

Oxspring News

Newsletter for Oxspring Primary School

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From Mrs Irwin— I cannot quite believe we are approaching the final week of this academic year. This week has been an incredibly moving and proud one with the superb KS2 production, which was spectacular across the board. Further details can be seen below. The DT Day also showcased the fabulous teaching and learning across school. The presentation of the children's outcomes in an assembly at the end of the day illustrated the fantastic range of skills developed and applied through the day, along with the real sense of enjoyment and fun!

REPORTS— End of year reports will be sent out today, which details the progress and achievements which your child has made over the last year. In order to ensure that parents are clear about the format of the report, I have also written a letter outlining the information and terminology used within each report. A parents' comment slip is attached to your child's report, as we greatly welcome and value your feedback. Could you please return these to school by **Wednesday 19th July**. Many thanks.

PIRATES OF THE CURRY BEAN— Huge thanks to everyone who managed to attend the sensational KS2 performance of the 'Pirates of the Curry Bean' this week. The children were absolute superstars in every sense of the word and should be incredibly proud of their achievements. Mr West and the staff in KS2 did another amazing job at producing such a quality show! Thank you so much for all their incredible hard work, energy and passion!

Mrs Heggie, our Chair of Governors sent this lovely message which I would like to share....
'Just a note to say how much I enjoyed the concert dress rehearsal on Tuesday afternoon and I would be very grateful if you could pass on my heartfelt thanks and congratulations to the staff and children for all their hard work. I know how much effort goes into such productions and it was a magnificent demonstration of talent, confidence and maturity by the children. You, and their parents, must be very proud of them. Mention must also be made of Mr West's considerable endeavours in this, including a very effective disguise!'



EXCELLENT LEARNERS - 14.7.17



Meet this week's excellent learners (our final ones of this academic 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 reading champion (RC).

Class 1: Seb S—For careful and detailed work on DT day when designing and making his bookmark.

Owen G—For persevering when making his bookmark.

Aaron F— For being so excited about reading at home and trying really hard. RC)

Class 2: Jack C—For a huge improvement in his writing!

Ollie T— For trying so hard in his reading all year! (RC)

Class 3: Harvey W—For a great improvement in all his writing.

Daisy H -For great fluency in her reading. (RC)

Class 4: Kaitlin M—For superb design and creation in DT day!

Miles U—For (RC)

Class 5: Lucy W —For displaying a hidden talent for acting so brilliantly!

George D—For fabulously expressive reading. (RC)

CLASS ONE BUN DAY

On Monday 10th July, it is our final Bun Day of the year and it is the turn of Class 1. Please could we ask for no nuts or nut based products please. Children can bring in 20p to buy a bun.



every day counts

ATTEND TODAY -
ACHIEVE TOMORROW!

ATTENDANCE—

Attendance last week was as follows:

Class 1—100% ; Class 2—96.8% ; Class 3—92.6% ; Class 4—97.7% ; Class 5—99.6%. Excellent Class 1!

Roving Reporters

Class 1 - This week in Class 1 they have been very busy. Firstly, they have been writing in their journals and writing about their ladybugs. Furthermore, in maths they have been singing songs about the days of the week and throwing and catching a ball to help them remember them in order. Also, some children have been practising their number bonds using the Numicon to help them. On DT day, they made some outstanding bug book marks. As you might know it was the KS2 play this week and the younger ones watched it. Last but not least they have been learning about caterpillars. (By Hazel and Charlotte)

Class 2 - In Maths, Class 2 have been learning, using quizzes. They have also been learning about size and measurements using different sized robots. The aim was to make as many different combinations of size as they could.

"Me and Lily managed to get 21 different sized robots," exclaimed Amy proudly. In addition, Class 2 have written about their exciting experience from DT (Design Technology) Day. Plus, they have been dancing in the style of pirates. To do this, they attempted the Mexican wave and sword fight poses! In Topic they have been learning about plants and using their senses by putting items on the floor and identifying them by touching them. Finally, they made their own crop farms in topic work. (By George D And Will T)

Class 3 - In Class 3 they have been making straw bridges that had to hold 700g. It was called an aqua duct and they had to pour water through the straws. They had to use cling film to make it waterproof. In science they have been learning about teeth. Miles explained, "The canines help slice up foods." Everyone practised the play and here are some quotes that people said: "It was loads of fun!" Jemima exclaimed. "It was really good and I loved it!" Alex described. "I think the play was the best one yet!" Louie happily said. Moving on from after the play, they wrote the story of the Pirates of the Curry Bean in 100 words or less. (By Annabelle and Molly)

Class 4 - The pupils of Class 4 were learning about factors and they have been multiplying 3 numbers at a time! On DT (design technology) day Class 4 were challenged to make either a wallet or a pencil case for Harry Potter. In their English work they wrote a narrative poem about Harry Potter, as well as watching it! In PE Class 4 went down to the field to play a game of rounders. (By Jake A and Sam)

Class 5 - On Monday Class 5 spent time with Classes 3 and 4 choreographing two of the dances for the Pirates of The Curry Bean performance. They also started collecting ideas for a theme park. The next day they preformed the play for the first time in front of an audience On DT day Class 5 recreated the famous Millie's cookies and created boxes for them to go into. On Thursday they had a relaxing time in the morning (!) and finished off artwork with Mrs Irwin in the afternoon! On Friday they had a finishing off session. (By Joe)

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY DAY— Throughout DT day, each class were set a DT challenge, which resulted in each child planning, designing, making, testing, reviewing and evaluating their work. At the end of the day, we had a whole school assembly so that the children could share their outcomes Charlotte in Class 5 explained, 'We did different things in groups. First people made a prototype cookie box. We had to fold it to make it look like a real box. After that we made a real box ready for our cookies. When we made our cookies, we used a recipe from Millie's cookies using flour, vanilla extract, white and brown sugar, and an egg. Then, we added chocolate buttons, caramel buttons, Smarties or fudge. We baked them, and the classroom smelt lovely! When we came out we were allowed to eat one, then take the rest home in our box. They were delicious!' Children in Class 1 designed a bug bookmark, Class 2 created eye patches for pirates, Class 3 designed and built an aqua duct and Class 4 designed and made wallet / pencil cases for Harry Potter.

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY DAY continued—



Miss Grobler explained that Class 2 spent the day designing and making fashionable eye patches for pirates. We had lots of different colours and materials to choose from! Some children found the sewing tricky, but we all persevered! The children's results were very impressive and a clear progression of skills could be seen throughout school.



Dates for your diary:

- ⇒ Please remember it is Class 1's bun day on Monday (no nuts or nut based products please). Children to bring in 20p please to buy a bun.
- ⇒ Duck Summer Disco on Monday 17th July from 6.30—8pm. Tickets cost £2.00 and includes entry and refreshments.
- ⇒ PTA meeting at 2.30pm in school on Tuesday 18th July
- ⇒ The choir will be performing at the 'Pop In' at St Aidan's Church on Wednesday 19th July at 2.30pm.
- ⇒ Thursday 20th July our final Oxspring Mile of the year on the trail for children, parents / carers, grandparents etc! Class 3, 4 and 5 at 9.05am, followed by Class 1 and 2 at 9.15am. We hope to see you there!
- ⇒ We are also holding our fun day on Thursday 20th July (am) where the children will work in teams to carry out a range of sporting activities in the outdoor areas around school. Outdoor PE kit will be required for this please.
- ⇒ Thursday 20th July—Year 6 'Oxspars' evening @7pm
- ⇒ Friday 21st July—Year 6 Leavers' assembly @2.30pm

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