! Our Governors are an important part of our school. They work together to support and challenge the staff to ensure that all the children reach their potential.

The governors are a mixture of parent governors, who are elected, and community governors who are appointed by the TWHF. They meet 5 times a year and in-between will visit the school to monitor the work that is going on.

We currently have a vacancy for a community governor. This post is for someone who is not a parent or grandparent of any child in the school. Ideally they would live in Kidlington and already be involved in the community in some way, but this is not essential. If you know anyone who you think might be interested in joining the governors and become involved in the school please ask them to contact the school office (by February 15th) for a conversation with the Head and Chair of Governors.

Important Dates

Thursday 30th January - Young Voices trip to Birmingham

Wednesday 12th February - DT celebration in the hall

Monday 3rd and Wednesday 5th March - Parents Evening for Reception to Year 6

**It doesn't matter
what others are
doing. It matters
what you are doing.**

The Family Oracy (talking) question this week is:

What do you think it means to be successful?



FEBRUARY HOLIDAY COURSE

DATES:

Monday 17th, Tuesday 18th, Wednesday 19th (February 2025)

TIME: 9:00am - 3pm

VENUE: West Kidlington Primary School

WHO FOR?: Children in years 1-8

COST:

£20.00 per single day booking

£50.00 for all 3 days (10% discount for early bird booking)

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School Garden Update



We have a smart new addition to the School Garden - a greenhouse! A small group of children from years 1/2 and 3/4 helped to erect the greenhouse during their lunch break. They demonstrated brilliant teamwork and problem solving. This greenhouse will allow the children to closely watch seeds germinate and follow their growth. We will also maintain the front of the school as our greenhouse, as plants seem to love it in there.

Another new addition arriving soon is a fruit cage to protect soft fruit plants from hungry birds. We are repurposing trellis and timber found around the school grounds and will need to purchase the netting. If you would like to help make the cage, please contact the school office.

The children were keen to do some weeding so we did a small patch by hand and experimented with the no-dig method of laying cardboard over the ground. We shall check to see what has happened under the cardboard next week.

Our compost bins have had a lot of nitrogen-rich green waste added to them recently so we needed to balance this out by adding some carbon-rich brown waste. The children happily ripped up some newspapers after having a quick read and added them to the compost bins along with some brown leaves.

The white wall flower bed near to Nursery has had a tidy up to remove a build-up of leaves and the odd bit of rubbish. It's exciting to see all of the lush green plant stems poking through the soil and woodchip. The leaves were added to our leaf mould bin.

We hope that you enjoy reading our updates here. We enjoy sharing what is happening in the school garden but also hope that we may spark someone's interest or creativity to join in with our activities or suggest things for us to do. In Spring we will be starting to sow seeds for the various plants we are planning to grow. Planting sessions are exciting and busy so we would welcome some help with these. Equally, helping with weeding, tidying, constructing and planning without the children would be appreciated and can be great for your wellbeing too. Please get in touch with the school office if you would like to get involved.

Our new site manager, Mr. Williams has given us six small compost bins to repurpose. Can you come up with some ideas of how we can use them in the garden?

We would very much welcome donations of children's gloves, kneeling pads, a leaf rake and seed compost. Also, we would like to have a space to store reading books in the garden and think that a rabbit hutch would be great for this! Do you have one you no longer need?

Many thanks for your continued support!