

WHADDON NEWS

Final Newsletter 2019

Goodbye... We will miss you!

Goodbye and good luck to our Class 2 children who are moving on to new adventures!



We are also sad to say good bye to Lawrence and Dexter from Year 1 and Rosie and Berry from Foundation Stage. We wish them all well and will miss all of our school leavers very much.



From the Head Teacher

What a wonderful year! We have all achieved so much haven't we? From a two day inspection from Ofsted, resulting in a grading of Outstanding, to a one day Siams inspection, which is our church schools inspection, (more to follow when we receive the report) we have well and truly been put through our paces! Of course, our inspectors agreed with us that Whaddon School is an amazing place. It takes everyone to create such a special school. From the youngest to the oldest, the way in which we all work together, openly and supportively ensures our children have a great school experience and learn the importance of true friendship and a strong community, which is so important in today's world. We are excited to continue working with you to expand our school to offer the children a continuous primary education and to have the privilege of being part of their lives for a little bit longer. Have a peaceful and fun summer everyone, we can't wait to see what next year brings!

P.S. Thankyou all for such kind end-of-year gifts and cards. You have put so much consideration into them! We are really touched by your words and your thoughtfulness.

Sports Day 2019



Class 2 Church Lunch

On Tuesday 4th June Class 2 went to Buckingham Church to the community lunch. We went to serve cakes to people who go to the lunch. It is a free lunch for people who don't have much money or company.

On Monday afternoon we made cakes. We made lemon drizzle, flapjacks, also orange and blueberry traybake. We followed the recipe on our own and did a good job. (They were very tasty!).

We went on a minibus kindly offered by Sir Thomas Freemantle School. We felt a bit nervous on the way there because we didn't know what to expect. When we got there, we put aprons on and put the cakes on trays.

We introduced ourselves by shouting our names out. The people were really kind, and they talked to us about school. We enjoyed passing the cakes around and there were enough left over for us to eat some too!

It helped us to meet new people and not be scared of them. Thank you to Harrison's marvellous mum for helping us! By Timo, Kitty, Archie and Claudia.



Farm Visit

The whole school was very excited to receive an invitation from Mr Gurney to spend the morning learning about his farm. We popped just next door to his field (where luckily the inquisitive bullocks had been removed) and sat on benches of straw bales. First, the children saw some sheep being sheared and learnt about what the wool was used for. We thought the sheep were very well-behaved. After that, we looked at three different tractors. One was 50 years old, another was 25 years old and the final one was just one year old. Mr Gurney showed us how the new tractor could drive itself—we were amazed!

After that the children had a tractor-and-trailer ride around the farm fields. We met six friendly and very funny bullocks who ran over for their breakfast. Then we drove into a sheep field and quickly became surrounded by sheep who wanted food. After our tractor ride, Mr Edmondson took us into a field and taught us all about worms! They are incredibly interesting and very useful for the farm.

A huge thank you to Mr Gurney and all of his helpers. The children (and teachers) had a wonderful morning!



Trip to Stowe

One (thankfully dry) morning, the KS1 children arrived at school to find a sign: *Wanted: Explorers to venture into the wilds of Stowe*. Thankfully, both classes had spent the past few weeks being explorers during our Mantle of the Expert sessions so they were totally up for the challenge.

Once at Stowe, the children were given their challenge: to design, and find a suitable location for, a new folly at Stowe. We walked around Stowe looking at the landscape—both human and physical—and getting a feel for what a 'folly' was. We also considered the plants and wildlife in the area and how these might add to the attraction of our new folly. The children decided the squirrels would be a big plus point.

The children and staff all had a really lovely and returned with lots of ideas for a new folly.



