

Mabel Prichard School

Weekly Newsletter

Message from the Headteacher 27th March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

As we end a very busy and exciting term, it is worth reflecting on what has been achieved since Christmas. As you are aware, we introduced our new phonics scheme, which has already had a really positive impact on some learners. We have also been focusing on improving our learning environment and we have some wonderful sensory spaces, reading dens and resources to support shared engagement and physical development. Next term, our plan is to start fundraising to improve our outdoor areas on both sites, and to finish the quad project on primary.

In the summer term, we are looking forward to our sports festival, Wimbledon days and summer festivals, where we can continue to develop joint attention, turn taking, communication, physical development and creativity, to name just a few benefits. Parents and carers are invited to share the sports and summer festivals, and we look forward to sending further information with you later.

Early next term, we will have our third sessions of parent/carers Personal Learning Goal meetings where teachers will share progress and discuss any thoughts around EHCP outcomes with you. They will be in touch to make appointments in the new term.

We look forward to seeing all students return on Monday April 15th at the usual time. In the meantime, have a wonderful break. Enjoy Easter and for those of you celebrating Eid, Eid Mubarak.

Best wishes

Coming up:

**Wednesday
27th March**

Students break up
for Easter at 2.50pm

**Thursday
28th March**

Inset day. No
students on site.

April 15th
Students return to
school

Member of the



Skills Builder
PARTNERSHIP



**Artsmark
Gold Award**
Awarded by Arts
Council England

News from the Classrooms

Blue Class

This term, Blue Class have been actively engaging with the new equipment recently delivered to our classroom. We particularly enjoy the art corner and our story corner. This term, we have been engaged in the story *From Head to Toe* and have experimented with a variety of toppings for pizzas during cooking, as well as trying new foods. Blue class had a particularly enjoyable experience on World Book Day, and Roman has only just taken his *Very Hungry Caterpillar* costume off

Today, we had an exciting Easter egg hunt and concluded the term with an assembly. Our progress through the phonics curriculum has been remarkable, reflecting our dedication and hard work. This term has been fantastic, and we should take pride in our achievements as we look forward to a well-deserved break. Wishing everyone happy holidays.



News from the Classrooms

Platinum Class

Yesterday we had an egg-cellent time with an Easter Egg hunt on secondary. Students had decorated their eggs, which were then hidden around the playground and sensory garden. Once found, eggs could be exchanged for a chocolate Easter Egg or Easter treat. All of these treats were provided by Shay's family in beautiful bright bags for students to take home. A massive thank you to Shay and family.





ZAHRAH'S AWARDS





HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS



Mobile Farm.

Secondary learners have had a wonderful opportunity to visit a mobile farm from Farms2Ewe this morning, which was organised and kindly funded by the ARC Group based at the Oxford Business Park. We had the chance to meet several baby animals including a calf, a pony, sheep, goats, chicks, bunnies, guinea pigs (we made sure Annie did not bring any back) and even a tiny mouse. We had the opportunity to find out how the animals are looked after and learn a bit about spring time on farms.



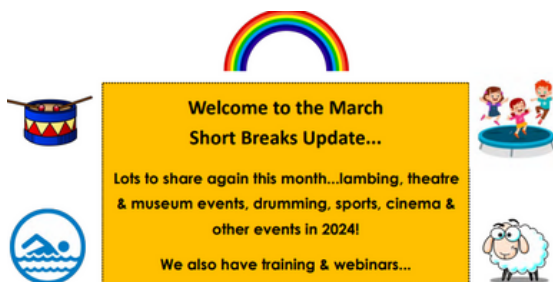
Ox Update...

Our friendly Ox has been painted from horn to hoof, and part one of our decorating is now complete. After Easter, it will be spending a week on our Primary site where colourful layers will be added using a variety of different tools, toys, and body parts. We would like to say a very big thank you to everyone who has supported the project so far, and we look forward to telling you more about what our Ox gets up to in the summer term.



Short Breaks

Please find below links to the March Short Breaks newsletters.



[Short Breaks Update for Families with Disabled Children and Young People March 24](#)

[Short Breaks update - Parent/Carer Support Groups](#)

Keeping Safe Online



Parents & carers

Advice for parents and carers to help support children and young people in their safe and responsible use of the internet.

 Childnet

[Childnet](https://www.childnet.org.uk/)



Homepage

Working with online safety experts, we're here to provide parents & carers with guidance, advice and support to keep children safe online

 Internet Matters /

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Parents and Carers

Tips, advice, guides and resources to help keep your child safe online

 UK Safer Internet Centre

[Safer Internet](https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/)



Parents and carers | CEOP Education

Access information and resources for parents and carers on keeping your child safer online including...

 thinkuknow.co.uk

[ThinkuKnow](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/)



Keeping children safe online

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 NSPCC

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