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## School Newsletter

It has been another busy week here at school and it was good to see some glimmers of finer weather too! The children have all been working hard and I hope that you all have an enjoyable bank holiday. Please remember that school is closed on Monday and will reopen as normal on Tuesday.

### Next Week's Diary Dates

### Next Week's Dinner Menu

Day	Name of Club	Year Group	Time
Mon	Drums	KS2	12:30-1:40
	Cricket Club	KS2	3:30-4:30
	Tennis/Hockey	KS2	3:30-4:30
Tues	Latin and Ballroom	Yr 2/3/4/5/6	7:45-8:40
	Football	Yr R/1/2	7:45-8:40
	Guitar	KS2	11:00-12:00
	Football	Yr 3/4	3:30-4:30
	Dodgeball	Yr 5/6	3:30-4:30
	Rock Choir	KS2	3:30-4:30
	Gardening	KS2	3:30-4:30
Weds	Keyboard	KS2	9:00 -12:00
	Brass	KS2	10:10-10:40
	Girls' Multisports	KS2	3:30-4:30
	Football	Yr 5/6	3:30-4:30
Thurs	Gymnastics	Yr 1/2	7:45-8:40
	Archery	KS2	3:30-4:30
	Woodwind	Thursday	2:30-3:00
	Girls' Football	Yr 3/4/5	3:30-4:30
	Illustrator's Club	Yr 1/2/3	3:30-4:30
	Coding Club	KS2	3:30-4:30
Fri	Archery	Yr R/1/2	7:45-8:30
	Upper Strings	KS2	11:15-12:15
	Multisports	Yr R/1/2	3:30-4:30
	Gymnastics	KS2	3:30-4:30

**Monday**  
BANK HOLIDAY

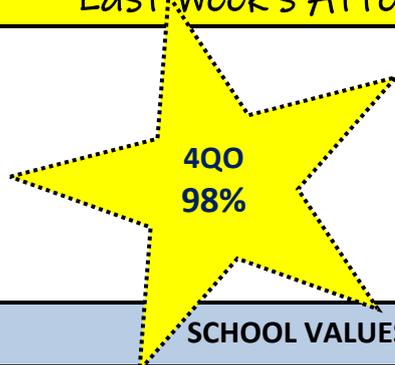
**Tuesday**  
Pork sausage/halal chicken or Quorn sausage with mashed potato, Yorkshire pudding and sweetcorn

**Wednesday**  
Pork meatballs or halal chicken in tomato sauce, wholemeal pasta, garlic bread and diced mixed vegetables  
Macaroni cheese

**Thursday**  
Cheese and tomato pizza with oven baked potato footballs and mixed salad

**Friday**  
Double cod fish finger or fish star or veggie nuggets and chips with beans or sweetcorn  
Reception, Year 1 and 2 are eligible for a hot meal at lunch time with no payment needed.  
All dietary needs and requirements can be catered for.

### Last Week's Attendance Heroes



**FANTASTIC**  
Well done Queens  
**Orangutan!**  
Current overall school attendance is 93.5%  
OFSTED minimum expectation is 97%

**Please remember to book your school dinner via the Payments section of the Parent App. This includes children who are entitled to a hot meal in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 as well as children who have Free School Meals in KS2. Remember that this needs to be done by midnight the night before.**

## Sports Report



### Target Festival

Nine of our Year 4 children took part in a Target festival last Friday morning at Overstone Scout Camp. We took part in a number of skill stations based around Golf, Dodgeball and Cricket. Young leaders led activities to develop skills that can be used in match situations. The children enjoyed the events showing some good improvements. The children representing our school on this occasion were: Marcellus, Nathan, Amera, Emaan, Georgia, Kasim, Marvyn, Logan and Leo.

### Football

On Friday afternoon we played a 'friendly' football match vs Headlands. It was a lovely game played with admirable spirit, with both teams showing excellent skills. We narrowly lost 4-3. Then we had fun taking penalties against each other. Well done to both teams. Our team consisted of Mason, Harrison, James, Kai, Theo, Jeremia, Ahmed and Layton from Year 5 and Alex, David, Darius and Kai from Year 4.



### Basketball

On Wednesday, our school competed in the NSport Town Basketball Competition. We are currently County Champions and the children felt under a little bit of pressure! The games were fiercely contested and we won all of our group fixtures and played last year's finalists once again in the final. The first half saw the boys trailing 8-4 in a very competitive half. The girls played the second half and were outstanding, winning 8-0. Adding the scores together resulted in us winning the Town Cup again 12-8 and we will once again be representing Northampton at the County Games. Congratulations to Maja, Luca, Shaquille, Tanisha, Myla, Amelia, Anopa, Nicholas, Kyjah and Channah from Year 6.



### Quadkids Practice

On Thursday, we took some Year 4 children to Moulton Athletics Track to prepare for the Town Competition. We were allowed to take extra children to give them the opportunity to experience this event. Children had expert coaching in Standing Long Jump, Howler (this will lead on to Javelin in secondary school), 60m sprint, and 400m race. These are the 4 events that make up the competition. Chatting to the children after each event, most of them found the 400m race the hardest especially as they didn't know how to pace themselves. Special mention goes to Austin, who was outstanding in this race, but immediately asked, can he do it again! This was followed by a relay race, where we struggled passing the baton, either dropping or fumbling it! This will be an area we will need to work at. Children who represented us were Emily, Daria, Darius, Kai, Lacey, Aoife, Miriam, Alex, Austin, David, Remi and Jasmine.

## Mrs Arnold

This week, we said goodbye to Mrs Arnold. Mrs Arnold worked in our Nursery and is well known to so many of you having taught so many children and many generations of our school families. After more than 40 years of working here, she took the difficult decision to retire recently.

We had a celebration on Wednesday and our current Nursery children sang songs and had a party in her honour. We worked out that during her time here, she has worked with upwards of 5000 children and has always remained a dedicated and devoted member of our staff. We will certainly miss her but wish her and her husband, our IT technician, every happiness in their retirement together.

## SAFEGUARDING

As you may be aware, we had a very worrying situation on Wednesday afternoon when one of our Reception children became separated from his family after playing with a friend while waiting for an older sibling. The child couldn't be located and after trying to find his parent, thought they had gone and that he needed to walk home – so he did. All staff and many parents stayed to help to locate the pupil. The parents have asked me to extend their sincere gratitude to everyone who helped. We ended up calling the police but thankfully, one of our Year 3 pupils spotted him as they drove past in their car on the way home. We are all immensely proud of him and his younger brother too.

The pupil concerned is absolutely fine but his parents have asked me to say how easy it is to turn your back for one second and how easily this can happen. It was an incredibly distressing experience for them. I would like to echo this and ask for you to be vigilant when supervising children at the end of the school day but also to be aware if there are any children who seem to be on their own and to report this to someone at school. Thank you.

## BIKEABILITY YEAR 5



Well done to the Year 5 children who have completed their Bikeability 1 and 2 this week.

They have spent 4 days learning to ride on our local roads, focusing on lane positioning while turning, road signs, right of way and perfecting their signalling. The instructors were very pleased and very complimentary about the children taking part. We are very proud of them.

## And finally...

...current house point totals are:

	Griffin	Phoenix	Pegasus	Dragon
This week	1607	1642	1979	1629
Overall	28445	28619	29992	32664

House of the week: Pegasus!

Overall leaders: Dragon. Well done Dragon!

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