

OUR COMMUNITY

Our school is an important part of the thriving and dynamic village of Kennington and we have strong links with our local community. We regularly have parents coming into school to help with reading, cycle training, visits and a wide variety of curriculum areas.

Visitors come into school regularly to work with the children and to help bring our curriculum to life. During 2013, lots of parents came into school during our Science Week to talk with the children about their science-related jobs. The children discovered just some of the many ways in which science is used in everyday life. They learned some amazing facts and had great fun along the way!

Visitors from a wide variety of community organisations work with our school on an ongoing and regular basis. The school nurse does presentations with the children and we have visits from the police and the fire and rescue service. Each month, classes take it in turns to produce a report for the village magazine, The Kennington Chronicle. Children from our handbell club have performed, and our choir, 'Singing Squad', has sung to entertain the residents of a local care home. Children and many of their parents take part in the annual Fun Run to raise money for Kennington Overseas Aid, a long-established village organisation which supports a variety of international aid projects.

We use visits into the local and wider community to enrich the children's experiences. Children in Saplings (our Early Years Unit) regularly visit our local woods for Forest School. We are fortunate in being only a short bus ride away from the centre of Oxford, so we are able to take advantage of the wealth of museums and galleries it offers. In September 2013, we started our school year with every class from Reception to Year 6 visiting the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford as part of our whole-school 'Take One Object' topic.

Our children visit St Swithun's Church in the village for school church services, to celebrate key Christian festivals and the clergy visit us in school to lead assembly or to work with classes.

We work with the village Fairtrade team, and are aiming to achieve Fairtrade status for our school.

We are always looking for new and interesting ways to involve the local and wider community in the children's everyday school experiences.

