

# CONIFERS PRIMARY SCHOOL



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## January Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers

With 2023 having started in earnest, I'm proud to say that the children have once again settled down to the 'nitty-gritty' of the new term, reasonably well.

A quick reminder that if you would like to 'keep a track' of what your child is learning, all Year Groups have posted their 'Topic Plan' on our school website, which can be accessed by following these links; from the Home Page, click on the coloured pencils which denote your child's Year Group, and then on the Topic Plan Cloud icon, or, alternatively, use the drop-down box from the top of our Home Page, click on, Pupil Pages, choose your child's Year Group from the menu and then, again, simply click on the Topic Plan Cloud icon. I am hoping that your child has already shared their learning experiences with you, however, if they remain tight-lipped about this, the Clouds will help you both support and question them on their daily activities.

As parents and as a school, you will be fully aware that reading is at the heart of the curriculum and we are doing everything that we can to promote both the joy and importance of this. You will know that our school library was completed redesigned last term by Miss West, our English Lead, and many of you took the opportunity to spend some time, with your children, experiencing and exploring that new environment. At Conifers, we appreciate that some children may need some encouragement to read more frequently, and to this end, we have already completed our whole school 'extreme' reading competition, and our trek to The North Pole, which took the children through places such as Pirates World and Superhero Land. Watch this space for more reading competitions to come and please, in the interim, continue to support your children at home by either reading to them as often as possible, or listening to them read to you.

A continued focus of the school is Learning Outside the Classroom (LOT) and although this can be a little 'nippy' and damp, at this time of year - staff continue with their endeavours of offering the children opportunities to contextualise their learning with 'real-world' experiences, and despite the odd grumble about the cold, everyone is wrapping up and getting stuck in! Please remember to insist your child brings their coat to school during these chilly and inclement months, as despite the stigma of it 'not being cool', it is however, necessary for their comfort and well-being.

In keeping with the theme above, I'd like to end by thanking our Year 6 staff for taking their classes to the Bovington Tank Museum last week, to help the children cement their learning around their current World War II project. All the children were extremely excited to share their experiences with me as they alighted from the coach, so it was definitely worth the time out of school! I hope you too, were also regaled with tales of their experience.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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## Bovington Tank Museum

Year 6 have loved learning all about Britain at War. We have had lots of amazing opportunities including a trip, an online learning opportunity about the Holocaust and a visit from SSgt Cope. During SSgt Cope's visit, he showed the children his medals, uniform and lots of pictures on what it is like to be in the army and serve his country. The children have the opportunity to ask lots of important questions and are excited for another visit. We were also lucky enough to visit The Bovington Tank Museum as part of our WWII topic. The children loved looking at all of the tanks and even building one of their own! They were also able to learn about the roles of people during WWII and experience the terrifying trenches of WWI.



## BASKETBALL NEWS



### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Charlie B-D, Chase B, Finlay N, Luke W, Luke R, Riley-J R & Alfie S(Pictured) - our Year 6 basketball team who, after 4 wins, 2 draws and a loss, were runners up at the District Basketball competition at Atlantic Academy.

## CONIFERS PRIMARY DOMINATE ONCE AGAIN

At the district cross country championships, 6 of the 8 available trophies returned to Conifers in a result which mirrored the success of last year. Massive congratulations to the whole team. Result details were as follows:

### Year 3/4 Boys

**A TEAM - 1ST OVERALL**

Oliver G-A - 1st

Jake D - 4th

Daniel B H - 6th

Samuel H - 7th

**B TEAM - 1ST OVERALL**

Caleb P - 14th

Ewan B - 15th

Jack D - 16th

Alex C - 21st

**OTHER RUNNERS**

Leon C - 22nd

charlie T - 25th

Charlie D - 26th

Seth T - 32nd

Henry D - 34th

Erik R - 37th

### Year 3/4 Girls

**A TEAM - 1ST OVERALL**

Leylah B - 4th

Alice S - 7th

Delilah R D - 8th

Eleanor W- 12th

**B TEAM - 1ST OVERALL**

Madiha I - 21st

Naseera A - 23rd

Selina-May B - 28th

Emma M - 30th

### Year 5/6 Boys

**A TEAM - 3RD OVERALL**

Chase B - 11th

Noah P - 18th

Ashton B - 20th

Sunny C - 25th

**B TEAM - 2ND OVERALL**

Ryan B - 28th

Liam M - 29th

Alfie S - 33rd

Keon M - 36<sup>th</sup>



## OTHER RUNNERS

Luke S - 39th

Dexter V - 40th

Finlay N - 44th

Alfie D - 45th

## Year 5/6 Girls

### A TEAM - 1ST OVERALL

Amber A - 2nd

Tia B - 4th

Eliza T - 5th

Rosie T - 11th

### A TEAM - 1ST OVERALL

Grace H - 14th

Lexi C - 15th

Phoebe R - 17th

Ebonie-Mae B - 26th

Florence D - 28th

Isla W - 31st

## Parking

At the beginning and end of the school day, certain cars are parking over Zig-Zag markings and on the Double Yellow Lines outside of the School which causes issues with other road users. Cars are also parking in Restricted Areas and over neighbouring resident's driveways. There are clear signs requesting 'No' or 'Restricted Parking' in these areas. We would be grateful if you could adhere to these signs, park with consideration for our immediate neighbours and all school users and, in doing so, keep our children safe, thank you.

## Half Term

**School finishes for February half term on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February at normal time, thank you.**

