

# Loving, learning and flourishing in community

## Message from Mr Edwards-Grundy

This week has been a really successful week in school, with children settling into their new classes and routines and enjoying their learning. I would like to thank you as parents/carers for your continued co-operation and for the adaptations that you have suggested to our existing arrangements. We are continuing to review our practice and will let you know of any changes in due course.

After a very busy week in school, I wish your children a relaxing time at home with you this weekend.

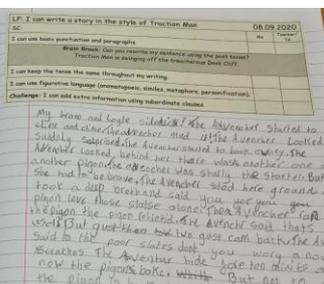
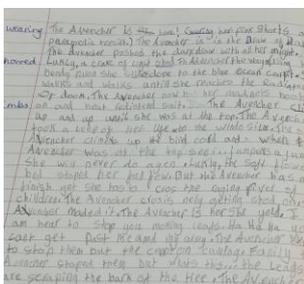
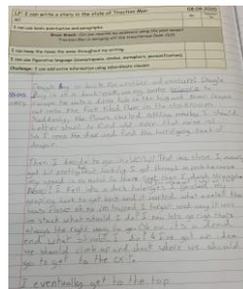
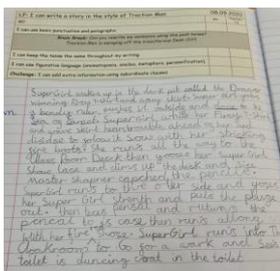
## News from around the school

It has been a busy week in Year 1. The children have been looking at the book 'Here we are' and using it as a basis for thinking first about their homes and then their place in the world.

There is already some great work on the classroom wall, with children drawing their homes and families.



The Year 6 classes have been working on writing stories in the style of Traction Man. Stories that included sentences such as "My brave and loyal sidekick", "I open the door and find the horrifying feet of despair" and "Super girl, with her fiery T-shirt...hears trouble ahead" left us wanting to read more.



## Welcome back musicians!

It was a great pleasure to once again hear music coming from our music room/library as we welcomed back Rory McInroy, our peripatetic piano teacher today.

New arrangements are in place to ensure physical distancing and reduce the risk of transmission whilst allowing children to continue to enjoy playing the many varied instruments that are taught in school.

Many thanks to Fiona Hayes who has been working with the music service and our music teachers to ensure the new arrangements comply with our risk assessment.



## Staying safe!

As you will be aware from the news, from Monday the government has introduced the rule of 6! No more than six people together at any time, indoors or outside.

As a school staff we want to be able to remain open to all children and within school we are doing everything we can to ensure that our practice and our building is as Covid secure as possible.

Please help us by adhering to the guidance that has been put in place for everyone's protection. We would especially ask you to ensure physical distancing at all times, especially when your children are playing with friends after school.

## Lunch is served!

As the morning passes the school is once again filled with delicious smells coming from our school kitchen.

Margarita and her team are now providing about 200 meals a day to children across the school.

Meals are being served and eaten in classrooms.

Feedback from staff this week is that lunch is a calm and really enjoyable time and as the trolleys are wheeled back to the kitchen, the plates are empty!

We are very grateful to Margarita for her flexibility in preparing meals as we have adjusted our arrangements this week.



## This week's news headlines

We remain very grateful to 'The Friends' who continue to look at ways to raise additional funds for the school. Over the next couple of weeks, do look out for the Christmas card designs that your children will be bringing home.

At this point of the school year we would normally be inviting you to our year group curriculum evenings. This year we will be recording these and sharing them with you virtually. We will send home the written information that we normally give out on the evening, via email.

In our newsletter we normally share photographs of children who have been given a 'Values Award'. We are still noticing and celebrating children who are showing our school values and we will be looking at how we can share this with you. A big well done to everyone this week for showing so many of the school's values in many different ways.

## Hello from Reception

Our new Reception intake this year are the first children to benefit from the new outside area that was transformed over the summer break.

There is still some work to be done, but the area is already proving to be a fantastic space to have adventures and make new friends.

It has been a tiring first full week for the new Reception children who have been busy learning new routines, settling in and exploring the resources and equipment we have in school.

Mrs O'Connor said of the children this week, "They have been absolutely amazing!"



## Wrap Around Care

We are continuing to work with Oxford Active, who provide our breakfast and after school clubs.

Children are looked after in three bubbles in separate areas of the school.

School staff are working alongside Oxford Active at this time.

If you are interested in a place at one of the clubs, please contact [Oxford Active](#).