



Northbourne News

4th March 2022

This week has been rather quiet whilst the Year 6 children have spent the last five days in Wales; I am sure parents, carers and siblings are looking forward to their return. Although, the bag of muddy, wet clothes may not be a welcome sight for you, we cannot wait to hear all about their adventures. The rest of the school have also had a very busy and exciting week. Many of the Year 5 children have taken part in Bikeability. Despite the weather being rather unkind, they all demonstrated excellent resilience when powering through the wind and rain. The feedback I have had from the leaders of the sessions has been fantastic; they were really impressed with their behaviour and attitude. We are always very proud of the way our children represent the school to outside visitors.

Mrs Johnston

World Book Day

The children enjoyed a range of activities to celebrate World Book Day. Some children watched the author, Ben Bailey Smith, talking about his stories and wrote a 100-word funny story based on a real-life experience. They took part in a live link listening to authors and illustrators talking about their work; this included the fantastic author, Michael Morpurgo. Other classes played Truth or Dare in small groups to guess favourite characters from books they have read. Other children brought in their favourite books and made bookmarks.

Didcot Phoenix Drama Group

We have been provided with some information regarding a competition to win free tickets to see *Goldilocks and the Three Bears* by Didcot Phoenix Drama Group, March 18th-19th and 27th. Children are invited to enter a poster colouring competition by downloading a poster here [Colouring Competition | Didcot Phoenix Drama Group](#). They should then submit their entry, including their age, name and contact details to didcotphoenixdrama@hotmail.co.uk by 13th March for a chance to win up to 4 tickets. Age categories: 2-4yrs, 5-8yrs and 9-11yrs.

What to do if you have symptoms of COVID-19

Living with COVID-19 in our society means we have to be vigilant and look out for any signs or symptoms. We ask our families to continue to follow Government advice to help us protect our School Community. If your child develops any of the main symptoms of COVID-19, please book a PCR test. Tests remain available until the end of March, at this point the Government are updating the guidance. The three main symptoms to look out for are -

- Fever or high temperature
- New continuous cough
- Loss of taste or smell

If your child tests positive they should isolate and stay off school. As before, they can take a lateral flow test on day 5 and day 6 and if this is negative, they can return to school.

Full Government guidance can be found - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts>