

Launton C of E School Newsletter

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We have been learning about a German artist call Maria Sibylla Merian who was born in 1647. She was a pioneer in scientific illustration. She used water colours. She travelled for her work and visited Surinam with her daughter. She has inspired us do art work both at home and in school. we also looked at. Art work by Rosalind Monks. She is a contemporary artist who draws flora and fauna. Instead of doing it in a lifelike style she uses a black pen to fill it with patterns. She travelled for her art as well and originally came from Switzerland. Report and work by Ella, Sophia, Adriana, Miles and Rupert.



Discover

Tick-off **50 fantastic things** for you and your child to experience together.

50 Things To Do Before You're Five gives you 50 activities that parents and carers can support their children to try out and repeat. Each of the 50 Things have been carefully developed by education experts and early years practitioners following consultation with parents.

[https://oxfordshire.50thingstodo.org/app/os#!/welcome50 Things To Do](https://oxfordshire.50thingstodo.org/app/os#!/welcome50ThingsToDo)



AN INVITATION FROM ST MARY'S

All are warmly invited to our next **ALL WELCOME FAMILY SERVICE** In Church on 1 October at 11.00am This will be our **HARVEST SERVICE** when we will be collecting tinned foods for Bicester Food Bank

Message from the PTA

Rags2Riches4School collection

Thursday 12th October.

Please leave your filled donation bags in the school front garden by 8.45am.

Donations bags have been sent home in book bags but other tied bags are also fine. There is no requirement to fill a whole bag, even one or two items will help towards our total. Don't forget to ask family, friends and neighbours too. The more we donate the more we raise!

Full details of what can be donated can be found here

<https://rags2riches4schools.co.uk/what-we-collect/>

REQUEST FOR RAFFLE PRIZES

Please get in touch if you or your place of work are able to provide a prize for the autumn raffle. It can be anything from tickets to a local attraction, a voucher for a local business or items for a hamper or products from the business. Thank you in advance.

Tickets for the autumn raffle will be on sale after half term. Look out for dates when tickets will be available at the school gate. It will be drawn at the Family Barn Dance on Saturday 11th November and non-attending winners will be notified the day after.

The trustees this year are;

Chair: Victoria Brandham

Vice Chair: Lucy Crawford
Secretary: Sarah Harrison

Treasurer: Laura Pickering & Laura Smith



Updates & Reminders

Themed Lunch Day – Thursday 5th October

The menu for next Thursday has been changed to a theme day, you will receive an email today with the new menu and instructions on what you need to do if you have already ordered a meal for Thursday and what to do if you want to add your child to the list for a meal.

Year 6 Secondary School Open Evenings

The Cooper School – Thursday 28th September 5-7pm [More information](#)

The Bicester School – Thursday 5th October 6-8pm [More information](#)

**Year 6 Secondary School Applications now open,
closing date for applications – 31st October 2023**

[Secondary School Applications](#)

Advance notice of dates

Parent- teacher meetings- Monday 9th, Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th October. Booking will be available on the school website from Friday 29th September. If you are unable to log into your parent account, please contact the school office by email before next Friday.

Tuesday 3rd October- individual photographs for children in all classes.

Friday 15th December – Nativity performances in the morning by Ash, Rowan and Willow Classes. Information to follow after half term.

In other news

Here is the NHS [Is my child too ill for school](#) information.

As parents and carers, there are ways we can support our children to give them the best chance to stay mentally healthy. Encouraging and guiding a child to think about their own mental health and wellbeing are vital skills you can teach them from a young age. [Children's mental health - Every mind matters](#)

Remember: Please be aware that we have children in school with **serious food allergies**. To ensure the safety of all of our children please avoid sending your child to school with anything that contains nuts this includes sandwiches containing peanut butter or chocolate spread.