

Oxspring News

Newsletter for Oxspring Primary School

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From Mrs Irwin— I am delighted to welcome everyone back to the start of a new school year at Oxspring! It has also been wonderful to say a huge 'hello' to our new starter children and their parents / carers. Your child / children are an absolute credit to you and I have been incredibly impressed by the way that everyone has settled in so beautifully! The F2 children are already displaying exemplary manners which the lunchtime staff have specifically commented on. I look forward to getting to know you as we share your child's learning journey through Oxspring together. Well done to all our other children who have also started the new year so well. The positive attitudes and growth mindset thinking continue to flourish and the 'buzz for learning' can be felt in abundance! I am looking forward to the exciting term ahead!

TOPICS—For your information, the children are currently learning about the following topics this half term:



Class 1 – The Gruffalo and other Julia Donaldson stories

Class 2 – Giants

Class 3 and 4 – The Ancient Greeks ;

Class 5— Communication

If you have (or know anyone who has) any particular knowledge or skills linked to any of our topics this half term (or any resources) and are interested in sharing them with us, please get in touch! We would be delighted to hear from you.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT -

We would like to say a very huge 'WELL DONE' to William and Seb S. who completed a 10k walk for Walk Forwards for Sheffield Hospitals' Charity

last Sunday morning, with their mum. The boys did very well and managed to complete the full walk! Along with the boys' family, we are incredibly proud of their achievements. Here is a photo of William and Seb wearing their t-shirts.



Well done also to our very own Mrs Carmichael for completing the Great North Run on Sunday in the amazing time of 1 hour 40 minutes! She took part in order to raise funds for the wonderful work of the Barnsley Hospice. We would also like to say congratulations to Mrs Chambers who completed the Great North Run too!

EXCELLENT LEARNERS (8.9.17)



Meet our first excellent learners of the school year who should be very proud of their achievements. The teachers choose one child for showing a positive attitude towards learning in any aspect of the curriculum, as well as a second child for being a 'hot shot writer' (HSW). The HSW award goes to children who have shown excellent effort and progress in their writing, along with an impressive application of writing skills.

Class 1: Eliza A—For super writing of her wish! (HSW)

Seb S— For excellent counting.

Class 2: Maggie O—For reading her super writing aloud to the rest of the class.(HSW)

Owen G— For settling into class so well.

Class 3: Sam J—For writing a fantastic description of King Midas and his gold! (HSW)

Rhea S—For a superb start to the year!

Class 4: Sonny C—For using adjectives, powerful verbs and adverbs to enhance his story. (HSW)

Jacob H—For superb work in art, beginning to use pen and ink.

Class 5: Rosie S—For a brilliantly vivid character profile. (HSW)

Rowern P—For a wonderfully positive start to his Y6 learning!

REDS IN THE COMMUNITY— Next Thursday 21st September is the re-scheduled sponsored Reds in the Community fundraiser. We really hope that you can help by sponsoring your child / children to take part in the penalty shoot. The proceeds raised will be shared equally between school and the valuable work done by the Reds' school support team, which we will continue to benefit from throughout the year.

ATTENDANCE— Well done to Class 1 and 5 for achieving the highest attendance of 100% in our very first week of the school year!



Super start! Thank you to everyone in both classes! Class 3 came next with 98.8% , followed closely by Class 2 with 98.4%. Finally Class 4 achieved 97%. Could we please remind parents that all children are encouraged to arrive for morning learning at **8.45am**, in order to maximise learning opportunities. We are delighted that the majority of children in all classes arrive for this beneficial start to the day. Please also note that the register is taken at **8.55am** and arrival after this time will result in a late mark. Many thanks for your support and understanding.

ROVING REPORTERS (Here you can find out the news about what is happening in and around school from our fabulous 'roving reporters' in Class 5!)



