

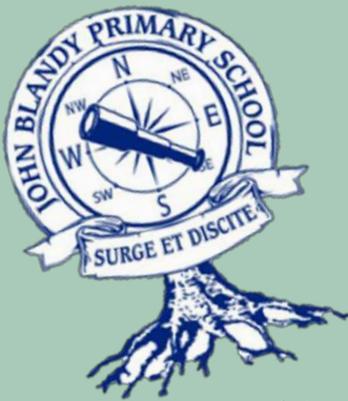
Faringdon Juniors



Watchfield



Faringdon Infants



John Blandy



Shrevenham



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COMMUNITY COLLEGE



Longcot & Fernham

FLT—HIGHLIGHTS—EDITION 1—2020/2021



I hope this document gives you a flavour of the many exciting events that have been happening within our schools during the last few months. September proved both a challenging and exciting month when we welcomed our students back to our schools. Their enthusiasm and excitement at this return was infectious and any concerns quickly evaporated. It has been a shame that we haven't been able to do all the normal extracurricular events that make our schools so fantastic, but the focus had to be on keeping everyone safe.

It's been wonderful to see many of the schools undertaking various events to support charities, encouraging the view that we all need to look after each other. I know Christmas will be slightly different this year but I wish you a peaceful Christmas and hopefully a less challenging New Year.

With best wishes

Duncan Millard

CEO



Faringdon Learning Trust are a group of eight schools who are based around the town and villages surrounding Faringdon.

We have a shared ethos, common values and collective goals.

We work together to ensure that everyone within our organisation achieves the very best they can.

FLT—HIGHLIGHTS—EDITION 1

Our Vision: Small school, big hearts. Wise, responsible and kind like the Good Samaritan.



Focus on Art Across School

Our children have worked hard on their art work this term. Our Year 5/6 children worked on Picasso's Guernica and are now enjoying weekly online sessions with an art teacher from Abingdon School focusing on landscapes.

Year 3/4 have explored using watercolours to create Viking boat art work, whilst Year 1/2 have created wildlife art.



Acorns Bubble Closure

Our youngest class had a two week bubble closure and so were our first class to experience remote learning which was extremely successful. You can see what our children got up to on our website: <https://www.bucklandprimaryschool.org.uk/acorn-class-photos-1/>



Early Years Extension

We are delighted with our new extension for our Nursery and Reception class; the children and staff have enjoyed the lovely extra space.



Year 5 /6 Parliament Virtual Visit

In October Oak class joined a remote session on the role of the UK government. They learnt about what a democracy is and how laws are made. They also discussed crisis management and how it's hard to make big decisions for lots of people when there are conflicting opinions!



Rights Respecting Schools

We were delighted to receive the bronze Rights Respecting Schools Award showing that we have begun our journey in raising children's awareness of rights in general – their own and that of others. We now begin our work towards the silver award which we hope to achieve by the end of the academic year.



Harvest Service

We had a successful online remote service with Rev Talisker, children and parents. Children donated a large number of dry goods which were delivered to the Faringdon Food Bank.





GOOD NEWS FROM FARINGDON INFANT SCHOOL



The start of the new academic year has been full of anticipation and excitement, with families being delighted to return to our school, rekindle friendships and have a 'normal' routine!

Thank You!

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We would like to start by thanking our whole school community for their wonderful support during this challenging time. We simply could not have had such a positive start to the year without your understanding and help!

Thank you!



Harvest Celebrations

We were not able to invite families and friends to our annual Harvest Celebration, so we decided to record our children and share these delightful images on our school website.

Reception created Harvest art.

Because we are not able to sing, Year 2 learnt sign language for the song Let's Harvest by Al Start.

Year 1 made harvest Wreaths to show what they are thankful for.



Surviving in our woods

Year 2 spent time on our woodland, clearing a space for us to comfortably shelter from the chilling wind, laying down lovely crisp leaves for a blanket, finding time to practice mindfulness and creating communal music.



World Science Day

Celebrating all that is science, each class explored the wonders of the world through experiments.

'It's not magic! Its an experiment.'



Odd Sock Day

As part of Anti-bullying Week, the children wore odd socks to show that we are all different but should be treated the same.

'Bullying is if someone upsets or hurts you again and again.'



'You should tell an adult if someone keeps being unkind to you'

HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYONE

from all of us at

Faringdon Infant School!





Faringdon Junior School



We have had a great start to the school year albeit a strange one! Our wonderful new Year 3 children have quickly settled into life at FJS. I have been humbled by the way that all the staff and pupils have been so resilient and supportive to ensure that everyone feels safe in school. Well done everyone!

We have two new teachers who have joined our staff this year as well as a number of new TAs. Our talented Mrs Mitchell was successfully appointed as Deputy Headteacher and her leadership has already had a very positive impact around the school.

Like many schools, we introduced a virtual parents evening system at the end of term 1. We were really unsure how this would work and overall it was very successful. However, we are really looking forward to a time when we can meet face to face with our parents, especially our new parents.

We have continued to teach our computing lessons through Google Classroom. This was also the platform we used whilst children were self-isolating, this term, in Years 4 and 5. Our Remote Learning package has really moved on since the lockdown in March with teachers delivering live lessons to their classes daily as well as offering support to children and their families throughout this difficult period of time. We have had amazing feedback from our families about how well the learning had gone during the two weeks of being at home.



Year 3 set free their inner palaeontologists, in science, by digging out 'fossils' chocolate chip cookies like Mary Anning would have done when discovering the Ichthyosaurus. They have also been enjoying their Stonehenge topic and here is an example which Nell built at home.

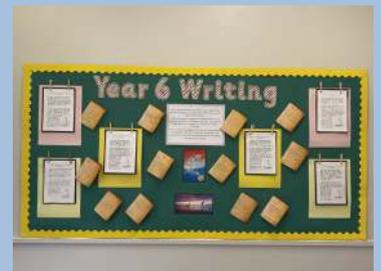


Year 4 created some brilliant Roman shields as part of their history topic. Rachel Kenyon, from FCC, has been coming into school to teach PE to some of our Year 4 children and they have really enjoyed the sessions.



Year 5 had a term of Yoga and mindfulness which was well received at the beginning of the term and Year 6 will be given the same opportunity after Christmas.

Year 6 have done some absolutely amazing writing this term based on Kensuke's Kingdom and War Horse.



Finally, we have made a start on repairing our four classroom teaching block that has been out of action since Sept 2017. The work is underway and we are looking forward to the re-opening in Term 3

Congratulations to all the children from FJS who entered the Academy Autumn Cooking. The exciting news is that one of our Year 5 pupils was declared the winner of the Year 5 & 6 category. Congratulations Ivy—we are very proud of you!

We had fun coming into school in our active wear for Children in Need. We are also raising money for Great Ormond Street Hospital by holding a Festive Friday where we will all come dressed in festive clothing.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas from all at FJS!



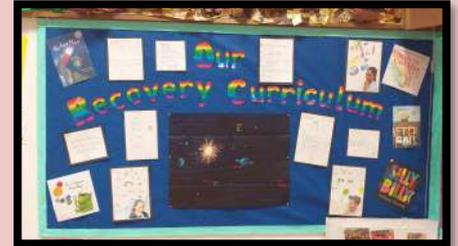


John Blandy Primary School

The children returned to school in September enthusiastic, energised and ready to learn! It was wonderful for the school to feel full again and to hear lots of fun and laughter from within the classrooms!

Recovery Curriculum

The Start of term began with our Recovery Curriculum and a whole school focus on the book: Here We Are by Oliver Jeffers. The book provided much opportunity to link with not only our Literacy but also our art and PSHE. This has paved the way for the rest of our journey on our Recovery Curriculum for this academic year.



New Build

Over the last year, our school has seen a huge transition as we expect to grow over the coming years to become a 1.5form entry school. This will see an increase from 210 pupils to 315 when full. During this time, much building work has taken place in different phases across the school.



Reception/Year 1

Over the summer holidays, our Reception classroom and its neighbouring classroom both received a facelift, ready to welcome intake of 45 new Reception children. The work involved some structural improvements and as a result the classrooms now have an electronic partition door. At key points in the day, they can be opened allowing children from both classrooms to access continuous provision across both rooms.



Six New Classrooms

September should have seen our KS2 children moving into our long awaited new building., housing six new classrooms. Unfortunately, due to Covid, it was delayed. However, the builders have been working tirelessly to have this completed, ready for the teachers to move in in the last week of term. We are all very excited for the children to start learning in their new classrooms on 5th January!

The move is going to provide the school with some much needed space, including intervention rooms, an over-flow dining area, a PPA room for teachers, a new staffroom and not to mention six lovely, large bright new classrooms, for our children. All we have to do now is decide on a new name for the building, which is being organised by our School Council! Watch this space!



Shrivenham C of E Primary School

We Play, We Learn, We Achieve

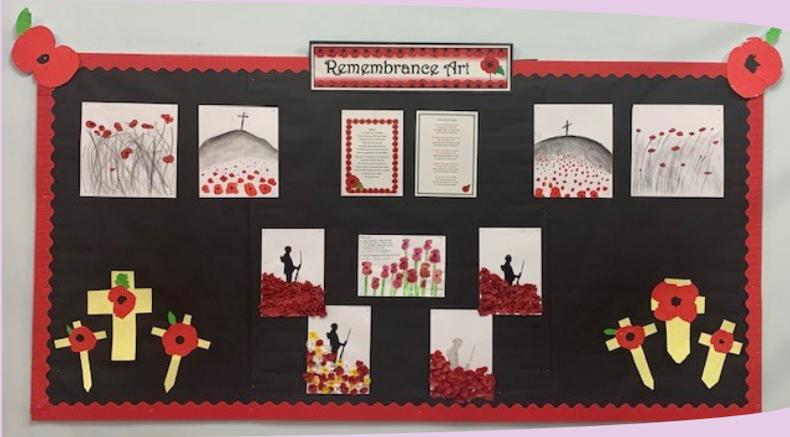


The start of the new school year saw us come back to a fantastic 'Reconnecting Curriculum' where the children (and staff) paid particular attention to their wellbeing, reconnecting with friends, reconnecting with their learning and enjoying being back at school. The children had some fantastic opportunities such as Forest Schools, daily problem solving sessions outside, learning through picture books and sharing virtual assemblies across the school.



Remembrance Service

At the start of term 2, we came together as a school to mark Remembrance Day. Children across the school spent time learning about the meaning of Remembrance and completing some creative work such as poems, art and prayers. We raised over £400 for the Poppy Appeal which was an amazing achievement!



Stoneage Day—Year 3

During the school year, each class completes various topics and this term, Year 3 were learning all about the Stoneage era. They had a wonderful day where they came dressed as Stoneage people and took part in lots of creative activities.



As this term comes to an end, we begin to start preparing for Christmas. Last week, we marked the start of advent in a lovely whole school service. Although we couldn't be together in the hall, each class decorated their own trees in their classrooms with their homemade decorations and children shared their learning about different aspects of Advent and Christmas. We are looking forward to some exciting Christmas celebrations over the next week including a Christmas Extravaganza and, virtual panto and the delicious Christmas dinner!



At Watchfield We '**SOAR**': We are **Successful**, **Original**, **Aspirational** and **Resilient**

It's been a great Autumn Term at Watchfield. It has been so lovely to see all of the children back in their classrooms with their friends and enjoying their learning in school again. In September, pupils across the school undertook cross-curricular activities linked to the book 'Here We Are', by Oliver Jeffers. It is an inspiring story about life as we know it on planet Earth and beyond, filled with lovely messages of kindness. Following the national lockdown, the work allowed pupils in all year groups the time and opportunity to get back into school life, whilst being able to share their experiences, thoughts and feelings. Many of the activities focused on encouraging children to be creative, which has long been a strength at Watchfield. **Opposite, you can see a display created by children in Upper Key Stage 2, which welcomes visitors into their building.**