Foundation Stage Walking Adventure

On Wednesday Foundation stage set off on an adventure across the fields of Whaddon on a scavenger hunt. It was a beautiful day and the sun was shining. The sheep welcomed us with a cheerful chorus of Baa's and bleats! Miss Swain gave us sheets with weird and wonderful things to find. Some things were easier to find than others. It was so warm that the only water we could find was the water in our water bottles! Thistles were everywhere but we did well avoiding the prickles. Some children got frustrated about not being able to find any acorns but it did lead to some great conversations about seasons and how it was very unlikely we would find any at this time. The walk back to school was a little bit slower but we all had a wonderful time!



Singing Friends

We all had a fantastic trip to Loughton Manor First School this term for 'Singing Friends'. We met some of the Year 1s and Year 2s there, had lunch and a playtime with them then spent the afternoon singing lots of songs and playing different musical games. Both school's children were fantastic in introducing themselves and making new friends.

Also, when we arrived we were wished "Eid Mubarak" by a teacher and some children. We had learnt about Eid in assembly and Claudia, Maggie and others were excited to spot some girls with henna designs on their hands.

We have sung some of the songs we learnt back at school and are really glad about the trip. We had a great time and can't wait to see our new friends again soon!

By Claudia and Maggie.



Mantle Montage!

Parents of Key Stage One children may or may not know that we do a lot of our learning through Mantle of the Expert.

Mantle of the Expert is an approach to education that uses imaginary contexts to provide purposeful and engaging activities for learning. The children become an expert team within a fictional context. They have a client who sets them a task, or several different tasks. The children solve problems together and, as needed, learn information and skills as they go. Having a client and commission within the fiction ensures that everything the children are asked to do has a real meaning. Mantle of the Expert uses a range of drama techniques to immerse children in their learning

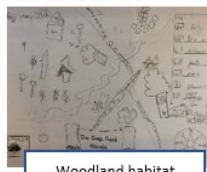
You can find out more at www.mantleoftheexpert.com



Squirrel art



Mapping woodland



Woodland habitat



Oak tree habitat



Sepia toned portraits of soldiers



A log microhabitat

Creating the English trench



Ploughing with horse and cart



Honu Island



In the trenches

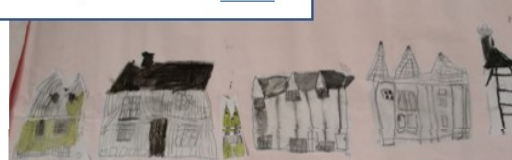


Tagging turtles ready for tracking



Turtle statues

Pudding lane – Tudor house art work



A humane rabbit trap



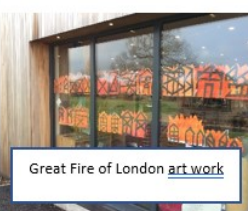
A 1600s bucket brigade



Fire fighter, 1666



Saving turtles and cleaning beaches



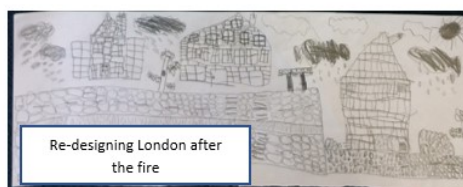
Great Fire of London art work



Registering businesses in London, 1667



The Mountain of Colourful Dreams



Re-designing London after the fire



WW1 medals

A collage of 24 hexagonal photographs arranged in a honeycomb pattern, showcasing children's outdoor activities. The photos include: children sitting on a bench; a child on a wooden platform; children in a tent; a child in a field; a child in a garden; a child in a field. A large, faint watermark of a tree and the text 'St. E First School' is visible in the background.

End of Year Awards

Congratulations to all of our children who received
an end-of-year award:

School Values Award

Sam Giddings

Fred Green Citizenship Award

Harrison Vallance

Sportsperson of the Year

Ethan Beaver

Mathematician of the Year

Susannah Muston

Writer of the Year

Kitty Meredith

Artist of the Year

Claudia Wood

STEM person of the Year

Timo-Grove Stephensen

Dates for your Diary for 2019-2020

Date	Event	Time	Venue
Monday 2 nd Sep	Inset	All Day	Whaddon School
Tuesday 3 rd Sep	Inset	All Day	Whaddon School
Wednesday 4 th Sep	School Reopens	8.50	Whaddon School
Friday 6 th Sep	'Welcome back everyone' barbecue	15.00	School field
Monday 16 th Sep	New Foundation Stage begin full time	8.50	Whaddon School
Thursday 19 th Sep	Phonics information meeting for Foundation and Year 1 Parents	8.50	Whaddon School
Wednesday 25 th Sep	Individual Photographs	AM	Whaddon School
Wednesday 25 th Sep	Open Worship – Everyone welcome Hands up for Jesus	14.40 15.00 – 16.00	Whaddon School
Monday 7 th Oct	Harvest Festival – Everyone welcome	13.00	St Mary's Church
Wednesday 16 th Oct	Open Worship – Everyone welcome Hands up for Jesus	14.40 15.00 – 16.00	Whaddon School
TBC	Tulip planting Waddesdon Manor	All day	Waddesdon Manor
Friday 25 th Oct	Spooky Disco—Details to follow	16.00—18.00	Whaddon School
Thursday 7 th Nov	Key Stage 1 Parent Teacher Meetings	All Day	Whaddon School
Tuesday 12 th Nov	Flu immunisations	TBC	Whaddon School
Wednesday 20 th Nov	Open Worship – Everyone welcome Hands up for Jesus	14.40 15.00 – 16.00	Whaddon School
Thursday 21 st Nov	Whole school Christmas Tree trip	All day	Christmas tree farm and Salcy Forest
Friday 6 th Dec	Nativity Play	18.00—19.00	TBC
Wednesday 11 th Dec	Whole School Pantomime Trip	9.20 – 14.00	Aylesbury Theatre
Tuesday 19 th Dec	Christmas Crafts, Lunch and Christmas Party	All Day	Whaddon School
Wednesday 18 th Dec	Open Worship – Everyone welcome Hands up for Jesus	14.40 15.00 – 16.00	Whaddon School
Spring Term 2020			
Thursday 27 th Feb	Key Stage 1 Parent Teacher Meetings	All Day	Whaddon School
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day	All day	Whaddon School
Thursday 12 th March	Whole School Trip to Christchurch Cathedral Oxford	All Day	Christchurch Cathedral Oxford
Friday 13 th March	MK Music Festival	TBC	The Ridgeway Centre MK12 5TH
Friday 20 th March	Mother's Day Tea Party	13.00	Whaddon School
Friday 3 rd April	Easter Service – Everyone Welcome	14.00	St Mary's Church
Saturday 2 nd May	May Fayre	All Day	School Field
Summer Term 2020			
Tuesday 2 nd June	Y2 Hazard Alley Trip	13.00 – 15.00	Safety Centre MK11 3ES

Friday 19th June	Father's Day Picnic and fun	13.00	School Field if dry. Inside if wet
Monday 6th July	Maths Information Meeting (Including new parents)	14.00	Whaddon School
Thursday 9th July	Whole School Trip to Warwick Castle	All Day	Warwick Castle
Tuesday 14th July	Sports Day	13.00	School Field
Wednesday 15th July	Whaddon School Great Spelling Bee	9.00	Whaddon School
Friday 17th July	End of year service—Everyone welcome	13.00	St Mary's Church
Friday 17th July	Y2 Family leavers BBQ	15.00	Whaddon School Field

SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS

AUTUMN TERM 2019	Monday 2 September	Friday 25 October
	Monday 4 November	Thursday 19 December
SPRING TERM 2020	Tuesday 7th January	Friday 14 February
	Monday 24 February	Friday 3 April
SUMMER TERM 2020	Monday 20 April	Friday 22 May
	Monday 1 June	Tuesday 21 July

TERM TIME BANK

HOLIDAYS 2019/2020 Friday 7th – May Bank Holiday
Monday 22nd April

INSET DAYS 2019/2020 Monday 2nd September 2019
Tuesday 3rd September 2019
Monday 6th January 2020
Monday 20th July 2020
Tuesday 21st July 2020