Class 1 - Class 1 have been having a lovely second week at school as they have been getting used to the new activities such as their little playground, the sandpit and the model area. They have also been getting used to new routines, including what to do at lunchtime, playtime and home time. On Roald Dahl Day, the children listened to the Enormous Crocodile story and they also learnt to sing a song about the crocodile. Since the crocodile is always hungry, they even planned a meal for him! (By George and Sam)

Class 2 - In maths, Class 2 have been learning about place value including tens and ones (which they call chips and peas). They have also written an exciting story about Jack and the Beanstalk. Interestingly, a giant came in to visit them and they had to write to Mrs Irwin to tell her about it! Class 2 have been practising ball skills to get even better than they already are in their PE sessions. The children also completed another exciting activity which involved looking for flowers in the school garden. Some flowers were lilies, sunflowers, buddleias and rhododendrons. Finally in art the completed self-portraits. (by Lucy and Rosie S.)

Class 3 - Class 3 have been writing their own version of stories about King Midas and his golden touch, but with a twist. Instead of turning everything into gold, the King made things into chocolate or sweets. Maths has been very exciting, as they have been exploring place value and completing maths challenges! In Science, the children have been trying to figure out friction and push and pull. In PE, Class 3 have been playing fun games! As part of their topic work, they have been making vases in art. (By Ava and Molly)

Class 4 - During maths, Class 4 have been working on rounding and comparing numbers. They have also been doing a fabulous story about Heracles in their English work, but in their story they had to include noun phrases and adverbial phrases. In their PE lessons, inspired by the Ancient Greeks, they have been developing their javelin and shot-put skills. To improve their artistic skills, they started working with pen and ink. (By Will & Jack)

Class 5 - We have been writing epic pirate stories in our brilliant English lessons. These are in the style of Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stephenson. During our maths lessons, we have been rounding challenging numbers - the hardest rounding ever! We have been doing awesome art with amazing Mrs Irwin, which included learning how to add tone, dimension and texture to pencil sketches. During PE we have been practising our football skills! (By Hugo and Oliver)

GARDEN NEWS—We are delighted to announce that our beautiful Oxspring Garden has won gold again this year in the Royal Horticultural Society awards! Not only that, but the children have also been awarded a special outstanding small community award for the garden! Many thanks for the fantastic and inspirational hard work from Mrs Gratton-Rayson and her super team of helpers! Mrs Gratton-Rayson has also managed to ensure that Oxspring village has got a top award also of level 5 outstanding! See the full update next week. Fantastic news!

ROALD DAHL DAY— Many thanks to everyone for another fabulous effort with their Roald Dahl day costumes this week. Everyone looked brilliant and had an enjoyable day appreciating



Roald Dahl's stories across school! Your generous donations have managed to raise £101 for the worthwhile 'Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity' which helps to make life better for seriously ill children in the UK.

HEALTH, FITNESS AND WELLBEING—

Throughout this year, we will continue to extend and enhance opportunities to improve our children's health, fitness and wellbeing. Our goal is to further enhance our provision for a wider range of activities and events both within and beyond the school day. Our daily mile will continue to take place, along with regular morning and after school events. We are also very keen to enhance our sports provision and continue to



source opportunities for enrichment and extra curricular activities. In the next few weeks, we will be setting up a working party to support us with this development work, which will include children and parents. Further details will be sent out shortly. In the meantime, many thanks to the parents and children who attended to our very first 'Fit Friday' of the year last week! It was lovely to see so many new starters taking part. We have also taken part in Jo Wick's Schools' Fitness Week this week, with children across school taking part in a body work out before assembly time!

NATIONAL CODING WEEK—A focus for development throughout this year will be on enhancing our computing curriculum and improving resources. As next week is National Coding Week, we would like to invite parents / carers and children to come along on **Friday 22nd September from 8.15 am** in the Hall to take part in a fun 'Start the Day with Coding' session. If any parents or family members have any particular skills, knowledge or interest in coding (or in computing generally) and would be keen to help out (either next week or throughout the school year) could you please contact Mr West or the school office. Your help would be very greatly appreciated!

Dates for your diary:

- ⇒ **Reds in the community sponsored event on Thursday 21st September**
- ⇒ **Friday 22nd September at 8.15am is Start the day with coding for parents / children in the Hall**
- ⇒ **Week beginning Monday 25th September is the start of British Food Fortnight. If any parents or family members would be interested in helping out with cooking / baking sessions please contact the school office.**

Wishing you a lovely and safe weekend from all the staff and governors at Oxspring.