There have been a number of fabulous topics across the school this term. Just before half term, children in Year 5/6 took part in a **Harry Potter** 'wow day', to celebrate their learning. Both the children and staff thoroughly enjoyed dressing up as a character from the books and took part in a surprise on-line lesson, led by Warner Bros. studios in London, where they learnt about 'the secrets beyond the movie magic!' Upper Key Stage 2's current topic is **WWII**. They have already produced some super work, as can be seen in the picture opposite.



In the EYFS, children have been learning about the **Festival of Diwali**. You can see some firework printing by children in Pre-School on the left.

Meanwhile, Year 2 pupils have been studying the **Great Fire of London**. As well as some fabulous dancing and story writing, children have also made some brilliant 3D houses and some fantastic fire paintings, as can be seen on the right.



Children in Year 3 have been learning about **The Ancient Egyptians** this term and, amongst other things, have had fun mummifying tomatoes! They have also produced some awesome artwork, as can be seen in the pictures below.



During October half term, pupils had the opportunity to take part in an '**Extreme Reading challenge**', whereby they had to submit a photo of themselves reading a book in a weird or wonderful place. There were some absolutely fantastic entries, with ideas including reading whilst in the bath, when up a tree and whilst visiting the zoo! One winner was chosen from each class, with these children receiving a special certificate and their photo featuring on the School's online learning platforms. Well done to all.

During National Anti-Bullying Week in November, Watchfield was 'United Against Bullying'. On Monday everyone in the school community was invited to wear odd socks to school; the purpose being to start the week off by celebrating what makes us all unique. **There were some super socks on show, as you can see from the picture of some children in Year 5/6.**



There have been several opportunities for children to take part in **fundraising activities** this term, including 'Jeans for Genes' day, 'Children in Need' day and the Royal British Legion's 'Poppy Appeal'. A total of **£928.75** was raised for these three charities. Many thanks to everyone for their donations. There will be further fundraising events throughout the year: next up 'Christmas Jumper day', with proceeds going to Save the Children. **On the left, you can see Miss Ledster and some of her Year 2 pupils 'showing their spots' for Children in Need.**

As you can see it certainly has been a busy Autumn Term at Watchfield (and that's without mentioning our whole school **Safety Week** held in October!). The children have been working really hard across the School — and so have the staff. I would like to say a huge thank you to all of the staff at Watchfield for their dedication to our pupils, ensuring that they continue to enjoy a rich and varied curriculum and, most importantly, continue to have fun with their learning!

Georgina Wintle, Headteacher



Faringdon
Community
College
welcomed new
Headteacher
Mr Phil Bevan



Year 8 Student Council Members



Alex—8RP



Olivia 8RP



Louis 8CM



Mia—8CM



Olivia—8RMa

Year 9 Student Council Members.



Year 7 Courthill Trip

2020

After only a couple of weeks at FCC, the new Year 7 students found themselves experiencing their first trip. Our annual visit to the Courthill Centre on the nearby ridgeway is normally a residential with students from two tutor groups per day



Well done to all those Year 7 students who took part in the Cross Country Competition



Year 9 Cross Country Competition

Congratulations to all the Year 9 students who turned up on a drizzly afternoon to take part in the cross country competition.

Results:

Girls 3km:

1st Mia, 13.52

2nd Megan, 14.51

3rd Amelie, 17.29

Boys 4km

1st Rudi, 17.01

2nd Charlie 17.19

3rd James, 19.21

Ms Kenyon and the PE department



Lest we Forget



We marked the occasion with Head Boy and Head Girl giving a reading and laying a wreath in our memorial garden, with the rest of the school watching via Google Classrooms.

COOKING COMPETITION



Immy Y10—3 tier carrot cake with orange cream cheese icing



Mrs Kenyon



Sophie & Olivia Y8 —Pumpkin Cake made with orange flavoured sponge

