

Oxspring News

Newsletter for Oxspring Primary School

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From Mrs Irwin— Incredibly, it is only one week to go until our Christmas fair! Many thanks for the wonderful donations of raffle prizes / tombola gifts and items for the stalls! It never ceases to amaze me at just how generous our parents, families and members of the community are—not only towards our own fundraising, but to the range of charity events over the year (see information below about the Poppy appeal and Children in Need). Thank you so much for very kind generosity and for helping to make a difference! As you will see in this week's newsletter, it has been the usual busy time in and around school! Wishing you a very warm and safe weekend. I look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Fair next Friday!

CHILDREN IN NEED— It was great to see everyone get into the spirit of Children in Need day last Friday! Many thanks to everyone for your generous donations. We managed to raise an incredible £106!



POPPY APPEAL—We are delighted to announce that we also raised an incredible **£148.26** for the Poppy appeal. Thank you once again for your very kind generosity!



BIKEABILITY—Last week, the Year 6 pupils got to do Bikeability. Bikeability is for a week where the children get to learn about how to ride their bikes safely on the road. They get taught how to do U-Turns, both left and right signals, riding up and down steep hills and even causing traffic for each other, as well as having cars going up and down the roads. The instructors were very passionate about us riding our bike well but safely. The first day was just a try out for the instructors to see if we were able to go on the roads. We went round our play ground in a certain route. Firstly, we rode round in circles, then we went up the slope and back down, then we did signals. At first, some people weren't that sure about signals but everyone managed to do them by the end. The rest of the days we were on the road in Toll Bar Close. We did U-Turns on the 2nd day, U-Turns on the 3rd day as well as left signals, on the 4th day, we did the same as the 3rd day but we did right hand signals as well! On the last day, we rode down the hill, up the hill, both signals, U-Turns and we caused traffic for each other. All the Y6's loved it and wished that they could do it another week. (by Rebecca M)

ATTENDANCE— Well done to Class 2 for achieving the highest attendance of 100 % last week! Superb! Class 1 came next with 98% , followed by Class 3 with 97.5% and Class 4 with 96.8%. Finally Class 5 achieved 95.6%.



EXCELLENT LEARNERS - 24.11.17



Meet our 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 '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: Eva C—For amazing progress in her handwriting since starting school in September (HSW)

Greta H— For excellent participation in our Nativity rehearsals

Class 2: Benjamin T—For always using his imagination in his writing (HSW)

Phoebe T— For an excellent attitude in maths!

Class 3: Lily M —For writing a super biography

Sam J—For such good working attitude an ALL subjects!

Class 4: Alfie D—For an excellent narrative piece

Joe T —For his excellent art work.

Class 5: Ava S - For a fabulous newspaper article (HSW)

Jack H—For an excellent protest letter (HSW)

Rosie S—For superbly precise shape mastery work.

SPACE CENTRE VISIT—

On Monday the 20th November , Class 3 and 4 went to the Space Centre at Leicester.

When we got there, the first thing we did was to go to the space base 'Tranquility'. Then, our group went into a booth and recorded a weather report and it was so funny!. The last thing we did was visit the planetarium. The planetarium seemed to be everybody's favourite experience. We had an awesome day and learnt so much about our topic! (By Connie Taylor- Flynn)



ROVING REPORTERS



Class 1 - Class 1 have been learning about aeroplanes as part of their topic about the Arctic. On Wednesday afternoon they actually went on an aeroplane (in the school hall!!) and travelled to the Arctic. They said they had grapes, biscuits, milk and some people had water. Also, class one stated it was very cold in the arctic. Secondly class one have been learning about 3D shapes. All of them have been working hard on the Christmas nativity. Finally, class one have been writing books about the Arctic. (By Hana and Luke)

Class 2 - In literacy this week, Class 2 have been writing a football match report commentary on Barnsley FC. They have also have been learning the 2, 5 and 10 times tables in maths. In PE, they have been jumping in lots of ways. Topic work has involved the pupils comparing Barnsley from when it was in the olden days to now. Finally, in RE they now know that in Judaism they pray in a synagogue. (By Rosie B and Rosie S)

Class 3 - On Monday, Class 3 went on an extraordinarily amazing journey to the Space Centre at Leicester, with Class 4. "We saw 2 real rockets in a glass jar!" Lucas excitedly told us. Now back to the other stuff for their maths, they have been using their brains to figure out division and multiplying in the 3's, 4's and the 8's times tables. For literacy, they wrote an amazing biography about the famous astronaut Tim Peake and an exciting space poem. Finally, Class 3 went into Mrs Rolling's class to learn about planet drawings and they finished off the space drawings which looks fabulous. (By Jack and Will)

