



# St. John's RC Primary School

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Newsletter: Issue 6  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023

## Head's News...

The penultimate week to this term has been full of enrichment, learning and fun!

We started our week off with the popular author Mini Grey visiting the school. She spent time with every class and the children learned a great deal about the process of writing and then publishing a book. I am sure that they will be even more inspired to write stories and draw characters! Well done to Miss Page for facilitating this event.

Today, Mrs Avilez and Mrs Trivett put together a most wonderful Catholic Retreat day at our school. The children and many parents had their spirits enriched and souls filled with love and the teaching of Jesus. It is the highlight of our term and will hopefully become a permanent yearly event at our school. The outstanding Catholic environment and teaching that Mrs Avilez leads across the school makes us a very special place for children and families.

Next week will be punctuated by parents' evenings. Please remember to be at school so that we can share with you your child's progress and if any issues need to be discussed further.

I hope that the plans for Easter are in full swing. This is a special time for our community, and we hope that everyone has the opportunity to spend time with family.

Stay safe over the weekend and see you all next week.

## Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following pupils who received awards this week:

Early Years: Theo, Oran, Nela

Year 1: Jakub, Ruby, Sophia

Year 2: Anton, Johan, Mollie

Year 3: Darcey, Lewis and Geona

Year 4: Jacob P, Artur, Mourad

Year 5: Omera, Emmanuella, Emilia

Year 6: Immy, Saif, Maya

Dear God,  
When I am finding  
something difficult,  
help me to reach inside  
and be more  
determined.  
Help me realise that  
being determined will  
help me throughout  
my life.  
Amen.

*Believe in  
yourself*

## **ATTENDANCE** **FOR 13<sup>TH</sup> – 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

*'Attend today, achieve tomorrow'*

Early Years: 89%

Year 1: 94%

Year 2: 97%

Year 3: 93%

Year 4: 97%

Year 5: 98%

Year 6: 89%

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A special thank you from our Parish Priests, Fr. John and Fr. Ryan...

"We would like to express our sincere thanks and gratitude to the students of St. John's who were part of the choir on Monday night at our deanery Mass for vocations. So many of the visiting clergy and parishioners commented on how lovely it was to hear the children singing. It was very inspiring for us also. With particular thanks to Mrs Trivett and Mrs Avilez for organising this at short notice."



## Upcoming Birthdays



Sanchez Year 2

Jaxon Year 6

## HOUSE POINTS

The winning house this week is  **FIRE**  with a total of 271 points.  
Excellent efforts!

## ST. JOHN'S NURSERY OPENING

**We are delighted to announce the long-awaited opening of St. John's Nursery!**

**We welcome admissions for our April intake for children who will be 3 years old by April. Please come to the school office to register your interest.**

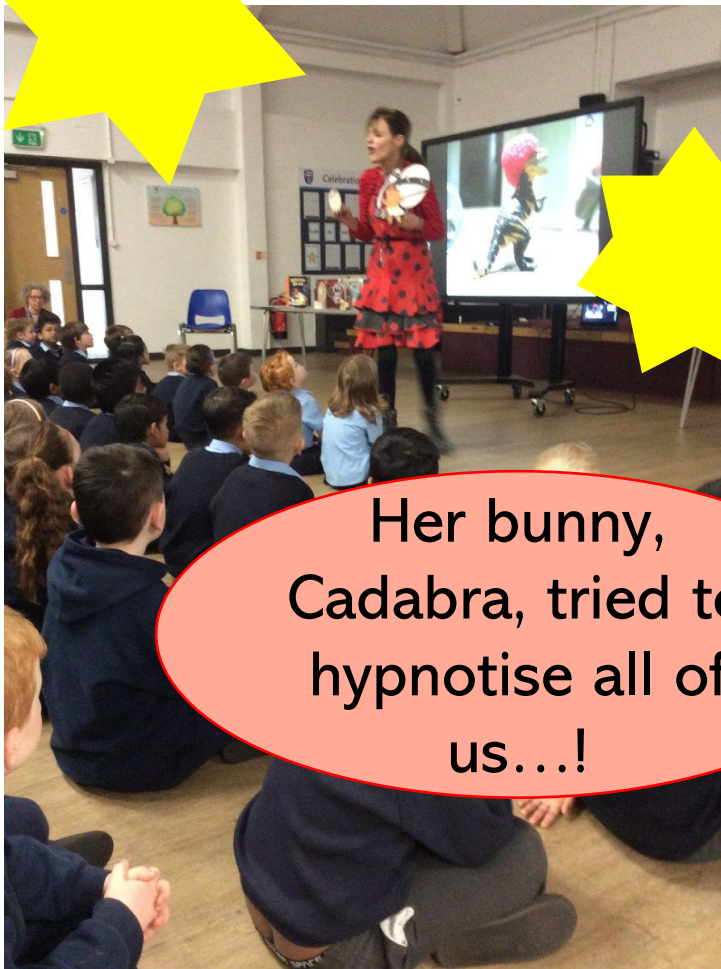
## **SAFEGUARDING**

If you have concerns that a child may be in immediate danger, call the **police on 999** or **MASH on 0345 050 7666**.

