



Rush Common School Newsletter



Friday 7th June 2024

Dream, Aspire, Succeed

Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to start this newsletter by congratulating our fantastic KS2 tennis players. Before half term, our Year 3 and 4 Tennis Teams took part in the locality 'Red' Tennis Competition. They competed brilliantly and won the competition without losing a match. Our Year 5 and 6 Tennis Teams took part in their equivalent 'Orange' competition this week, and put in brilliant performances, with one of our teams finishing in 2nd place. There is only an Oxfordshire Finals in the Year 5/6 age category (rather than Year 3/4), and therefore the Year 5/6 children are competing in this on Monday 10th June. Congratulations to all who took part in these competitions!

This is the last half term at Rush Common for our Year 6 children. Having achieved so much during their time at the school, they now have a variety of fun, and valuable opportunities over the course of this half term. This has so far included an important and memorable experience at Junior Citizens training, and exciting iBrick sessions delivered by House of Fun. During the iBrick sessions, children applied their learning in Science and DT to create functioning wind turbines using lego kits. The children are enjoying wearing their leavers hoodies on PE days, and are looking forward to helping KS1 and Reception on Sports Day, their Year 6 production, the Leavers Party and Leavers Assembly. All of Year 6 would like to thank everyone who bought a cake during their fundraising recently, which will be put towards the Leavers Party. We are very proud of our Year 6 cohort and hope this is a wonderful final half term for them all.

Jumping now to the other end of the school, our Reception teachers have been carrying out home visits for the children that will be starting in Reception in September. It has been lovely for our teachers to get to know the children in their home environment, and we are very much looking forward to welcoming all the new children and families to our school as they start their transition activities over the course of the next month.

Thank you to all the parents and carers that joined us for the Whole School Picnic and Open Afternoon at the end of last half term. It was a really lovely occasion and the turnout was fantastic. The children always love this event, and they are so proud to show you all the things they have achieved at school. We hope it was enjoyable for you all and it will continue to be part of our calendar of annual events.

Prior to the Whole School Picnic, we were joined in school by Nerys Pearce, a Paralympian and current holder of 9 World Records. All of the children had an activity session with Nerys, and then she held an utterly inspirational assembly for the whole school about her life and achievements. It is so important for children to understand that anything is impossible, no matter what barriers may be in the way!

In the last week of the half term, we held our Curriculum Assembly for Year 1. This was a lovely assembly in which many curriculum subjects were covered, most of which related to the Great Fire of London. The children have clearly achieved so much in this topic, and they delivered the assembly beautifully, showing the articulate and confident children they have become.

Thank you to the parents that attended our latest General Parents Forum. The topics covered were debates and public speaking, sex and relationships education, residential trips and homework. It is so useful to have the views and input from a range of parents – please do consider coming to one of the forums in the future. The final forum of this year is based on Personal Development and is on Tuesday 2nd July at 2.00 pm.

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable weekend as we look towards this exciting final half term of the year.

Kind regards

Kristen Fawcett

Headteacher



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Homework Champions

School Dinners

The cost of school dinners is **£2.60** per day. Payment for school dinners can be made via ParentMail. Meal choices must be made at least 3 days in advance.



Freddie	3LA
Kaitlyn	3LA
Luke	3LA
Omar	4LR
Matilda	4LR
William	4LR
George	5AS
Jessica	5AS
Lana	5AS
Isabel	5SC
Florence	5SC
Caitlin	5SC

The poster features a decorative border at the top with icons of a bicycle, a wheelchair, and various walking shoes. The main title 'Brake's KidsWALK' is in large, bold letters, with 'Brake's' in red and 'KidsWALK' in black and red. Below it, the tagline 'for safe and healthy journeys' is written in red. A red arrow points down to the date 'Wednesday, 19th June'. At the bottom, several hands hold up colorful signs with the following text: 'We want safe footpaths' (blue), 'We want cycle paths' (purple), 'We want safe places to cross' (green), 'We want slow traffic' (red), and 'We want clean traffic' (yellow-green). A red arrow points to the left with the text 'We want...'. In the top right corner, there is a small box that says 'To donate £3 to Brake text KIDSWALK to 70085'. At the bottom, there is a green banner with the text 'Brake is a road safety charity that supports families after road crashes and campaigns for safe and healthy journeys for everyone.' and 'For more information visit www.brake.org.uk/kidswalk'. The footer includes the Brake logo, 'Sponsored by esure Sheilas' Wheels', and '© Brake 2014'.

To donate
£3 to Brake
text **KIDSWALK**
to **70085**

Brake's KidsWALK

for safe and healthy journeys

We'll be taking part in **Brake's Kids Walk**
on
Wednesday, 19th June

Write date here

We want...

- We want safe footpaths
- We want cycle paths
- We want safe places to cross
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What you need to know about...

