

# What's on?

## School will be closed on Monday

This year there will be an extra Bank Holiday for the Queen's Jubilee. As the additional Bank Holiday falls within the school holidays, schools have been asked to allocate another day to their staff. At The Blake School, this additional day is Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January. School will therefore be closed on Monday to all children.

If you are ordering school meals for next week, the deadline for doing so is Thursday at 6pm as usual. There are however only four meal options, Tuesday to Friday. Order meals using [the link](#).

## Covid-19 update

We are delighted to this week have seen quite a significant reduction in our positive Covid-19 cases.

We would like to thank those of you who have been testing regularly and for adhering to the self-isolation requirements.

We do still have cases in school, scattered across most year groups. At present our largest cluster is in Year 3.

Children are often presenting with a headache, tummy ache or tiredness prior to testing positive, so please do look out for these symptoms in your children. If in any doubt, we would recommend you take your child for a PCR test.

Whilst most children bounce back very quickly from Covid, it is taking others a little longer. Like adults, you may find that your children need more sleep and some longer periods of rest as they recover from the virus. Eating healthily, spending time in the sunshine and a bit more down time is good for everyone and will help your children as they recover.

## 100 club draw

This month's draw took place in the presence of an independent witness. Ticket number 12 was drawn, which was purchased by Mrs O'Connor, one of our Early Years teachers.

Mrs O'Connor says that she plans to spend her winnings on some cake for the Early Years staff team!

## Welcome to Ecosia

Ecosia is a search engine like Google, but very different: they use their ad revenue to plant trees where nature and people need them most. The Ecosia community has already planted millions of trees in Ethiopia, Brazil, Indonesia, Spain, as well as many other biodiversity hotspots.

You can set it as both your 'home screen' and default search engine.

In school teachers are now all using Ecosia as their search engine. For every 45 searches made, Ecosia will plant a tree somewhere in the world.

To set this up on your computer go to your current search engine and search Ecosia. Click on the link it brings up and then confirm that you want it to be your default browser. All your passwords and websites will still be accessible, but you will be doing your bit to change the world.

Find out more about Ecosia by looking at their blog - <https://blog.ecosia.org/>



# INFLATABLE FOOTBALL FUN

## FEBRUARY HALF TERM PROGRAMME! AGES 4-12

**Ducklington Sports Club, Aston Road,  
Ducklington, OX29 7US**

**Dates:** Tues 22nd - Fri 25th 2021

**Time:** 9.30am to 2.30pm  
(drop off as early as 9am, pick up to 3pm)

**Cost: £15/day**

To register your child, please go to  
**[www.enrolmy.com/footy-kids](http://www.enrolmy.com/footy-kids)**

All of our programmes are based around having lots of fun. No lines, drills or running around cones, instead games where all kids have a ball and are learning basic skills of football whilst having big smiles on their faces.  
Mini tournaments everyday. Coaches are qualified and DBS checked and are big kids at heart!

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT US AT**

 [www.footykids.org](http://www.footykids.org)  [tomspeers@footykids.org](mailto:tomspeers@footykids.org)  Footykids  
 or call and speak to Tom on 07940 070 082

## Have your say

on proposals for education of children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) in Oxfordshire



Find out more, comment on the proposals, and/or book your place on one of our SEND online roadshows by visiting the website:

**[letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/SEND-2022](http://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/SEND-2022)**

**SEND online roadshows**

- Monday 31 January, 5.00pm – 6.30pm
- Thursday 3 February, 8.30am – 10.00am
- Saturday 5 February, 9.00am – 10.30am
- Wednesday 9 February, 2.30pm – 4.00pm
- Wednesday 16 February, 1.00pm – 2.30pm – event for children and young people

**Consultation runs between Monday 10 January and Thursday 10 March 2022**

If you are unable to view details online, please contact us at 01865 792422 or email: [consultations@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:consultations@oxfordshire.gov.uk)

 Scan me!

  

## Maths games

Education charity Quest for Learning is running an online fun maths session on Saturday 12th February, from 10am - 11am.

There will be lots of simple games and activities for you to try at home, which are ideal for children in Years 2, 3 and 4.

The event is free but places are limited. If you register before 31st January you will receive a free activity pack. Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/250106604587>

## Year 4 performance

Our Year 4 children are very busy preparing for their end of term performance of 'Adventures in Neverland'.

If you have a child in Year 4, please make sure that you have the following dates in your diary – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February at 6pm and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm.

Tickets, which will be one for each performance, will be circulated nearer the time.

## Our quote of the week

Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.

Martin Luther King

*Loving, learning and flourishing in community*