



Northbourne News

6th May 2022

Many thanks to all of you who took the time to wish staff good luck with this week's Ofsted inspection, and who passed on your views either in person or through Parentview. As I am sure you can appreciate, inspections are always significant events in the life of a school; as such the overwhelming support and encouragement which you gave us was very much appreciated. As always, your children made us all incredibly proud with their behaviour, their conduct and the polite, knowledgeable way many of them spoke to our inspector. A number of parents and children spoken to told of their pride of being a part of our school community – after a demanding, busy and positive week, I would echo this whole-heartedly.

Reports take some time to write, edit and quality assure after an inspection, so it is very likely to be the start of next term before I am able to share the report with you, but I look forward to doing so as soon as I can.

Good luck Y6

Next week will see pupils in Y6 take their end of Key Stage Two statutory assessments, or SATs. Miss Rawcliffe, Mr. Guy and Miss Hill would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all of the pupils who have really gone the extra mile over the last term or so, spending extra time in school for tuition groups and working hard at home to tackle the homework that has been sent. Thanks, too, to parents and carers for supporting this.

Tests take place during the mornings of next Monday – Thursday. As has previously been communicated, please do make sure that children are in school, on-time and ready to learn after a good night's sleep, for each of these days, and please contact us at the earliest opportunity you can if you have any problems. We know that pupils will rise to the challenge and really be their best during the week, and I know you will all join me in wishing them lots of luck as they show off all they have learned during their time in primary school.

Y6 Hoodies: We will soon send home information about how you can order your child's Y6 Leavers' Hoodie which, once again, our PTA are subsidising the cost of. Please look out for this – orders are needed by 27th May in order for the hoodies to be printed, so please do return the order form and permission for your child's name to be included as soon as you are able.

Year 6 Transition Information

Members of staff from St. Birinus School and Didcot Girls' School will be visiting us on **Thursday 26th May** to meet parents and carers of children transferring to these schools in September. These talks, which pupils will also be part of, start at 9am and should last no longer than one hour.

Staff at St. Birinus School and Didcot Girls' School find conversations with parents and students are vital, so we would really appreciate your time and attendance at this meeting. We will also be talking to Year 6 teachers to ensure that the transition to secondary school is as smooth as possible. If you are unable to attend this meeting, but would like to discuss your son's / daughter's school transfer in any way, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Wood at St Birinus School on 01235 814444, email mwood@st-birinus.oxon.sch.uk or Mrs Berrill at Didcot Girls' School on 01235 812092, email sberrill@didcotgirls.oxon.sch.uk.

House Colours

You may remember that, at Sports Day, children compete in one of 4 coloured houses. These houses do not change as children move through school, so if your child has taken part before you may remember what colour T-shirt they wore. We will shortly send home an email telling you what colour house your child is in, ahead of Sports Day on 24th May – please look out for this.

Street Tag

Thanks to you for all of your activity, we have reached the final of Street Tag! For getting this far we have already won £100, which we will use for playground equipment, and it would be great if we can be the overall winners.



To help add to our total, download the Street Tag app (<https://streettag.co.uk/>) and use this to keep track of your steps. Scanning the QR Code below will add you to our Northbourne Team, which will mean all of your steps will then count towards our total. If you are already added to our team, you will need to log out of the app and log back in to activate the new finals leaderboard.

Once again, thanks for your help with this...I will keep you updated about our progress.

Wild Didcot

Sustainable Didcot's Wild Didcot Nature Art Competition 2022 is open for entries. Could you be our Nature Art winner? Enter before Wednesday 11th May 2022 to be in with a chance of winning some lovely prizes!

Your theme/topic should relate to British wildlife in gardens and beyond in all its wonders (animals, minibeasts, plants, features e.g ponds and meadows), big and small.

Prizes include wildlife books and crafting goodies.

Please send us photos of your creations (any media) and tell us your age category. We may ask you to provide the original to display at the Wild Didcot Cafe on Saturday 14th May. Email your entries to sustainabledidcot@gmail.com or message us on Facebook or Instagram.

Age categories: Tadpole 2-5 yrs old; Ladybirds 6-8 yrs old; Bumblebee 9-12 yrs old; Dragonfly 13-17 yrs old; Owl 18+ yrs old