

Hello everyone,

It was lovely to see you all at our parent consultations this week. Our teachers really valued your insight and contributions to the discussions. We always get the best outcomes for children when home and school work in partnership and it was great to see this in action.

Strike Action

At the time of writing, I have been informed that there is no strike action on Tuesday 2nd May and all classes will be open as usual. Should this change we will inform you as soon as we are aware.

Shine

Before half term we had our Shine competition, Mr Farrugia shared some of the highlights in his last ever newsletter. Excitingly, we didn't tell you all the winners from all our categories so I get to update you now ...

Overall winner: Elie from Kestrel for her accomplished Cello solo

Bravery Award: Cheri-Ann in Thames who brilliantly performed a Whitney Huston classic

Most Unique Act: Shayan from Osprey who gave a mesmerising performance on his Indian drums

Best group performance: Y6 ACRO from Curlew who performed acrobatic dance skilfully and beautifully.

Staff vote winner: Poppy Lou and Kali for their stunning duet of 'Dance Monkey'

Coming Soon

I now have a team for my Newsletter! As part of our commitment to developing 'learners as leaders', I was thrilled to come across an underground newspaper being run by some of our Year 6 children. I have convinced them to join the official newsletter and they will be contributing to future editions. So, I will hand over to them to tell you more ...

'Our headteacher, Ms Palmer, read the first issue of our newspaper and thought it would be nice if we wrote parts of the newsletter for you to read. We're excited to have had this chance to write in the school newsletter, and hope you enjoy it in future.'

Bethany, Azra, Sofi, Bryony and Olivia



I'm Bethany White and I am the Deputy Editor of the school newspaper. I enjoy creative activities and I love music. I am music captain for Waverley.

I hope you enjoy the school newsletter!



Hi! I'm Sofi. Ever since I was little, I loved using technology and editing things so I'm pleased that I got the chance to be in the newsletter team. I'm in Osprey Class, Year 6. I am a Red Waverley House Captain (the best House ever!) My job in this newsletter is helping with the technology while typing it up and helping to edit it as well.



I'm Bryony Gillibrand. I am in curlew class year 6 . I really enjoy typing up stories and things like that. My job is to interview people for the newsletter and our newspaper, The Poppy!



Hi, my name is Azra Mavi. I'm in Year 6 Osprey. One of the many things on my bucket list is to interview someone famous and ask them my unique questions about themselves. For example, "If you had an unlimited budget, what would you buy for yourself and for others?" Luckily, my dream kind of came true when I interviewed Mr Farrugia! Here I am now, interviewing and writing about Garden Fields.



Hello, I'm Olivia Day from Osprey class. I am Harpenden's Sports Captain, my favourite sport is football. I like to get out and get active, sometimes I like to draw to keep me calm and I also create comics as I love reading them. My favourite season is Summer as it is a very beautiful season.

Reminder: Coronation Celebration next Friday



The poster features a blue and white striped border with a red, white, and blue bunting banner at the top. It includes the King Charles III Coronation logo and a 'CORONATION big lunch' banner. The main text is in a blue box: 'All children are invited to the Garden Fields Coronation Day Celebrations!'. Below this, it states 'When: Friday 5th May', 'Dress Code: Wear red, white and blue and a crown or tiara if you would like to. You can make, buy or draw your crown or make a donation to charity.', and 'What: We will have a celebratory lunch in our decorated lunch rooms, classroom based activities in the afternoon and throughout the week we will take part in The Big Help Out making a difference to the Garden Fields site, field and wildlife areas.' At the bottom, there are logos for 'The Big Help Out' and 'Lead a hand. Make a change.' with a recycling symbol.



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You can find a crown to colour in by visiting, <https://www.rct.uk/resources/pdf-pack-colour-a-crown>

Lastly and sadly ...

We are losing Steph Long our Head Chef. The children presented her with a bouquet of flowers and gave her a round of applause for all the brilliant cooking and friendly support she has given the school over the years. Steph is moving on to a new job working with children and we wish her lots of luck and happiness for the future.

Have a happy long weekend with your family and friends, see you on Tuesday.

Ms Palmer