

# Cygnets News



Welcome to our latest copy of Cygnets News, with articles written by our year five reporters.



Welcome to the first edition of Cygnets News this year, featuring updates from our new team of reporters. Read on to find out about the interesting things the children have been doing this term. In addition, you will find yourself informed on our 'Hot Topics', which include our new Sustainability Goals. These will help to heighten the children's awareness of a range of key environmental issues. We then look forward to the Christmas festivities and you will learn that we have so much going on at school. Finally, the Cygnets News team wishes you a restful break and a happy New Year!

## Year Five London Trip

We had so much fun in October, when the whole of year five visited London for the day. We were all very tired after the long coach journey, however we saw some amazing sights such as: The Elizabeth Tower; Houses of Parliament; Natural History Museum and we even saw the Prime Minister. We were so lucky, it was an amazing day, which we will always remember.

**Reporters F and J**

## Mental Health and Odd Socks

We celebrated Mental Health Week in an unusual way this year. It was Odd Socks Day. Everyone wore a wacky combination of socks! Usually, we wear grey socks and tights but this was an opportunity to wear some funky, crazy colourful and ODD socks! This really does show that it's OK to be different

**Reporters K and M**

## Enterprise Workshops

The children have been making lots of different things to sell at the end of the day on 20th December (years R, 1 and 2) and 21st December (years 3,4 and 5). There will be lots to buy in the hall, including biscuits, candles and ornaments and we hope that each year group can make a large profit.

**Reporters S and W**

## Cancer Coffee Morning

This term, the Pupil Leadership Team held a coffee morning to support cancer charities. There was a Colin Caterpillar raffle and lots of cake and coffee was on offer. £710-33 was raised. To find out more, children can look at the Pupil Leadership Team board, which is located by the office.

**Reporters S and W**

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## Looking after our World

### Hot Topics

We helped make our town a beautiful place by taking part in a litter pick. We used a claw-like device to pick up pieces of litter. Each class went to a different part of the school or the town. Year five went to Hampton Ferry, year four went to the Rugby Club; year three cleaned the school field; year two picked from the car park and Rynal Street; year one chose the field and reception picked from the front of the school. Before we got to work we learned about the problems of litter, in water, on land and even in space. We learned that in the oceans, there are huge patches of plastic covering an area the size of Texas! The good news is that companies are now involved in cleaning plastic out of the seas. It's good that the children of Swan Lane are making a good start by cleaning up Evesham.



## Reporters W and S

### Swan Lane Bulb Planting

### Hot Topics

Each child has been planting beautiful bulbs, like daffodils, tulips and alliums. Each class has its own raised bed to look after and make beautiful. Planting bulbs and caring for them will help the children to learn how important plants are to us. Hopefully, they will even inspire some to grow flowers at home!



## Reporters M and K



### Sustainability Goals

### Hot Topics

At Swan Lane, we are spreading the word on what matters most to the children of Swan Lane. This year, we are thinking about looking after our world and we are using sustainability Goals to Learn about this. Reception have been working on Goal 16, which is Peace, Justice and Strong Institution. They have watched a video about understanding kindness and war. The children drew their acts of kindness, which showed their understanding. They have more to learn on this topic and the teachers said the children have had lots of fun doing this. The whole school is working on different sustainability goals.



## Reporters S and W

Currently, in year five, the children are working on Sustainability Goal number 2. This is Zero Hunger. The children have been learning about the war in Yemen and the work of charities, including The Red Crescent. This links to the third Pillar of Islam, Zakat, which means giving to charity. The children in year five have been making posters to show their ideas.



## Reporters J and F

### Christmas Fun!

There are lots of fun things going on this month. December 7th was Christmas Jumper Day when everyone could wear their favourite festive jumper to school. Exciting news ... this year the whole school is attending the classic pantomime of Jack and the Beanstalk. Everyone is so excited because it is the first time that every class can go. Reception have been working hard on their Nativity 'The Innkeeper's Breakfast' and we know that the school and parents are looking forward to seeing it. Last but not least, Party Day is on 22nd December, which should be lots of fun! Have a happy New Year everyone!



## Reporters J and F