MUSIC STREAMING APPS & SITES



What are they? 'Music Streaming Apps & Sites'

Music streaming apps allow people to listen to music on their devices. It gives users access to millions of songs and artists from around the world. Popular music streaming apps and sites include Spotify, SoundCloud, Apple Music, Amazon Prime and Deezer. Music streaming allows children to listen to songs from around the world in a much easier and cheaper way. This enables them to showcase their talent which would have been very hard to do many years back.



Know the Risks

Explicit content

Explicit content is everywhere online, including in popular music. Children can easily access songs on Spotify, for example, that may have explicit or inappropriate language not suitable for children. It is also easy to erase searches so you can't see what a child has been listening to.

Adult themed podcasts

Many music streaming apps also offer the ability to listen to podcasts which can vary across any kind of topic, from business and health to comedy and relationships. Again, children could be exposed to content which is more adult themed or contains age-inappropriate language.

Chatting to strangers

Some music apps, like Playlist, want to make music a more social experience by finding others who share the same musical tastes and will allow users to join group chats where they listen to a playlist together in real time. This could open up your child to talking to strangers online.

Safety Tips

Use child friendly apps

Many music streaming services are made just for children. For instance, the Spotify Kids app provides parents with control over what their children listen to and all the content is family friendly and fun for children to explore.

Turn off explicit content

Most of the major music streaming apps will provide the option to turn off explicit material to make sure the music is completely clean. Some services even offer an option to lock the content censoring settings with a password, so your child can't switch it back.

Implement privacy controls

Check the privacy setting of your child's app. Ensure that whichever app or site they choose to stream music, the settings are set to be private. This way they can only share the music they are listening to with friends and family and can't engage in conversation with strangers.

Offering Support

Explore apps yourself

If your child insists on wanting to use a music streaming app then be part of the journey with them. Take the time to understand which apps they prefer to use and why they want to use it. Find out how to use the app yourself and understand what they could be exposed to and how to ensure they get the most of it in a safe manner.

Regularly check-in

Have regular conversations with your child about what they are listening to and how they are feeling. If they do hear explicit music or content that makes them feel uncomfortable, let them know that they can always talk to you and discuss what they've heard and what it means.

Our Expert Parven Kaur



Parven Kaur is social media expert and digital media consultant who is passionate about improving digital literacy for parents and children. She has extensive experience in the social media arena and is the founder of Kids N Clicks; a web resource that helps parents and children thrive in a digital world.



MUSIC FOR SCHOOLS

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Dear parent / guardian

Your school are providing children with the opportunity to learn a musical instrument in partnership with the **Music for Schools Foundation**, a non-profit making charity that provide small group lessons on Recorder, Clarinet, Flute, Trumpet, Cornet and Saxophone.

Today your child was involved in a special assembly where we taught them all about music and instruments.

Why should my child learn to play an instrument?

Our amazing tutors make lessons fun, and children who learn to play a musical instrument also perform better in Maths, English and Science. There are social, emotional and developmental benefits too, such as improved memory, patience, perseverance and self-confidence.

How much does it cost?

Your child can learn to play for **around £1 per day** and packages include an instrument, music book, music stand, book bag and instrument maintenance cover. If you already have an instrument you can just pay for lessons and there are also reductions for children eligible for Pupil Premium.

WHAT TO DO NEXT

To enrol for lessons:

Lessons will be starting soon - enrol within the next seven days to ensure that your child doesn't miss out!

Just visit www.mfsf.org.uk and click on **Enrol**.

Or for more information:

Register your details at www.mfsf.org.uk/interested and we will be in touch.

We look forward to meeting your child and starting them on an amazing musical journey!

www.mfsf.org.uk

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Dates for your diary 2024

Year 3 Curriculum Assembly	Tuesday 11th June 9.00am
Year 6 Non-School Uniform Day	Friday 14th June
Year 6 Ice Lolly Sale	Tuesday 18th June
Year 2 Abingdon Museum Trip	Tuesday 18th June 2JM Wednesday 19th June 2RS
Brake Kids Walk	Wednesday 19th June
Reception Curriculum Assembly	Wednesday 19th June 2.15pm
Year 3 Hill End Trip	Thursday 20th June
FoRC Summer Fete	Saturday 22nd June 12.00pm – 2.00pm
Year 6 Residential Call of the Wild	Monday 24th – Friday 28th June
Parent Forum – Personal Development	Tuesday 2nd July 2.00pm (online)
Move Up Day	Wednesday 3rd July
KS2 Sports Day (Tilsley Park)	Tuesday 9th July 9.00am – 2.00pm
Vision Screening (Reception Only)	Tuesday 9th July
Reception and KS1 Sports Day	Friday 12th July 9.30am – 11.30am (gates open 9.15am – School Field)
Year 6 Performance	Tuesday 16th July 6.00pm Wednesday 17th July 6.00pm
Reception and KS1 Back Up Sports Day	Wednesday 17th July
KS2 Back Up Sports Day (Tisley Park)	Thursday 18th July
Year 6 Leavers Assembly	Tuesday 23rd July 9.00am
End of Term 3b	Tuesday 23rd July 1.30pm



Local Community News

Please note items and events detailed below are for information purposes only. Rush Common School do not endorse or make recommendation

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THE OXFORD & CAMBRIDGE SINGING SCHOOL

The Oxford and Cambridge Singing School is for boys and girls aged 7 - 13 who love to sing. Established in 2013 to provide children and young adults with the opportunity to sing great classical music with world class coaches in a relaxed and fun environment, the OCSS aims to develop their confidence and ability in singing and performing.