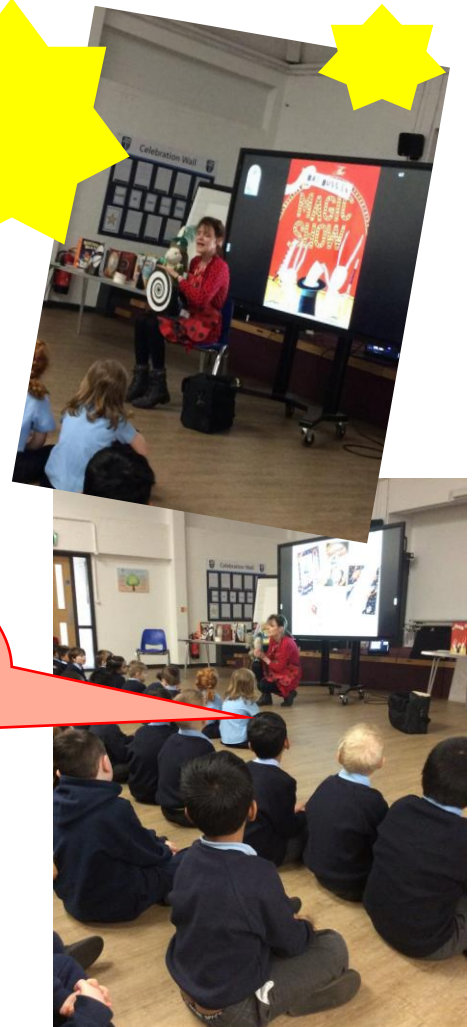
If you have safeguarding concerns about a child or family, please do not hesitate to contact us on 01295 263740 and ask to speak to a member of the safeguarding team. Alternatively, you can email our DSL directly [louise.kenny@st-johns-banbury.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:louise.kenny@st-johns-banbury.oxon.sch.uk)

## MINI GREY VISITS ST. JOHN'S!

What an absolutely BRILLIANT day we had earlier this week when we welcomed Mini Grey, British writer and illustrator, into St. John's! We were all immersed in her creativity and imagination as she read extracts from her fabulous books, shared her tips when she writes books and even gave us all our very own illustrator workshops! The children (and staff!) loved having Mini in school.



Her bunny,  
Cadabra, tried to  
hypnotise all of  
us...!





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## Key Dates

Friday 24th March	Lenten Retreat Day
Saturday 25th March	Year 6 Confirmation Preparation 4pm
Monday 27th March	Year 3 First Reconciliation
Tuesday 28th & Wednesday 29th March	Parents' Meetings
Thursday 30th March	Youlbury Parents' Meeting Year 4/5 NEW
Friday 31st March	Year 1 Parents Meeting
Friday 31st March	End of Term
<b>Monday 3rd April – Friday 14th April EASTER HOLIDAYS</b>	
Monday 17th April	New Term Starts
Wednesday 19th April	Year 3 Trip Ashmolean Museum
Saturday 22nd April	Sponsors' Mass Confirmation 4pm St. John's Church
Wednesday 26th April	Matilda Theatre Trip
Monday 8th May	King Charles' Coronation-SCHOOL CLOSED-NEW
Tuesday 9th May-Thursday 11th May	KS2 SATs Tests
Friday 12th May	Class Photos All children to be in Full School Uniform
Saturday 13th May	Holy Communion Preparation 4pm St. John's Church
Monday 16th May-Thursday 18th May	KS1 SATs Tests
Tuesday 23rd May	Year 6 Confirmation 6:30pm St. John's Church
Friday 26th May	End of Term
<b>Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June MAY HALF TERM</b>	
Monday 5th June	New Term Starts
Monday 5th June – Friday 16th June	Year 4 Multiplication Testing Weeks
Monday 5th June – Tuesday 6th June	Year 4 Residential to Youlbury
Monday 12th – Friday 16th June	Phonics Screening Checks
Monday 12th – Friday 16th June	Year 6 Residential
Friday 16th June	Father's Day Stall
Friday 16th June	Year 1 Parents Meeting
Saturday 17th June	Year 3 First Holy Communion St. John's Church 12:00pm
Monday 19th – Tuesday 20th	Year 5 Residential to Youlbury
Friday 23rd June	Year 3 and 4 Bikeability Taster Sessions
Wednesday 28th June	Matilda Theatre Trip

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**Take a look at what Achieve Oxfordshire have planned to help families in Oxfordshire to get active!**

**TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT  
OUR FRIENDS FROM  
ACHIEVE ARE DOING...**

Community  
Dental  
Services

**Fun energetic  
sessions:**

Trampolining  
Martial arts  
Dance  
Dodgeball

**Gloji  
Energy**



**Learn about  
portions,  
snacking, self-  
esteem and  
more...**

**Gloji Energy is our new Child Weight  
Management Programme available for  
children aged 4-12 years old.**

**1:1 or  
group  
sessions**

**Sessions will be 1 hour long including 45 minutes of  
physical activity for children while parents/carers  
learn about nutrition and healthy habits with our team  
of expert practitioners. The last 15 minutes will be an  
interactive session for the whole family.**

**Locations:**  
Oxford  
Banbury  
Witney  
Berinsfield  
Abingdon

**CONTACT US:**

✉ [GlojiEnergy1@achieveoxfordshire.org.uk](mailto:GlojiEnergy1@achieveoxfordshire.org.uk)

☎ **01865590292**

**Get the whole  
family moving  
more and making  
healthier lifestyle  
choices together**



Nutrition



Movement



Mind



Sleep

## Who is eligible?

Children aged 4-12 years old.

