

Finedon Schools Weekly Newsletter

Friday 15th March 2024



BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK

As part of British Science Week, Year Four enjoyed making their own 'Classroom Kites'.

After creating their design, they used magnetic attraction to make them move!

The Infant School held a science morning where children across the school rotated around three activities in mixed age groups to carry out a range of science investigations. These included finding out how colours travel and mix, exploring magnetic materials and investigating the effects of gravity.

It was wonderful to see the scientific collaboration between our oldest and youngest pupils!



ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to **Nightingale Class** with 100% attendance who are this week's attendance winners at the Infant School.

Well done to Peacock Class who also achieved over 96%.

Congratulations to **Kestrel Class** with 100% attendance who are this week's attendance winners at the Junior School.

Well done to Starling and Magpie Classes who also achieved over 96%.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Infant School Stars	
Flamingo Class	Orlagh-Mae
Toucan Class	Darcy
Nightingale Class	Nathan
Peacock Class	Fletcher
Dove Class	Freya
Puffin Class	Toby

INFANT VALUE STARS – HONESTY

The value stars were awarded to Jasper, Bonnie-Mae, Nicholas, Ra'Shawn, Ellie-May and Isla

Junior School Stars	
Chaffinch Class	Dollie
Woodpecker Class	Nevaeh
Kingfisher Class	Kasper
Magpie Class	Isla
Red Kite Class	Jake
Robin Class	Reagan

Due to the Residential there were no Year 4 stars of the week.

JUNIOR VALUE STARS - FORGIVENESS

The value stars nominated by the children, were awarded to Charlie, Marcel, Victoria, Grace-Noah, Frankie and Melissa.

ACHIEVEMENTS ATTAINED OUT OF SCHOOL

Congratulations to the following children who celebrated their achievements in this week's assemblies.

- Swann and Isabelle for their achievements in gymnastics
- Mila for receiving an award in her drama class
- Kaisie who was awarded a medal at football
- Morgan for being star of the week at multi-sports
- Amelia for being star of the week at her drama club.
- Brooke who was one of the Kingswood Catering prize draw winners from their World Book Day competition

Apologies to Kaylee-Jayne who was included in the photograph of achievements at the Junior School last week for sharing her Brownie badges and awards in assembly. Unfortunately, we failed to include her name! Well done Kaylee-Jayne!

NUMBOTS

Every fortnight the Infant School awards a certificate to a child in Reception and Year 1 who are one of the top contributors on Numbots.

This week certificates were awarded to Ivy and Theo.

Do try to login to Numbots with your child as the app helps to build number fluency and mathematical confidence. Your child's login can be found inside their reading record.



TT ROCKTARS

Year 2 pupils use TT Rockstars and Ellis was awarded for being the highest scoring player of the fortnight.

THRIVE

The Thrive Approach®

Our school follows the Thrive Approach to support the mental health and wellbeing of children.

Thrive has equipped our staff with training and resources, so they can better understand children's needs and provide targeted, effective support.

Building positive relationships

The connections children have with the adults around them are key to their social and emotional development.

Thrive activities focus on providing positive experiences and building secure and trusting relationships. This helps young people to:

- Feel good about themselves and know that they matter
- Feel safe and secure in school
- Improve their emotional wellbeing
- Improve their capacity to be creative and curious
- Build their self-esteem and confidence to learn
- Recognise and manage their feelings
- Think before behaving in a certain way...and much more!



RED NOSE DAY



Thank you to everybody who wore red and crazy hair to school today, in support of Comic Relief's Red Nose Day. The grand total raised between the Infant and Junior School is £214 for Comic Relief!

The Infant School enjoyed performing something funny in a special Red Nose Day assembly for the other classes!





CLASS PHOTOS

The school photographer will be in school on **Wednesday 20th March** to take this year's class photos.

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YEAR THREE MUSIC SESSIONS

A reminder that there will be an end-of-project performance which all parents/carers of children in Year 3 are invited to attend. It is at **9:15 a.m. on Thursday 21st March.**



FAMILY FUN DAY

On Saturday 16th March from 10-12 noon there will be a family fun day held in St Mary's church. Join in the fun with all the family and enjoy a variety of crafts, games and activities! For further information contact Julie on jaklubby@gmail.com.

St Mary's will also be hosting their popular Community Outreach coffee morning on Thursday 21st March from 10-12 noon. This will be held in the Mission Room on Well Street.

EASTER CHURCH SERVICE

Our Easter Church Service will be held at **9:30 a.m. on Thursday 28th March.**

Junior school children will lead the service and the Infants will be joining in with the singing. The choir will also perform.

All family members are invited to attend.



NSPCC ASSEMBLY

Members from the NSPCC visited Year 2 on Monday to reinforce the message '**Everyone has the right to speak out and feel safe.**' Children got to meet Buddy, the green speech bubble, who helps to spread the message. They discussed the adults they could talk to if they had a worry, both inside and outside of school. The children were given a booklet to take home and were directed to the [Buddy Zone | Childline](#) website which has games and activities.



YEAR FOUR SWIMMING

Children are expected to be able to swim 25 metres by the end of Year Six. To support them to achieve this goal, children from year four will be attending swimming lessons next term. The swimming lessons will start on **Thursday 18th April** and end on **Thursday 27th June** at Waendel Leisure Centre.

COOKING ON A BUDGET WEBINAR

The Northamptonshire Healthy Schools Campaign will be holding a free webinar for families on **16th March** to find out how to create healthy, affordable meals on a budget.

You will receive tips to help make budgets go further when planning what to eat, shopping and cooking and you will also look at some nutritious foods that are low in cost. Click [here](#) to book your place.

KINGSWOOD CATERING

The menu for next term is now live on Kingswood's [website](#). Don't forget to order your child's meals for the first week of term five, by **midnight on Wednesday 10th April**.



APPLE TREE CLUB

Booking is open for the Easter holiday at Apple Tree Club.

You are able to book 8:00 a.m. - 5:45 p.m. for £23.50 which includes breakfast or 8:50 a.m. - 5:45 p.m. for £20.00. Half day places are also available.

If you would like more details about our Club, then please contact the club manager, Caralyn Cox on 07766 978374.



SAFEGUARDING

All children have the right to grow up and learn in a safe and secure environment. If you have a safeguarding concern, please contact one of our designated safeguarding leads, listed below.

Mrs Joanne Lloyd-Williams	head@finedonmulso.northants-ecl.gov.uk
Mrs Caroline Jewell	caroline.jewell@iflt.org.uk
Miss Lucy Sadler	lucy.sadler@iflt.org.uk
Miss Felicity Pettitt	felicity.pettitt@iflt.org.uk
Mrs Jen Reed	jen.reed@iflt.org.uk
Mrs Caralyn Cox (for Apple Tree Club)	caralyn.cox@iflt.org.uk

- 01933 680433 (Junior School)
- 01933 680467 (Infant School)

If you are worried about a child outside of school time you can call the local Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub for advice (anonymously if needs, be) on 0300 126 7000 or 0300 126 1000.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please see key dates for you to be aware of. **Any new dates will be shown in red font.**

Date	What's on
Wednesday 20 th March	School Photo Day - Class Photo's
Thursday 21 st March at 9:15 am	Performance for Y3 parents of stringed instrument playing
Thursday 28 th March at 9:30 am	Easter Church Service – children from both schools attending
Thursday 28 th March	Last day of term 4.
Monday 15 th April	First day of term 5.
Tuesday 21 st – Friday 24 th May	Year 6 Residential to Sheringham
Friday 24 th May	Last day of term 5.