

Oxspring News

Newsletter for Oxspring Primary School

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From Mrs Irwin— I can't believe that we are now in the final half term of the academic year! Time seems to be whizzing by and there has been so much happening already in and around school. The children in Class 3 and 4 had an absolutely wonderful Roman Day last week and the feedback has been impressive. A massive thanks must go to the PTA for their contribution towards this day, which has really impacted positively on the children's learning! Further details can be found overleaf. I was also very privileged once more to accompany our lovely Year 6 pupils on the end of year visit to Flamingoland. It was a really special day and some wonderful memories were made (details also overleaf). I am keeping my fingers well and truly crossed that the sun shines on us for our Duck Race tomorrow from 6pm at Bower Dell. Hope to see you there - I will be the one in the river in my waders! Wishing you a very enjoyable weekend.



CRICKET— On Tuesday we went to play cricket at Silkstone.

We had 10 people in our team, but we had to play 8 a side. We played three



matches, lost one, drew one and won one.

We were very happy to win our last game. We nearly got to the finals, but sadly we didn't quite have enough runs, even though we scored lots of fours and sixes. (By Jake and Harley)



SCHOOLS' YORKSHIRE TOUR— Many thanks to the children and parents who took

part in the Schools' Yorkshire Tour which came through Penistone and Oxspring on Tuesday along the Trans Pennine Trail, on its way to



Thurgoland and then onwards. 95

schools across Yorkshire took part in the relay,



which will cover a total distance of 395km (245 miles). So well done

Oxspring for being involved in the first event of this kind! You did us proud! Congratulations also to Sarah T. in Class 5 who designed the winning banner, which now has pride of place outside of school!

EXCELLENT LEARNERS - 16.6.17

Meet this week's excellent learners 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 reading champion (RC). The photograph will be in next week's newsletter!

Class 1: Isaac S—For fantastic effort in his new phonics group.

Eliza A— For using her phonics skills well during reading and recognising key words RC)

Class 2: Elise S—For writing a super diary entry as Captain Purplebeard!

Sam K— For being a fantastic phonics detective all week (RC)

Class 3: Sonny C—For being a super role model for everyone in school!

Scarlett T—For being so enthusiastic towards her reading! (RC)

Class 4: Luke C—For rising to the challenge in maths!

Miles U—For excellent contributions in guided reading. (RC)

Class 5: William T / Ben A—For fantastic use of technology for creating a story.

Jessica L—For superb expressive script reading. (RC)



CLASS TOPICS—For your information, the children are currently learning about the following topics this half term: **Class 1** – The Very Hungry Caterpillar **Class 2** – Pirates; **Class 3 and 4** – Complete

The Romans the Oxspring in Bloom; **Class 5—** Journey around Europe. 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!

ATTENDANCE—Attendance last week was as follows: **Class 1—100%** ; **Class 2—92.5%**; **Class 3—99.5%**; **Class 4—96.9%** ; **Class 5—96%**. **Excellent start Class 1!**

Overall attendance last half term: Class 1—97% ; **Class 2—97.3%**; **Class 3—94.4%**; **Class 4—95%** ; **Class 5—95.6%**. **Well done to Class 2, who were followed very closely by Class 1!**



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Class 1 - Class 1 have been using play-doh for matching numbers on leaves to numbers on eggs. Some children have been exploring money - they looked in their role play shop to see what they could buy. The class have also completed an obstacle course and had to add some numbers together, Elijah was the only one to find the total of 14. On the computers they all had a go at making symmetrical patterns. (By Charlotte and Macie)

Class 2 - Without spoiling the surprise, Class 2 have been making Fathers' Day cards by making a template of an owl! Teyha and Leah told us that it was lots of fun! They have also been learning about measuring and have been practising their times tables on the Ipad. The children have been learning some new dances in their PE sessions. They have written some excellent pirate captain diaries. (By Molly and Laura)

Class 3 - Class 3 have been planning newspaper reports about a Roman coming to Oxspring via a time machine and asking them to join the war! During Class 3's maths lessons they have been cracking codes by measuring lengths of things inside the classroom. Circuit training took place in Class 3's PE sessions. Finally, they have been finishing Roman posters in art. Class 3 have planned and shared their own assembly on their Romans topic. Jemima told us "I thought that was fun!" It was a really informative assembly. (By George and Will)

Class 4 - For their maths work, Class 4 have been challenged with tricky word problems on the subject of measuring. Another exciting lesson, was writing a letter to the 'Roman man' who came in for Class 4's Roman day. In topic the children are learning about the Roman legacy. PE. was a fun session of rounders! The class have also learned about different teeth types in their science work. In their R.E work Mrs Taylor came in to teach about citizenship. Ava told us "It was really fun because you could choose your personality." (By Jake A and Sam)

Class 5 - This week Class 5 have been learning about 3D shapes and their properties. "I have learnt what a hexagonal prism is!" explained Alice. In literacy the Year 6 pupils wrote about their trip to Flamingoland whilst the Year 5s used an app called 'Strip Design' to create a story. We also made an E-safety comic strip, along with learning about the evolution of humans with Mrs Taylor. (By Annabelle)



ROMAN DAY—Class 3 and 4 had an excellent visit from a 'Roman' last week as part of their topic work. The children spent the day

exploring daily life in Roman times, as well as finding out more about being a Roman soldier. The children gave lots of positive feedback about their learning. ..."My favourite part of Roman Day was learning about what the houses had in them." Jemima declared. "The battle in the hall was really cool." Sonny stated. Rhea confirmed that she learnt how the Romans had to wear wooden flip flops in the bath house because the floor was so hot. "I loved making the tortoise formation with our shields ready for battle. " Harvey announced. Finally Lucy proclaimed, " I enjoyed being a servant to Daisy!" Lucy. Class 3 and 4 would like to say a very big



THANKYOU to the PTA for contributing money towards the day!

Duck Race PTA DUCK RACE—We



are so excited for Friday's Duck Race! There will be lots going on! Don't miss your chance to drench Mr West in the stocks, win a coconut at the coconut shy, splat a rat and zoom down the inflatable slide! Chance your luck on the tombola or by guessing the number of marbles in the jar. There are toys and books to buy. Our BBQ will be serving hotdogs and burgers, a candy floss stall and of course a well stocked bar! Over 1000 plastic ducks will be racing their way down the river, trying to make it into the grand final. With the lucky winning ducks being greeted in the river by our own Mrs Irwin! Looking forward to seeing you all there, 6pm on Friday at Bower Dell!

PENISTONE X RUN—Well done to



the members of staff who took part in the Penistone X-Run on Saturday at the showground! The highlight of the event had to be seeing Mr West



covered in paint hurling himself down the huge inflatable slide!

FLAMINGOLAND VISIT—On Friday, the Year 6



children got the fantastic chance to visit Flamingoland.



Once we got there, we all split into groups with one adult each: there was Mr West, Mrs Irwin, Mrs Carmichael, Miss

Woolley and Mr Sykes. There was so much to do- a theme park, a zoo and a

water park! On Velocity (an extremely fast roller-coaster)



Jess screamed "This is so fast!" When we were just leaving, I said to



Lucy "Today has been well-spent!" She replied, " I think so too." It was the best trip ever! (By Alice H)



Dates for your diary:

⇒ Please remember it is Class 2's bun day on Friday (no nuts or nut based products please). Children to bring in 20p please to buy a bun.

⇒ Duck Race starts at 6pm in Bower Dell on Friday 16th June.

⇒ News starter parents' evening next Wednesday 21st June at 6pm

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