

# Wychwood C.E. Primary School

There was a real buzz of excitement at Wychwood C.E. Primary School, as the plans for the new 'Learning Zone' were revealed to pupils and parents. The zone will be a fully interactive and open-plan space incorporating library resources, up-to-minute IT equipment and a creative area, an inspirational place for all children, fostering independent learning and thinking.



## A Learning Zone for All

The area will be openly available to all children, from those who are gifted and talented through to those with special educational needs. It will be a sensory place where the children can discover and develop their own special talents: effectively a special place of learning and exploration, a place for the children to work on their own initiative and yet a place where all children can participate in new technologies and support each other in their investigation and understanding of that brave new world.

However, we also plan to extend the use of the facilities beyond the school day, inviting parents to work alongside their children in after-school workshops, providing access to technology for those who do not have them at home. Planning and funding is now well underway, with around half of the money needed to refurbish and equip the zone now raised. The school PTA has funded the purchase

of both a class set of I pads and a state of the art projector which will project images onto any surface - be it the floor, ceiling or wall, and we hope to have these in school soon. However, the fundraising is ongoing as there are many other resources to be purchased, from library shelving and books, to tables and chairs and beanbags, to a 'green screen' video

camera. Watch out for further information about our fundraising events around the village, but if there is anyone in the community who feels they would like to support this exciting project either by a personal donation or supplying equipment, or if you would like more information, please contact the school office on: 01993 830059 or email [office.3257@wychwood-pri.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.3257@wychwood-pri.oxon.sch.uk)

## Healthy Schools Week

We started the year promoting a healthy lifestyle. We had visits from Mr T Bigg, the local dentist, and the school nurse. The Life Bus came and taught the younger children about the importance of making good choices and Thames Training delivered a first aid course to the Y5 and Y6 children. All of the pupils (and many parents) eagerly participated in the morning 'Wake and Shake' sessions. The whole school took part in the sponsored 'Jump Rope for Heart' activity and we were pleased to have raised just over £1,000 for the British Heart Foundation.

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