



Creating Excellence, Embracing All

School Times

Breakfast Club

7.30am - 8.45am

Afterschool Club

3.15pm - 6.00pm

Main School

8.45am - 3.15pm

Nursery Times

Morning Session

8.50am - 11.40am

Afternoon Session

12.30pm - 3.20pm

Caterpillars

Mon-Thurs 8.45am-12.30pm

Class Attendance - 13-17 Oct

- 1LR - 97.9%
- 1CM - 100% 😊
- 2RD - 95.2%
- 2TH - 98.3%
- 3AN - 91.7%
- 3SW - 98.3%
- 4LG - 99.3%
- 4AL - 98.7%
- 5ZM - 97.9%
- 5JC - 96.4%
- 6JP - 97.7%
- 6LK - 98.1%



and practised their hand-writing

Mrs Muir teaching



Diary Dates

Wk 27 Nov	Yr 6 at PGL
1 Dec	FOBS Christmas Bazaar
5 Dec	KS1 Christmas Performance - 1.30pm
6 Dec	Yr 6 IMPS at JR KS1 Christmas Performance - 4pm
13 Dec	School Christmas Dinner
19 Dec	Last day of term
4 Jan	School reopens for Term 2
ASSEMBLIES	
15 Dec	Star Assembly
19 Jan	2LH Class Assembly
26 Jan	Star Assembly
2 Feb	1LR Class Assembly
9 Feb	1TM Class Assembly
9 Mar	3AN Class Assembly
30 Mar	Star Assembly
28 Apr	Star Assembly
25 May	Star Assembly
CAKE SALES	
24 Nov	Yr 4
1 Dec	FOBS
2 Feb	Nursery
9 Feb	Reception
23 Feb	Botley Bridges
9 Mar	4LG
16 Mar	5JC
23 Mar	5ZM
6 Apr	4AL

Boccia Festival



On Monday all our partnership schools took part in a Boccia Festival. Boccia is a form of bowls or boules and is a game of strategy and accuracy that was originally designed to be played by people with cerebral palsy. Now, the sport includes athletes with impairments that affect motor skills. The children sat on chairs mimicking a wheelchair. All the children had a great time and learned what it was like to play as a disabled athlete.

Victorian Day in Years 1 and 2



Children in KS1 have been learning all about being a child in the Victorian times. They played Victorian games,



working silently

making gruel ... and eating it



What a wonderful day!

Cake Sales



Thanks for providing cakes today for Yr 4 today.

FOBS News

Please come and support the school Christmas Bazaar being held next **Friday 1st**

December 3.15-5pm. We are looking for donations of tombola items, raffle prizes and cakes - all of which can be left



in the School Office on Friday morning. If you can help on the day, even for half an hour to help us set-up, run the event, or clear-up afterwards please find a member of FOBS in the playground next week or contact us on Facebook - FOBS Botley.

We will also have the winning Christmas Card for sale, designed by Arthur (year 6). These cards are also available for sale in the Post Office and the School Office.

We are very pleased to say that FOBS have now been added to ParentPay. If you are paying for school dinners, or a school trip etc please consider adding a donation to FOBS - even £1 will contribute to this year's fundraising target of £5000 for improvements in the Nursery playground. Thank you - *FOBS Committee*

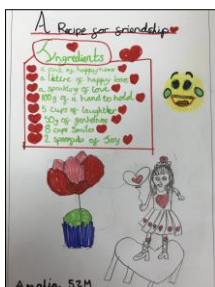
Children in Need

Thanks for all your support in helping raise money for Children in Need. We we have raised an amazing £800!



School Council

Year 5 Friendship Poems



Children in year 5 have been writing their own poems about what makes a good friend - here is Amalia's recipe!

Super Scientists at Botley

Year 5/6 are taking part in the Polar Explorer Programme this year.



Today they took part in the first enquiry called

'Blubber Gloves' to investigate how fat keeps animals warm in freezing environments. We were visited by the Oxford Mail so could be in the papers soon. In early December, we will also be talking via live phone-link to a real polar explorer currently working on the James Clark Ross research ship in Antarctica and next term we will be learning all about Shackleton and taking part in many more investigations.

Year 6 at PGL Next Week

All the year 6 children going to PGL next week need to come to school on Monday dressed in their PGL clothing. Children will leave after lunch so it is normal lunch on Monday, ie school dinner or packed lunch.

Staff News

Sadly we say goodbye to Tracey Knight who is leaving us at the end of this term. She has accepted a full time teaching position in Witney. We will be very sad to see her go.

Primary School Health Newsletter

Term 2 Newsletter from the nursing team is now available to read on our website and via Classlist.

COMMUNITY NEWS

For all non-school organised activities parents should satisfy themselves that all safeguarding measures are appropriate.

Tennis - Thursdays

3:30-4:30 Mini Red Starter Tennis Year 1 & 2 Children.

Oxford Sports Tennis Club
5:00-6:00 Mini Red Development Tennis

Year 3 & 4 Children.
Mathew Arnold School Sports Hall.
Oxford Sports Lawn Tennis

Vacancies at Matthew Arnold School

Senior Learning Support Assistant and Learning Support Assistant
Closing date for both vacancies: 23rd November 2017 at 12 noon. Interviews: 30 November. The position of **Senior Learning Support Assistant** is a maternity cover for 12 months from 1 February 2018, at 37 hours a week, 39 weeks per year. Salary £15,400 - £17,200 p.a.

The permanent position of **Learning Support Assistant** involves working 32 hours a week, 39 weeks per year. Salary £11,600 - £12,100 p.a.

Caretaker

Closing date for applications: 28 November 2017 at 5pm.

As part of a busy team, you will assist in cleaning and general caretaking duties throughout the school site and have specific responsibilities for key areas of health and safety. Hours of work: 37 hours per week (times by arrangement), 52 weeks per year. Salary £15,375 - £15,807 per annum.

Full details of the current vacancies are at: www.maschool.org.uk (click on Contact then Vacancies) or ring 01865 862232 ext. 2007.

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