



19<sup>th</sup> March 2010

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Good luck to all of the children in Years 5 & 6 who are off to Kilvrough for a week next Monday. It will be an early start for them (and their families, and the school staff!) as children need to be at the school hall at 6:45 on Monday morning! (If your child is going on the trip and needs travel sickness tablets please do check the packet for details - often you need to give a dose up to an hour before travelling). Whilst the children are away families and friends will hopefully be able to keep up to date with their adventures by logging on to our website and reading their blog: [www.wood-farm.oxon.sch.uk](http://www.wood-farm.oxon.sch.uk)

Yesterday a large lion was seen pacing around our playground! Don't worry though - Lucky is a visitor from our friends at the Co-operative, who has been helping the children in Years 1 to 3 to learn more about taking good care of their teeth! Several of the children showed me their sand timers that they have made to help them brush their teeth for the right amount of time when they get home.

**New building news**

Well done to the children from different parts of the school who have been working with Mrs Pugh as part of our Shadow Design Team - helping to develop ideas for the outside areas of our new school building. The children have been working with designers from *Learning Through Landscapes*, and their ideas will be used to help create the final plans. You will see that today a large part of the field has been fenced off, and during the Easter holidays we are expecting to take delivery of a large temporary classroom block, which will be installed and worked on ready for use at the start of the next school year.

A reminder to parents and carers of children in Year 6 that the week of May 10<sup>th</sup> is SATs week, when the children sit their National Curriculum tests. It is more important than ever that Year 6 children are at school in good time each day during this week, as they will be having tests each day.

Please remember that our Easter Assembly will be on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 1:30 in the hall. School finishes for the Easter Holidays at 2:30 on 1<sup>st</sup> April. We open again on the 19<sup>th</sup> April.

News from HEADINGTON PARTNERSHIP : EXTENDED SERVICES

OXFORDSHIRE SCIENCE FESTIVAL continues with two great family hands on events this Saturday 20 March 11.00-4.00

OXFORD BROOKES SCIENCE BAZAAR

at Oxford Brookes , Gipsy Lane, OX3 0BP, a host of hands-on activities - some new and some favourites from last year - you will need to book on the day for some of the workshops, others you just drop in and try see [www.brookes.ac.uk/sciencefestival](http://www.brookes.ac.uk/sciencefestival)

12.00-4.00

OXFORDSHIRE GOES WILD

at the Natural History Museum, Parks Road, OX1 3PW

handle live insects and animals and see what surprises lurk in ponds, soil and even rotting logs - meet nature conservation experts - see what you can do to support Oxfordshire's biodiversity in your garden

have you ever been to the Museum of the History of Science, Broad Street, OX1 3AZ? prepare to be amazed! see also [www.oxfordshiresciencefestival.co.uk](http://www.oxfordshiresciencefestival.co.uk) for more talks and events during the week and beyond.....

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A reminder that we are setting up a Family Links Parenting Group at the school, which will be meeting each week on a Friday morning to share and learn about techniques which may make family life calmer. Family Links is the basis of our approach to managing behaviour in school as well, so this is a great opportunity to help children to make the link between behaving well at home and in school. The group is going to be organised by Jane Taylor (who worked in our school up to last year) and Tresa Knight, our Home School Community Link Worker. For more details please speak to Miss Connelly or call Tresa on 07917 262 029 ([tresa.knight@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:tresa.knight@oxfordshire.gov.uk))

Best wishes from Mr. Lewin, and everyone at Wood Farm School.



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