



Blewbury Endowed C of E Primary School

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Friday 8th October 2021

Dear parents and carers,

What another wonderful week it has been, with weaving in Banksy class, diary writing in Klimt class, substituting language in Picasso class, finding out about David Attenborough in Goldsworthy class and reading and responding to Super Worm in DaVinci class.

Harvest Thanks

Thank you to all the children and parents who contributed to the fantastic donation to the Foodbank of items from the school's Harvest Festival last week, and of course to the teachers who organised it.

It's great to pause and be thankful each year for the fact that we have all we need by way of food, and to think of those who work hard to get it to us. It's good at the same time to look beyond ourselves to those near us who struggle, through a wide variety of reasons, and to do what we can to help. Over the next weeks the food that you gave will be helping families on very limited incomes in Didcot and the villages, as winter bills arrive, and the cost of living is expected to rise faster than it has done in recent years.

By the end of September there had been 884 visits to the foodbank this year with food provided for 3000 adults and children (that doesn't mean 3000 different people, it does include a lot of repeat visits! Sometimes families need help for several weeks before the problem is eased).

Again, thank you, on behalf of all the clients who will be receiving the tins and packets you gave last week.

Kind regards,

Andrew Snell - Coordinator at the Didcot Emergency Foodbank

Sports Day – Tuesday 12th October

With sports day fast approaching, we would like to let you know how the day will run and how you can help us to stay covid safe if you are joining us to watch your child's event. There will be three separate events to minimise the number of spectators on site at one time:

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| Da Vinci | 9.15 - 10.15 |
| Goldsworthy & Picasso | 10.30 - 12.00 |
| Klimt & Banksy | 1.15 - 3.00 |

- All children should arrive at school at normal time wearing their PE kit and a school jumper if it is cold. (Trainers, red shorts and white PE t-shirt or a t-shirt the colour of their house team)
- Spectators can arrive up to 5 minutes before each event starts and wait in a socially distanced line by the gate (like pick up). Everyone will be asked to sign in before making their way onto the school field. The sporting events will be set up along the far edge of the field and a respect line will be clearly visible. **Spectators are asked not to cross this line.** The children will be competing in groups and rotate around the activities, so spectators can move with their child's group. **Please maintain a safe distance to help us all to stay safe. Although we will be outside, wearing masks is encouraged.**

- After the group events for Y2-Y6, there will be individual track races plus Y5&6 will also include a house team relay.
- The winner will be announced at the end of each class event and the overall winner will be announced in assembly on Wednesday.
- **Please do not attend if you have any Covid symptoms**

Thank you for your support to enable us to run these events safely.

Mrs K White, PE Lead.

Star of the Week

Congratulations to the following children who received a Star of the Week certificate in our celebration assembly:

Robert and Eliza - Da Vinci class, Theo – Goldsworthy class, Ocean – Picasso class, Abi – Klimt class, and Jack. H – Banksy class.

House-points

| Attenborough | Anning | Hawking | Curie |
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| 382 | 417 | 407 | 332 |

Yours sincerely,

Miss Reeder
Head of School

Miss Austin
Executive Headteacher

| Diary Dates | |
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| Tuesday 12 th October | Sports Day |
| Tuesday 19 th and Thursday 21 st October | Parents Evenings |
| Wednesday 20 th October, 8pm | PTA AGM |
| Friday 22 nd October | InSET (school closed for pupils) |
| Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th October | Half Term Break |
| Week beginning 6 th December (date and time tbc) | Christmas Nativity |
| Thursday 16 th December (time tbc) | Christmas Carol concert |
| Friday 17 th December 2021 | School ends at 1.30pm |
| Spring Term | |
| Monday 3 rd January 2022 | Bank Holiday (School Closed) |
| Tuesday 4 th January 2022 | InSET (school closed to pupils) |
| Wednesday 5 th January 2022 | Start of Spring Term |

Community news

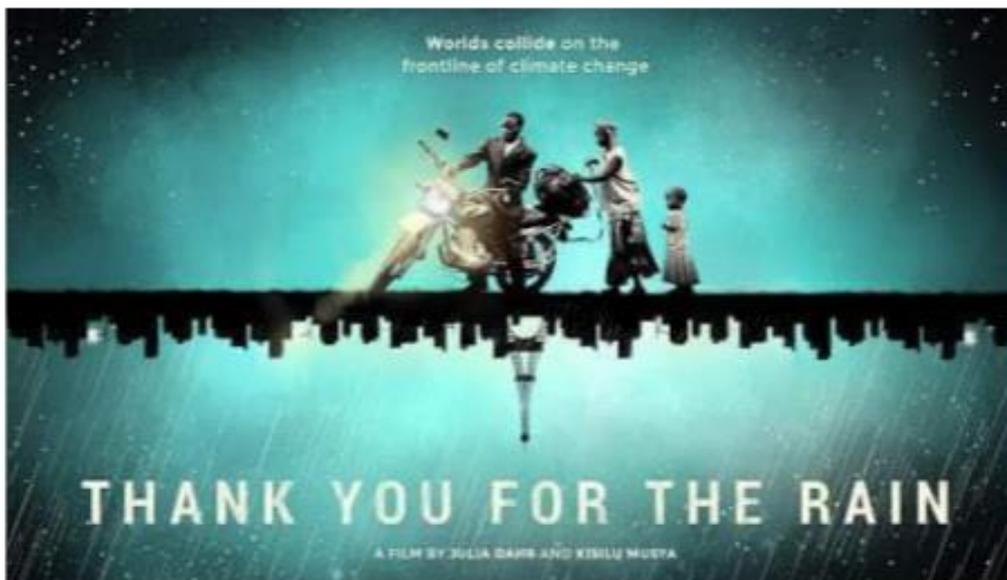


A return visit by Jeni Whittaker, the author of this just published fictionalised biography of her great aunt, Gladys Hazel. The account is based on a memoir written by Gladys in Westbrook Street, Blewbury, where she lived from 1939-1959, revealing vivid details of her

times as a leading Militant Suffragette, and features Blewbury, Harwell, Didcot, Oxford & Wallingford.

Friday 15th October. Blewbury Village Hall Vale Room. 7pm.

Tickets from Blewbury Post Office £5 (includes a drink) or roger.murphy65@gmail.com Blewbury Local History Group.



With the approach of COP26, climate change is attracting large amounts of media and public attention. As one part of our local response we are organising a **free** showing of a very powerful documentary film which has already won many awards throughout the world.

It tells the story of Kisilu, a Kenyan farmer who starts to use his camera to capture the impact of climate change on his family and village. A violent storm brings him into contact with a Norwegian filmmaker, and soon he becomes a community leader and activist on the global stage.

VALE ROOM - BLEWBURY VILLAGE HALL (Note change of venue)

WED 13th OCTOBER

7:15pm

Email valerie.ahs@gmail.com to reserve a free seat

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