



Northbourne News

24th June 2022

Ofsted Report

I am pleased to be able to share our Ofsted report with you; you will find this attached with this newsletter. After a rigorous and intense two days, the inspection agreed with our self-evaluation judgement that we are a good school, with a number of well-embedded strengths. I hope you will agree that our values and ethos shine through the report: *“This is a school where children are cherished and nurtured. Pupils’ interests and their individuality are understood and valued...attitudes to learning are consistently strong...work to develop pupils’ character and sense of responsibility is a strength”*. Our academic strengths are also acknowledged, with our *“ambitious curriculum”* from Nursery to the end of Y6 and our recent switch to Read, Write Inc for our reading scheme being praised.

I am grateful to lead a school community where everyone – our leadership team, teachers, governors, parents, carers and children – is so committed to aspiring to excellence and working towards providing the very best for all of our pupils. With the team we have, I have no doubt that we will continue to be an outward-looking, forward-thinking school committed to nurturing excellence.

Sports Day

We were overwhelmed to see so many parents and family members join us for sports day yesterday. The weather turned out to be pretty much perfect – warm and dry – and we hope you enjoyed the afternoon. It was great to stand at the starting line and see the determination on everyone’s faces...but also to see everyone laughing, getting into the team spirit, having a good time and, in so many cases, showing perseverance and resilience. Whatever the outcome of their races, our school values were clear to see – hopefully a memorable way to welcome you back to another school annual school event we have missed so much during the pandemic.

Congratulations to **Oak, the yellow team**, for finishing first overall with 130 points in what was a very hard fought race this year. Well done to everyone for throwing themselves into the occasion so enthusiastically.

Many thanks to everyone who helped ensure that Sports Day ran so smoothly, including the PTA for running the parents’ café – as always, we all appreciate your hard work.

Festival of Voices

Another event which has resumed after a gap of two years is Festival of Voices, which our choir took place in last Friday evening. Festival of Voices sees children from schools all over Oxfordshire learning and then performing songs in a massed choir at Dorchester Abbey; it was wonderful to be able to watch our choir stand out amongst the other schools for their enthusiastic and joyful singing and, as always, great to see so many parents come along and support the choir. Thanks, as always, to Miss Rawcliffe, Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Green for their ongoing hard work leading our choir - we are so grateful for the time you all give so freely to help them polish their performances.

The choir will be performing at the Summer Barbecue tomorrow, so do come along and lend some support during the evening if you are joining us.

Summer Barbecue

We really hope you can join us for our Summer Barbecue this evening. Gates will open at 5pm – we would be grateful for your support, and hope to see lots of you later.

A reminder that parents and family members are very welcome to join us for a special **Youlbury celebration assembly** at 9:10am on Thursday; please come into school through the main office when you have dropped children off. We hope you can join us!

Thank You!

We say goodbye and thank you to our team of trainee teachers today. It has been a pleasure to host Miss Nyland, Miss Brittain and Mr. Vickers during their placements this term – I know the staff and pupils in Robins, Kites and Eagles will miss them. Please join me in passing on thanks and wishing all of them lots of luck as they start the next stage of their careers.

Oxfordshire Youth

Oxfordshire Youth is delivering online **Mental Health Awareness Training** specifically for **Parents and Carers** of young people. **The sessions are FREE for Oxfordshire residents.**

Our Mental Health Awareness Training for parents and carers aims to aid understanding of relevant topics surrounding young people's mental health today. The training also explores how parents/carers can talk to their young people about the struggles around ill mental health and where they can seek support. I have attached a document which explains a little bit about this.

For further information or to book on a training session, please click on the link below for our next session on **Tuesday 19th July - To ensure a free ticket is purchased please enter just the first part of one's Oxfordshire postcode (e.g OX4) is entered into the box which says 'Enter promo code'**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/an-online-mental-health-awareness-session-for-parents-and-carers-tickets-296900526467>

Didcot Girls' School

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School Tours 2022

To book a place please use the links on the Open Events page of our website

Tours will take place on the following mornings:

Tuesday, 10th May	Wednesday, 18th May
Friday, 17th June	Tuesday, 21st June
Wednesday, 22nd June	Monday, 27th June
Wednesday 29th June	Wednesday, 6th July

All School Tours 9am - 11.15am

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Open Morning School Tours

for current Year 5 students

9am-10:15am

Tuesday 7th June
 Wednesday 8th June
 Tuesday 14th June
 Wednesday 15th June
 Tuesday 21st June
 Wednesday 22nd June

parking will be available through the Main Gates, Mereland Avenue

to book a tour, please visit:

www.st-birinus-school.org.uk/openevents

We kindly request one adult per family for the tours

OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 5th October 2022

5:30pm-8:00pm

Headteacher talks to take place at 6pm and 7pm

NO BOOKING NECESSARY

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