"How lucky are these young singers. They are brilliantly taught and have a lot of fun, and you will be amazed at what they achieve in just a few days - and all in the most beautiful surroundings." - Bob Chilcott

Pupils will learn some beautiful seasonal music and at the same time gain a background in vocal technique, music theory, music appreciation and history. Singing lessons with a specialist vocal coach are also provided in small groups.

To join our mailing list and for more information on our courses, please see www.oxbridgesingschool.com or email samantha@oxbridgesingschool.co.uk

25 - 26th July 2024
Worcester College, Oxford

www.oxbridgesingschool.co.uk

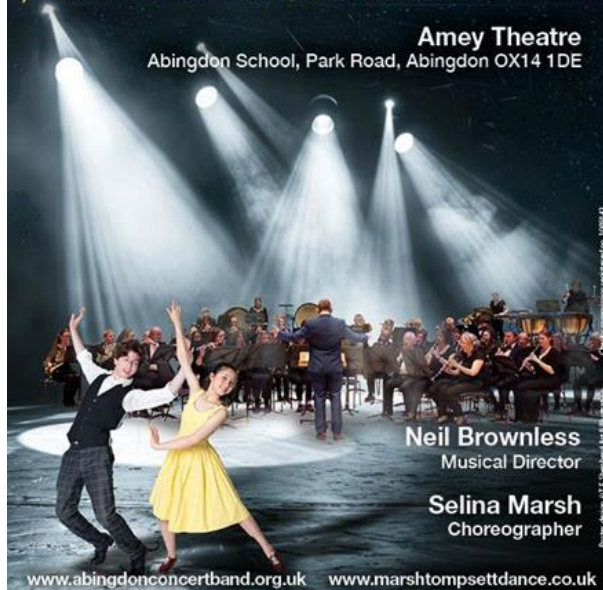
Sunday 9 June 2023, 3pm
Doors open 2.30pm



DANCE MUSIC

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Selina Marsh
Choreographer

www.abingdonconcertband.org.uk www.marshompsettandance.co.uk



TECH CAMP 2024

TWO WEEKS OF TECH FUN AT EACH LOCATION

WEEK 1

ROBOTICS, VR & TECH FUN

WEEK 2

MINECRAFT & LEGO ENGINEERING

FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 5-11, 9 AM - 4 PM DAILY

FIND YOUR NEAREST CAMP ON OUR WEBSITE

www.nextthing.education

CHILDREN FRIENDLY ACCEPTED

SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2024
JULY - AUGUST

NEW ACTIVITIES THEY'LL LOVE!

ORDER OF WEEKS MAY VARY, PLEASE CHECK WEBSITE

WEEK 1

ROBOTICS, VR + TECH FUN

Program robots, design games, model 3D creations, experience Virtual Reality, learn to mix like a Pro DJ, master Videography and Editing – plus MEGA LASERTAG! A week of inspiration and creation with MAXIMUM excitement. Children will experiment and challenge themselves, whilst learning real-world skills.

WEEK 2

MINECRAFT + LEGO ENGINEERING

Designed for ULTIMATE fun and education! Students can dive into Minecraft Education and design game elements, build Redstone circuits and delve into coding fundamentals. Then take a deeper look into engineering using LEGO bricks combined with sensors and motors, to create cool inventions powered by code.

What to bring to camp?

Packed Lunch and Snacks (not mandatory)

Water Bottle

Medication if required

Weather Appropriate Clothing

We are in your area!

We have more than 80 camps running this Summer. Find your local camp on our website: www.nextthing.education



RAVE REVIEWS ★★★★★

"Both my son and daughter had lots of fun, made new friends, learnt new skills and will not stop talking about the Robotics!"

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Cost: £185
(Book before June 15 to get our Early Bird Discount)

"So much fun. I made new friends who like doing drama too"

"I thought that doing the big fight from Romeo and Juliet was a BRILLIANT idea!"

"Fun overload!"




Dramatic Combat Course

8 - 18 year-olds!

August 15th, 16th and 17th 2024

Venue: Our Lady's Abingdon

We teach LAMDA too! See our website for details

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Get creative this summer with a
FREE children's reading challenge at
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6 July to 7 September 2024

Read library books and meet the Marvellous Makers, a creative club who are making amazing things for a festival at their local library. Unfortunately some objects have mysteriously gone missing from the club's creative toolbox...



Finish the challenge and get your own medal and certificate!



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www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/libraries
www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

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