

# New Hinksey CE Primary School

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Dear Parents, Pupils, Staff, Governors and Friends of the school,  
Finally it is February, I'm sure January has 65 days. Did you hear some of our Year 6 children got pulled over by the police?! Yes, turns out that a passing police car was so impressed with their Bikability riding in the neighbourhood that they had to stop the children and give them a free super-duper bike lock each! Very impressive. I've been showing more prospective parents around this week, they are continually noticing how happy our children are, they love the artwork that adorns the walls and nearly all of them comment on how nurturing we are. I think we may need to call on some volunteers to help with some painting and sprucing up soon. If you can offer us any time, do let us know.  
Have a great weekend!

Tamsin

<p>Puffins</p> 	<p>The year 1 Puffins have worked with a story this week about two characters who get cross with each other. We used this text to learn how to orally compose a sentence in response to a question about the text and how to put together instructions on how to calm down if we do get cross using first, next and last language and we had some great suggestions. The reception children are increasing in confidence all the time in their writing skills so it would be good to encourage lots of writing at home too using their 'fred fingers' e.g., if you make a list, they might be able to help! As a class we really enjoyed learning how to hold a racket and flip our beanbags like pancakes in PE. We have two outings next week, the first is our walk to the park as a class on Thursday afternoon. Thank you to those parents who have offered to come along and help. These walks would not be possible without parent helpers! On Friday we are off for our sponsored run in the park at 10 am too. So please could your child wear suitable footwear and coats next Thursday and Friday just in case it rains. Wellies for Thursday's walk are good or a pair of shoes that are good to walk in and it doesn't matter if they get a bit muddy.</p>
<p>Owls</p> 	<p>In English this week we have learnt how to use commas in lists. We enjoyed describing a lighthouse scene with lots of descriptive lists. In science we had lots of fun making and drinking our deliciously health smoothies, there are some photos on our school website. We drew pastel still life pictures of fruit using layers of colour to create texture. In our healthy living topic, we conducted an interesting experiment to investigate the best way to wash our hands. We covered our hands in glitter to represent germs and recorded the most effective way to wash our hands clean. Handwash was the winner! In maths everyone has worked hard on telling the time. If your child has an analogue watch, it would be great if they can wear them to school. Thank you!</p>
<p>Doves</p> 	<p>As I'm writing this it's still Thursday - but when you read this I'm sure you'll agree we had a fantastic sharing assembly this week! Preparing for the sharing assembly gave us a chance to consolidate learning around parallel and perpendicular lines; powerful adjectives; the French language and New York artist Jean-Michel Basquiat. We also rehearsed a section on earth-quake proof buildings, and made a rap about food chains, which unfortunately we had to cut. Alongside our rehearsals we somehow also managed our normal lessons. In English we learnt about apostrophes, and in maths we worked out equivalent fractions and found fractions of amounts. Thanks to adults for signing the new reading record sheets stuck in at the back of every homework book.</p>

*Living life in all its fullness.*

Kingfishers



We have had a busy week with some year 6s successfully completing the first part of their *Bikeability* training. Back in class, we worked hard to identify different forms of sentences and revised how to use apostrophes. Our short scripts for a scene with Harry Potter and Malfoy tested our learning. In science we investigated the best material for a cafe tabletop and showed our results in a scatter graph. In maths we have explored how coordinates change when polygons are reflected and translated in quadrants. We have been learning about the core beliefs of the Hindu faith, with particular focus on the principle of dharma. The class continue to sing beautifully during their Thursday afternoon music session.

Dates for your diary	Event
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Sponsored Run
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Half Term
Monday 19 February	No After School Club

### SPONSORED RUN EVENT

**PLEASE, please sponsor your child for their run next Friday morning. The money will enable us to have an 'ox' in the art trail and to support the wonderful work done by Sobell House Hospice. Ask your child to show you their sponsor form. Talk to your class teacher if you would like to find out when your child will be running so you can come along and watch.**

Piano lessons to start at NHPS! Hester Crombie, an excellent piano teacher (ask Annette - mum of Clara Y6, Charlotte Y4 and Elise Y2 for experience), is a will start to teach piano at New Hinksey, on Monday mornings 9.30am -12pm (5 slots available), at a cost of £20 for a half-hour lesson, from the End of January. If you are interested, please get in touch with Hester Crombie ([khlcrombie@gmail.com](mailto:khlcrombie@gmail.com)). She will maintain her own waiting list and let you know once there is a space available.



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### Oxfordshire Skills School Football Camp



What dates, what time and where is the camp?

April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>  
April 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>  
8:45-15:15

Garsington Sports and Social Club, Denton Lane  
OX44 9EL



What are the costs and who can attend?

£60 for one week or £25 per day

This camp is open for children from the ages of 4-13 and we accept all abilities whether your child is a beginner or has a higher amount of knowledge and skill of football.

How will the average day run?

All FA levelled coaches will be in attendance of the full duration of football camp. The morning will begin with activities to do with passing, shooting, dribbling etc. The afternoons will be more game based activities.

What do children need to bring/wear?

All children that attend football camp will need football boots/trainers, shinpads and suitable clothing to match the weather. Please bring your own packed lunch and water bottle.

Please enrol you child/children by contacting the following email address:  
[oxfordshireskillsschool@gmail.com](mailto:oxfordshireskillsschool@gmail.com)

Please note this is a brand new location. Brand new roll goals will be used on our 11 a-side and 9 a-side pitches. We will have access to changing room facilities as well as the clubhouse. Spaces will go fast so please book on asap.

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