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Oxspring News

Newsletter for Oxspring Primary School

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From Mrs Irwin— The result of the money raised from our annual Duck Race is simply amazing (please see overleaf for the final total). Words don't seem enough to express how grateful we are! Such a fantastic community event led by the most amazing PTA, family members and friends of school! The amount of work that goes into such a huge event is incredible and weeks are spent in preparation and organisation. The outcome last Friday was just phenomenal! The spectacle of the new style Duck Race at the end was superb and the wonderful prizes added to the excitement. Enormous thanks to every single person who made last week possible— such a huge success and another memorable Oxspring experience. Massive thanks also to everyone for their very generous donations. We might be a small school but our wonderful PTA and community have a BIG heart! Our children are incredibly lucky! Wishing you a lovely weekend!



ROVING REPORTERS

Class 1 - Firstly, the children received a visit from 'Snowdrop the Snake' thanks to Ms Steel. Next, the children have been painting pictures of beach scenes and beach huts using paints and collage materials. The class have also been writing about what they're good at, what they want to be good at and what they like about school. Next, the pupils have been looking at how seascapes have changed over the last 150 years. Finally in maths, Class 1 have been learning about O'clock times. (By George)

Class 2 - During literacy, Class 2 have been writing about the chocolate factory from 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. They have described the chocolate room and the chocolate river. In maths they have been adding and subtracting numbers and have also described 3d and 2d shapes by saying how many vertices and corners the shape has. They have also written a Brazil report and also have learned about a child whose name is Ronaldo who goes to school at 6:30 every morning and goes to bed at 9 at night! They have drawn and coloured the chocolate room from 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. Finally in PE, they have been exploring bats and balls. (by Macen)

Class 3 - This week in Class 3 it has a particularly exciting week for the year 4s as they went to a ukulele concert and performed in front of 4 different schools in Barnsley. Lily came to the concert and performed. She explained, 'It was nerve-wracking when we were behind the curtains, but when we were playing I was way more confident!' . Class 3 have been busy learning about the different angles and their degrees such as: 90°, 120°, 180°, 360°. To end the week they wrote up some fabulous persuasive texts about buying a football. (By Jessica and Lucy)



EXCELLENT LEARNERS -

Meet our excellent learners who should be very proud of their achievements— some fantastic work and attitudes to be proud of!

Class 1: Elise —For excellent effort when retelling a story. (HSW)

Erin — For creating a beautiful seaside picture.

Class 2: Jack—For trying so hard to remember his capital letters! (HSW)

Joseph— For a fantastic shape riddle.

Class 3: Scarlett —For a huge improvement in handwriting. (HSW)

Leah—For consistently producing neatly presented work.

Class 4: Daisy—For her excellent narrative build up! (HSW)

Jacob—For his superb solo performance at the music festival!

Class 5: Annabelle —For a stunning writing portfolio!

Jack - For showing courage and resilience at Flamingoland!

NEW STARTERS— It was lovely to meet our new starter parents' meeting this week, in preparation for the taster session which are due to start next week! We look forward to meeting all the new pupils!

Class 4 - For their maths, Class 4 have been learning about line graphs. As part of their English work, they wrote a story about the World Cup being stolen in 1966 (when England actually won the World Cup!). Class 4 have been playing their ukuleles at Barnsley's Metrodome, which included 'Don't stop believing,' 'Song bird' and most importantly (drum roll please) .. 'My heart will go on' from Titanic! In PE the children have been enjoying rounders. Last but not least, they've been rehearsing the play (Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies!). (By Thomas & Jack)

Class 5 - This week in Class 5, the students have been creating 'Santa Maria', one of the most famous Tudor ships made of paper. 'They all look extremely good!' reported Mr West. Whilst the Year 6s were at Flamingo Land, the Year 5s designed a theme park on A3 squared paper. Once this was completed – they then created a poster or leaflet to advertise the park/ride. During their Literacy lesson, they have started writing a report in a newspaper about what happened in a fairy tale. An example is that Humpty Dumpty fell off a wall, was it an accident or a crime? We wrote about one of the point of views, that he was pushed. During the week, Class 5, 4, and 3 have been working extremely hard on the play rehearsals. (By Lauren & Mediya)

GOVERNOR NEWS

Further development of Link Governor Roles has occurred throughout this school year and continues to enrich school life. Leadership meetings take place between Link Governors and appropriate staff on a regular basis and these recently have included Literacy, Safeguarding, Special Educational Needs and STEM to review policy, actions, monitor progress and identify further areas for development.

