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Newsletter 3

Head Teacher's News

For a shortened week, an awful lot has taken place in school! It was lovely to hear how children spent Monday, and it was particularly nice that most talked of celebrating the life of the Queen and all she achieved rather than being sad. These have been the most unusual of weeks, and I am sure there will have been many moments that all of the children will carry with them.

This Thursday, Year 4 were the first cohort to take part in our curriculum enrichment sessions at Code Ninjas in High Wycombe. We have recently implemented a new Computing curriculum at school, and these sessions are part of our offer. The children took part in a rota of 3 activities: building and then programming a Lego robot device, creating snap circuits to achieve various outcomes and coding and playing their own computer game which they were then able to take home via a QR code. Further sessions will take place over the next few weeks.

Also on Thursday, we had the AGM for our PTA. I have to say that the turnout was really disappointing. The PTA have raised a huge amount of money for the school since I have been here and all of our children have benefitted a great deal from this, whether it is one off events like the Berkshire Reptile visit or more noticeable impacts such as our climbing trail or school laptops. There are also invisible costs such as the funding of coaches for school visits, enabling us to keep prices lower for parents. Without the PTA, these things simply wouldn't happen. Over the next few weeks and months, you will be seeing further evidence of the incredible work they do and how it helps the children in school. I implore you to give whatever time you are able to spare to support our PTA.

On that note, we would very much like to hold a PTA Film Night in school in late November/December time. This is an event that requires very little advance work spread amongst a small group and a smallish number of volunteers to supervise on the night. It is always an event that the children enjoy a great deal so I am very keen for it to go ahead. If you are able to help in organising or running this event, please speak to myself on the playground or send an email in to the school office. Please help!

Monday is School Photos, so please make sure hair is brushed and styled, uniforms are pressed and smiles are well-practised. Younger siblings not at the school will be able to come in to have a photo with their brother or sister from **8:30am**.

I hope you all have a relaxing and fun-filled weekend.

Sam Browne

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Mark 4: 31-32

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Star of the Week

Yusuf for setting a great example on the carpet and always being willing to have a go
Caleb for a wonderful start at Radnage School; we are so pleased you've joined us
Ellis for careful focus in Maths and beautifully presented work in his Maths book
Gea for showing exceptional behaviour and not letting standards slip when presenting her work. Well done, Gea!

CHESS CLUB

A number of children have spoken about the possibility of running a lunchtime chess club at school. This sounds like a great idea, but we would need your help! Are you an enthusiastic chess player or do you know of a grandparent or family/friend who may be interested in running a lunchtime chess club for us? Days are flexible and we would arrange for all materials and DBS check. If you can think of anyone suitable, please either speak to Mr Browne or the school office.

Diary Dates

Date	Occasion	Location	Who?
September 2022			
Mon 26 th	School Photos	School Hall	All children and siblings
Tues 27 th	Boys District Cup Football	Princes Risborough School	Selected Team
October 2022			
Thurs 6 th	Year 5 Code Ninjas Visit	Bucks New Uni	Year 5
Weds 12 th	Flu Vaccinations	Retreat Room	Children
Thurs 13 th	Year 3 Code Ninjas Visit	Bucks New Uni	Year 3
Weds 19 th	KS2 Harvest Festival	St Mary's Church	KS2
Weds 19 th	EYFS and KSI Harvest Festival	St Mary's Church	EYFS and KSI
Thurs 20 th	Year 2 Code Ninjas Visit	Bucks New Uni	Year 2
Fri 21 st	Break Up for Half Term	School	Everyone
Mon 31 st	Start Back after Half Term	School	Everyone
November 2022			
Weds 2 nd	Year 5/6 Trip to Science Oxford	Science Oxford	Year 5/6
Thurs 3 rd	Year 6 Code Ninjas Visit	Bucks New Uni	Year 6
December 2022			
Thurs 8 th	Christmas Jumper Day	School	Everyone
Tues 20 th @ 1:00pm	Christmas Concert	School Hall	Everyone
Tues 20 th @ 1:30pm	Break up for Christmas	School	Everyone

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