Children with a BMI more than or equal to 91st percentile.

Children living in Oxfordshire or registered with an Oxfordshire GP surgery.

Family is motivated and ready to make lifestyle changes to lose weight.

Children and/or parents/carers with complex needs such as learning difficulties and mental health issues should be considered on a case-by-case basis. It is suggested a carer supports the individual throughout the programme.

Children not living with diabetes.

Children not suffering from an unmanaged condition or comorbidity.

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At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

## Ten top tips for STRONGER PASSWORDS

Passwords continue to be the most common way to prove our identity online. A combination of a username and a password known only to the user provides access to our online accounts and data – and hopefully keeps unauthorised individuals out. As a security measure, though, passwords are relatively weak. People are often predictable in how we choose our passwords, for example – making them less secure. With increasing volumes of usernames and passwords being leaked online, what can we do to keep our data more secure? Here are our top tips for stronger passwords.

### BE UNPREDICTABLE

We often choose passwords which are easy to remember: featuring the name of our favourite sports team or favourite film, for instance. Those are predictable passwords. Cyber criminals will routinely try various combinations of passwords relating to sports teams, actors, musical artists and the like – and they often focus on these during major sporting events or around high-profile movie releases.

### AVOID GETTING PERSONAL

Many of us use passwords relating to our family, such as children's names or favoured holiday destinations. The problem here is that we also typically post about our holidays and our family on social media – making that information potentially visible to cyber criminals and supplying them with clues which could help them in narrowing down possible passwords we might have set.

### NEW PLATFORM, NEW PASSWORD

Where cyber criminals gain access to an online service through a data breach, they often use the data they've stolen to try and access the victim's other accounts. This is because the criminals know that, for convenience, people often use the same password across different services. When we reuse passwords, our security is only as strong as the weakest site where we've used it.

### LONGER IS STRONGER

Our passwords are often stored by online services in an encrypted format, in case the service suffers a data breach. The strength of this encryption, however, is dependent on the length of the password you've selected. If your password is only a short one, cyber criminals are significantly more likely to be able to break the encryption and identify your password.

### CHECK SOCIAL MEDIA VISIBILITY

Staying up to date with friends and relatives on social media is part of everyday life now. We need to ensure, though, that we limit who can see our posts via each platform's privacy settings. It's also wise to consider what we're posting and if it's really safe to share online. If we restrict what cyber criminals can see, we reduce the chance of them using that information to identify our passwords.

### Meet Our Expert

A Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP), Gary Henderson is the Director of IT at a large boarding school in the UK, having previously taught in schools and colleges in Britain and the Middle East. With a particular interest in digital citizenship and cyber security, he believes it is essential that we become more aware of the risks around technology, as well as the benefits.



Source: <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/>

CCTV  
IN OPERATION

### 'DOUBLE LOCK' YOUR DATA

It's possible that cyber criminals may eventually discover your username and password. Enabling multi-factor authentication (MFA) on your accounts, however, reduces the chance of them obtaining access to your data, as they'd also require a code which is provided via an app, SMS message or email. MFA isn't infallible, but it does definitely provide extra protection and security.

### DELETE UNUSED ACCOUNTS

Data breaches occur when cyber criminals gain access to an online service and all the data contained within it – including usernames and passwords. Whenever you stop using a service, it's wise to make sure that you delete your entire account and not just the actual app. If the service no longer has your data, there's zero risk of it being leaked should they suffer a data breach in the future.

### TRY PASSWORD MANAGERS

Even though most of us have numerous online accounts to manage these days, it's advantageous to avoid password re-use. Specialist password management software (like Dashlane or OnePassword, among others) can help by storing a different password for every online service that you have an account with: the only one you or child will need to remember is the single master password.

### GET CREATIVE

The British government's National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) recommends the 'three random words' technique. This method helps you create a password which is unique, complex and long – yet which is memorable enough to stay in your mind ('FourBlueShoes', for example). The NCSC website, incidentally, also offers plenty of other useful information relating to personal cyber security.

### STAY VIGILANT

The best way to protect your accounts and your data is to be vigilant and careful. If you receive an email or text message that's unusual or unexpected, treat it as suspicious until you're able to verify whether it's genuine and safe. Starting from a position of vigilance and caution will reduce the likelihood of you or your child being tricked by a malicious email, text or phone call.



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#WakeUpWednesday

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# SUMMER FETE

★ SAVE THE DATE ★  
15<sup>TH</sup> JULY



*GAMES* ★ *LICENSED BAR* ★ *PRIZES* ★ *BBQ*  
★ *STALLS* ★ *BOUNCY CASTLE* ★

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Member Association