



## The Week Ahead

What did you learn in the Science Dome this week?  
Explain something new you learnt.  
What was the most exciting part?

### Monday:

**Tuesday:**  
KS1 Multi-Skills

**Wednesday:**  
KS2 Multi-Skills

**Thursday:**  
Choir with Miss Zimmerman  
KS2 Running Club

**Friday**  
No Clubs

“I am always doing that which I can not do, in order that I may learn how to do it.”

~Pablo Picasso~

## Weekly Newsletter

*Faith ♦ Service ♦ Integrity ♦ Responsibility ♦ Truth ♦ Excellence*

April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017

### Pupil Awards

As a result of feedback, we will now be listing the results of all of our Learners of the Week, awarded on Friday afternoons in Praise Worship and Headteacher's Values Award, which is given out at the end of every small term. Please see the winners from the Friday before Easter.

### Headteacher's Value Award:

Foundation: Connor

Year 1: Eilidh

Year 2: Tess

Year 3: Amber

Year 4: Macey

Year 5: Louis

Year 6: Oliver

### Learners of the Week:

Foundation:

Year 1: Toby M

Year 2: Lydia

Year 3: Tomasz

Year 4: Luke, Henry, Elyana, Erin,  
and Tommy

Year 5: Oscar M

Year 6: Whole Class

Well done to all of our pupils. They are putting so much effort into their learning and truly are phenomenal. Looking forward to what this term has in store!

### Sports Coaching

A huge thank you to both Mr Baroni and Mrs Hermsen, parents of children in school, for stepping forward to offer help with our coaching of sports events. Mr Baroni has already been coaching our children with additional lunchtime training and through some of their recent tournaments. He has some fantastic ideas about how we can truly step up our sporting achievements and get children excited and enthusiastic about a range of sports. Between him, Mrs Hermsen and Mrs Scott (the teaching assistant in Year 2, who has recently taken on the additional responsibility of coordinating all sports across school), I know we will see a transformation of sports at Crowmarsh. I cannot express my appreciation for all of their hard work and determination to give our pupils a range of opportunities.

### Staffing

We welcome Miss Verling as our new kitchen assistant as Miss Harding has moved into a position in pre-school. We also welcome Mrs Matthews who has joined us in class 3 as a teaching assistant. Please also help us congratulate Mrs Barlow, who is expecting in the Autumn term. More news about staffing arrangements for the autumn term will be explained nearer the end of the year.

## PTA NEWS

### **Purple Learning Week**

We will be celebrating our annual Purple Learning Week starting the week of May 15<sup>th</sup>. We are excited to welcome back Diana Pardoe, author of *Towards Successful Learning*, for what will most likely be her last visit, in this capacity, to our school. She will be doing a parent talk on Tuesday, May 16 at 2:00 in the school hall, to explain what Purple Learning means at Crowmarsh School. If you have never heard her speak before, you must come! You will be inspired and truly understand our learning philosophy. We would also like to welcome any of our new reception parents joining us in September to come and hear all about what we do that really sets us apart from other schools.

### **After School**

Please can we remind all parents that children should not be on the field or on our play equipment once they have been dismissed from the classroom. Staff will ask your children to come off if they are seen on them. Thank you for your understanding.

### **Attendance**

A reminder that as a school we monitor pupils whose attendance falls below 90%. We have a number of children who currently have 100% attendance and they should be very proud! To keep attendance a priority, we will be presenting all children who are able to achieve 100% attendance for this term, until July with a special certificate. Those pupils who continue to maintain 100% attendance for the entire year will also receive a very special reward. Can't wait to see how many certificates I get to present!

### **Non School Uniform Day Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April**

A reminder that tomorrow is a non-uniform day. We are asking for tombola prizes, or a £1 donation.

### **PTA Treasurer appointed**

We're really pleased to announce that the PTA has a new Treasurer. Thank you so much to Anna Franklin for stepping forward and taking on this really important role. We know you'll be amazing. Anna's contact details will be put up on the board in reception.

### **Summer Fete – Volunteers needed!**

We need lots of parent helpers at our summer fete on Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup> 10.00 am – 2.00pm. Please look at our Doodle Page and sign yourself up for a slot.

<http://doodle.com/poll/a3zfxintkfe6m4b7>

### **Maypole Dancing**

This year we will be having a May Pole Dance at our Summer Fete, in the main arena and we are looking for children to take part. Children who would like to be involved will be learning the May Pole Dance in their PE lessons. Please let me know ASAP if your child/children would like to take part –

[leanne.miller@outlook.com](mailto:leanne.miller@outlook.com), 07785 368195 or via our Facebook Page.

There are no pre-requisites or age restrictions for taking part, all we ask for is enthusiasm!

### **Help Wanted to promote the Thames Run**

Will you host a sale board advertising the Thames Run in your front garden? We are looking for prominent locations

around Wallingford to help promote the event. Runner enrolments significantly increase once the boards go out, increasing the amount we raise for the school and Style Acre. The boards will go up asap and come down very soon after the event. All you need to do is offer to help. Please email [stevewilkes99@gmail.com](mailto:stevewilkes99@gmail.com) with your details if you are interested.

### **Tag Rugby Tournament**

Crowmarsh entered a team into the Oxfordshire Schools Year 5/6 Tag Rugby Tournament held at the Hithercroft Sports Park in Wallingford.

It was an opportunity for those new to Tag Rugby to try out this high energy sport and our school fielded a squad of eight Year 5 players – none of whom had played before the coaching session held the previous day in schools. Many of the schools we met clearly played Tag Rugby regularly and had much bigger Year 6 teams!

The team took on this challenge with an incredible spirit and despite losing the first couple of matches, went on to secure a win in the third match. Oscar, Sophie, Toby and George were amongst the try scorers and there were some real heroics in defence, with everyone working together as a team. A couple of the squad commented that they had ‘found new talents’ that they didn’t know about and were sad to see the tournament finish with a narrow 5-3 defeat in the final round. With another tournament coming up in May, it will be an opportunity for us to field two teams who will benefit from some lunchtime coaching sessions ahead of the tournament.



Here’s some comments from the team

“We learned about positions, new plans and techniques, it was great to win a game” George

“We needed to stay positive and persevere” Emily

“The best thing was the teamwork” Marnie

“We had fun and would definitely do it again” All

A big thank you to Mr Baroni, who is planning further coaching sessions for our Year 6 Tag Rugby Tournament at the end of May.

Mrs Scott  
PE Coordinator

Kindest Regards,

Your headteacher Mrs Barton and the team at Crowmarsh Gifford CE Primary School.