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Oxspring News

Newsletter for Oxspring Primary School

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From Mrs Irwin— The work with the Opera North started this week for our Year 4 and 5 pupils and it sounded absolutely stunning! We feel very privileged to be taking part in such an amazing opportunity and look forward to the next workshop in March. On another musical note, we were also treated to a special (belated Christmas) music performance from some of the pupils who currently have keyboard lessons (see further details below). I felt incredibly proud of the children who performed so confidently and the progression of skills was really fantastic to see. Finally, huge thanks to all of the parents / carers who came along to the spring term parents' evening this week. Wishing you a very enjoyable weekend.

ROVING REPORTERS – Class 1 - For a part of their work, Class 1 went outside and examined patterns of ice. For an experiment they suggested that they should take some ice inside and keep some outside. As a result of this, the ice that they brought inside melted into a puddle in a matter of minutes and the ice they kept in the cold, outside didn't melt. In the warmth inside, they wrote about real pirates and designed wanted posters about them as they stole Granny Ethel's gold!!! (By Jessica and Ila) **Class 2** - This week, Class 2 have been writing about Sammy the street dog who lived next to the bakery when the Great Fire of London happened. In maths learning, they have been learning their 2, 5 and 10 times tables. The children have been creating self-portraits in art. Finally, they really enjoyed circuit training with Class 3 in P.E. (By Sonny and Thomas); **Class 3**— Throughout this week, Class 3 have been very busy in maths where they have been learning about the grid method and short division. Furthermore, the class have been doing circuit training and thinking about the impact of exercise on their physical and emotional health. In writing, Class 3 extended their learning about speech marks around the story Cave Baby. Using the computers, the class have been doing extra maths with TT Rockstars, Mathletics and Hit the Button. To end with, the children have learnt about religious beliefs in RE. (By Eddie and Isaac); **Class 4** - Have you watched or read Harry Potter? If you have you will know about Ollivander's wand shop. Class 4 have been advertising the wands so well that they have probably sold out! As parents may know, Class 4 have spent a lot of time working on the Harry Potter topic. Class 4 reported, 'We have been watching Harry Potter and the Philosophers Stone,' (ie. the first film and book of the series). In music they have also been playing the Harry Potter theme tune along side the pop hit Baby Shark. Their art work has been drawing incredible patterns using an unusual tool - pen and ink! (This is not unusual in Mrs Rolling's class!). In science, states of matter has been their subject. RE has involved learning about Christian beliefs. In geography, Class 4 has been studying the UK. The kinds of things they have been looking at are rivers and capital cities. As you can see Class 4 have had a fun action-packed week. (By Rosie B); **Class 5** - Class 5 have had an incredibly busy week! In maths, the children have explored percentages and money. The Year 5 pupils are very lucky to be working with the Opera North which started this week. It sounds brilliant already! The class have been programming and editing work in computing lessons. Finally, in English they have been writing instructions. (By Isabelle & Harriet)

EXCELLENT LEARNERS - Our excellent learners will return next week. Please watch this space.



PUPIL PARLIAMENT— Since we came back in the New Year, the Pupil Parliament MPs have been very busy! Our first act of business was to prepare for the first class surgery of 2019! Last term, the Pupil Parliament were elected and given a class to represent which we do via class surgeries. In a class surgery, the MPs visit their class to explain what is happening in school and to collect ideas. We are planning to review the ideas from this week's surgeries in our next meeting. (By Lucy – Leader of the House)

OPERA NORTH— On Monday Year 4 and Year 5 took part in the first of their exciting Opera North workshops, where they



will be learning a range of songs centred around the story of 'Alice in Wonderland'. The songs were very well received by the children who sung enthusiastically, and are very much looking forward to the concert later on in the year. The excellent singing teacher and pianist taught them the first few songs in the repertoire, including the hilarious 'Humpty's new curriculum' and the lively 'Off with their heads!'

KEYBOARD PERFORMANCE— As their music teacher (Mrs Newcombe) was ill when the rest of our school's musicians performed for families at the Christmas musical event last term, we were given a very special show this week. A special mention and a big 'well done' goes to Sam J, Austin, Amy W, Hana, Daisy S, Miles U and Lucy W for their brilliant performances! We were all really impressed with how well they played and it was lovely that their families finally got to see them play their Christmas and exam pieces!

BOOK TOKEN WINNERS— Congratulations to Seb Sm and Jessica who won the book tokens following our special Thursday lunch last week! They were both very proud to win!

ATTENDANCE— Class attendance for last week is as follows: Class 1 - 100%, Class 2—97.6%; Class 3—96%; Class 4—90.8%; Class 5—98.6%. Well done and thank you to Class 1 again! Superb!

Dates for your diary:

⇒ Workshop for Reception (F2) parents about supporting learning at home on **Wednesday 30th January at 9am in the Hall**



⇒ **Friday 1st February** is our next Fit Friday at 8.15am in the school Hall

⇒ Next week is **National Storytelling Week**, so after the huge success of our 2017, event, we plan to start another 'Everywhere Bear' diary for each class. Further details will follow next week.

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