As part of my role as Literacy Governor, I have met with Mrs Irwin and the English Subject Leaders Mrs Tomlinson and Miss Grobler . The School Improvement Plan focuses on writing as one area for development. Miss Grobler and Mrs Tomlinson have developed a whole school writing framework based on their visit to another school that has had excellent results in writing. The PTA have paid for a specialist handwriting specialist, Martin Harvey, to spend a day in school and set up a new framework of how to teach handwriting which will be rolled out to parents.

The 'National Share a Story' Month has been a huge success with many enrichment activities to inspire children in their writing. There have been a variety of assemblies to inspire children with writing and why it is useful. The children's passport has been used to inspire children to read stories from around the world. There has been a visit from a local actress for Suitcase Stories to inspire children in storytelling. I have also observed the Reading SATS procedure to ensure all correct procedures are followed.

I have been supporting Miss Grobler and Mrs Tomlinson in initiating the new "Writing Ambassadors" (children from Class 5) who are exploring the children's opinions in what the challenges are for children with writing. We are excited to find out what they discover.

A preliminary meeting has taken place with Mrs Irwin regarding development of the small intervention room and the Library in Wood House into better learning spaces. Data collected from the Writing Ambassador's questionnaires will be used. Finally, we will be launching the Governors' Writing Award on a half termly basis.

Mrs Helen Sparks (Literacy Governor)



YEAR 6 VISIT TO FLAMINGOLAND

- On Tuesday, the whole of Year 6 went to Flamingoland as an end of year treat. We were all really excited when we saw how big and fast all the rides were. The first ride we went on was called Velocity and everyone enjoyed it. Rebecca said, "It went really fast and it was one of the best rides!" After we had all been on Velocity and another ride called Navigator, we went to Splash Battle (where we all got soaked) and then we all split off into smaller groups to go on different rides. My personal favourite was a ride called Kumali because it was so fast and high. Over all, it was the best school trip ever! (By Annabelle)



PTA NEWS—

Duck Race



Oxspring Primary School PTA are amazed and proud to announce the incredible total we have made at the 2018 Duck Race and Summer Fair

£3428.56
Thank you!

We thank you all for your invaluable contributions without which this wouldn't have been possible. We are very excited to hand it all over to school to be used for our 'Programming Pupils – Making IT Happen' fundraiser!

REMINDER—UPCOMING EVENT— 'BOSVILLES AND BELL HORSES'



Did you know that Oxspring village has not always been where we know it?

Do you know the site of the old Oxspring Manor? Furthermore, do you know where you can see an image of Elizabeth de Oxspring from the 15th century or even where the Romans hung out?

Learn all of this and more in an illustrated talk on the history of Oxspring by Julia Tomson and Dave Perkins on Thursday 28th June at Oxspring Primary School from 6.30pm.

Refreshments will be provided. Free admission. Donations welcome.

Hosted by the PTA in aid of school funds.



ATTENDANCE— Well done to Class

2 for achieving the highest attendance of 97.8 % last week! Class 5 came very close with 96.3% , followed by Class 3 with 95.8% and Class 1 with 95.4%. Class 4 achieved 95.3%. Please remember every day counts towards your child's education.

Dates for your diary:

- ⇒ Next Wednesday 27th June is the first taster day for our Year 6 pupils who are moving on to Penistone Grammar School
- ⇒ Next Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons we start to welcome our new starters for their taster sessions
- ⇒ Thursday 28th June is History of Oxspring illustrated talk in the Hall at 6.30pm

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