Class 4 - Class 4 have had a busy but exciting week. They have been very active by practising their basketball skills. They also went to the Space Centre and enjoyed all the sights. Eddie exclaimed, 'The planetarium was really funny but you could not balance afterwards!' As part of their art, they have been experimenting with chalk pastels to draw the solar system. They have been multi-tasking with IT and Science all in one lesson! This was by researching the solar system on the computers and iPads. They have been extending their language with descriptive writing about the man on the moon. Finally, class 4 have investigated with dividing and multiplying by 10, 100 and 1000. (By Ava and Lucy)

Class 5 - Class 5 have been frying their brains this week by trying to answer the almost impossible questions about shape! They tried their hardest at this, and ultimately succeeded! Class 5 have had fun in English with Year 5 researching and then writing about their favourite animals but Year 6 on the other hand have been writing about their day at Crucial Crew. In PE, Class 5 have been battling each other (not literally) to win the game and succeed to become the ultimate champions. Year 5 have been having fun on SKETCHUP 8 while the Y6 pupils were at Crucial Crew. (By Thomas K)

CRUCIAL CREW— On Wednesday 22nd November all the Year 6 pupils went to Crucial Crew in Hellaby. When we first stepped onto the Crucial Crew set it felt amazing and like we were actors. At first I felt nervous because I didn't know what we were going to be doing! The set was outstanding and looked real! he first pretend building we went in was the internet café. In the café we learnt what different ways people can get bullied and what it can lead to. In the court room we learnt the different types of court and what different people there are in court. I pretended to be the legal advisor, Jack and Molly were the magistrates, Ava was the defendant officer, Ben was the youth defendant team and Oliver was the crown prosecutor. Also, Sarah was the criminal's parent, Sam was the criminal and Rowern was the Usher. It was a great fun day and we learnt so much about safety and the law. (by Pearl O)



KS1 CHRISTMAS

PERFORMANCE— Tickets for the Christmas performance (on Tuesday 12th December at 2.15pm and Wednesday 13th December at 6.30pm) will be on sale from **Monday 4th December**. Watch this space for further details please.

JUDO TASTER SESSIONS— We are delighted to report that we have managed to arrange Judo taster sessions for each class. These will take place on **Monday 27th November (am)**. **PE kits will be required for this event please.**



PUPIL PARLIAMENT - Last Friday, our ten Pupil Parliament members visited Barnsley Town Hall to speak to Cllr Jeff Ennis about his role as The Mayor of Barnsley. The children were given a tour of the Town Hall and were told some historical facts about it. They were then allowed into the council chambers where they asked the mayor questions using the microphones. He told the children that meetings usually lasted about two hours, although the longest one lasted for eighteen hours! It was a very informative visit which will hopefully help the children carry out their duties as MPs in school. Many thanks to Mr Cassidy (Governor) for arranging the visit and to Mrs Marsden, Mrs Rolling and the group of parents for their help with the visit.



PTA UPDATE -Christmas is coming! Our Fair is just a week away. Thanks to everyone who has bought and sold raffle tickets, and for all our wonderful prize donations too, our first prize is a luxury Waitrose hamper, kindly donated by Real Property Finance. Preparations are going well, we look forward to receiving your tombola, toy, book and soft toy donations throughout next week, with baked goods eagerly received on Friday morning. If anyone has a little time to spare and would like to help us setting up the fair throughout the day on Friday, by manning a stall, or aiding us with tidying up after the event, it would be hugely appreciated. But most of all we look forward to seeing you all there on Friday evening at 6pm, with the school choir kicking us off in style performing in the play ground. Then join us inside the infant block for our Christmas Market Place and Santa's Grotto, in the main hall for stalls galore and in classroom 5 for fine food and drink. The wonderful food this year is being very kindly donated and prepared by Pete of Bank View Cafe, we can't thank him enough for his generosity. So please do come along and enjoy a fantastically festive evening and help us raise as much money as we can for our fundraising project, Programming Pupils - Making IT Happen!

Dates for your diary:

- ⇒ **Fit Friday = 1st December @ 8.15 am in the Hall / also Class 4 Bun Day**
- ⇒ **Christmas fair Friday 1st December opens at 6pm. Choir performing at 5.50pm.**
- ⇒ **KS1 Christmas performance—Tuesday 12th December @ 2.15pm and Wednesday 13th December @ 6.30pm**
- ⇒ **Friday 15th December is Christmas Jumper Day / School visit to Penistone Paramount at 12.45pm to 3.30pm**

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