

15th February 2019

Oxspring News

Newsletter for Oxspring Primary School

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From Mrs Irwin— I can't believe that half term has come around so quickly! We have packed so much into the last 6 weeks and there has been some fantastic learning taking place all over school! We ended the half term



with a fabulous Valentine's disco last night—huge thanks to the parents/ carers who came along to help out and serve the refreshments. Thank you also to everyone who came along to our half term mile along the trail this morning—what a lovely way to end the week! Massive thanks also to everyone who came to the PTA coffee morning after the event—it was great to see so many of you there! As always, many thanks for your continued support throughout the year and for making our school such a fantastic one for our pupils! I hope that you manage to have a really lovely half term break and fingers crossed that this mild weather continues for us! I look forward to seeing you all when we return to school on **TUESDAY 26th FEBRUARY (Monday is INSET day).**

WATER BOX ASSEMBLY— We would like to say a very big thank you to Mrs Mahoney (Governor) who arranged for a special Water Box to be delivered for our pupils to use during science lessons next half term. Mrs Mahoney came along to a special assembly with Chris Short from IChemE's Water Special Interest Group to talk about the water box and how it can be used. Further details can be seen overleaf in our Governor News.



TAEKWONDO TASTER—On Wednesday, we were visited by Mike McKenzie from Quest Taekwondo (in Oxspring) who led a session with each class to learn some of the basic moves. This



included blocking, punching and kicking, all in a safe and controlled way! Even our youngest children took part! All



classes were fully involved and thoroughly enjoyed learning new skills. If your child is interested in continuing to learn this martial art, then they have been given a flyer with all the information.

Maybe we will have some future Olympic stars in the making! Thank you so much to Mike for spending the day with us sharing his skills and expertise. Thank you so much to Mrs Sparrow for arranging the event too!



HOUSEPOINTS - Very well done to the blue team for achieving the most housepoints this half term. The cup was presented to the very proud house captain Rosie B on her team's behalf. We then congratulated the red team for achieving the most house points so far this year. Huge congratulations to Thomas K and his team for the super results!



IN THE SPOTLIGHT— We are delighted to report that on Saturday morning, Daisy and Georgia were recorded by Penistone FM as part of a piece on thinking day - a girl guiding and scouting celebration of the worldwide movements. It'll be broadcast on 22nd February 9-11am which is Thinking Day. A great experience! Very well done girls!



DONATIONS— Massive thanks go to The Waldron family for their very generous donation of two Ipad 2s this week. Thank you so much— it really is greatly appreciated! Further huge thanks also go to Mr Lacombe for making a very kind donation of a speaker system. On behalf of all the pupils and staff, we are really grateful for your kindness.



PEN LICENCES—Well done to Rhea and Poppy in Class 4 for receiving their pen licences this week. Beautiful presentation and application in their writing!



DOG FOULING— Could we please ask parents, carers and family members to be extra vigilant in helping us to stop the dog fouling which we are having problems with just outside of school on Roughbirchworth Lane. As this is a significant health hazard to our children, we would greatly appreciate your support with this. The Parish Council have been informed and will also follow up our concerns. Many thanks for your support.

ATTENDANCE— Class attendance for last week is as follows: Class 1 and Class 5 - 99%, Class 2—97.6%; Class 4—95.2% and Class 3—94.5%. Well done and thank you to Class 1 & 5 for achieving the highest attendance this week.

A big thank you for all your support.

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

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ROVING REPORTERS - Class 1— ‘Ahoy there!’ the pirates said as they set sail in Class 1’s mind-blowing pirate writing! The children have been showing off their skills by stunning the teachers in English as they have been doing outstanding writing in their journals. Treasure maps are complicated to work out but the children have been creating their own! Also, the creative minds of Class 1 have been whizzing as they show their skills as mathematicians with measuring –but not just any measuring....measuring themselves- one child even measured Mrs Reeve! Ava explained, “I enjoyed counting in twos this week too! “ (By Daisy S and Daisy H) **Class 2**—Class 2 have been solving fraction questions in their maths learning this week. In English, they have been writing instructions for what to do if the fire alarm goes off and a fire happens. In PE, the pupils have been exploring the apparatus. For their topic the children have been learning about the UK and finding out about Wales, England, Scotland and Ireland. All of Class 2 are working hard on their reading and are trying to see if they can read every night at home too. They have had a great week! **Class 3** - Class 3 have been doing an amazing piece on writing instructions for how to wash an animal of their choice. The class have been doing very challenging maths with adding and comparing fractions! The children have also been describing how fossils form. Interestingly, the pupils have drawn pictures inspired by Kandinsky. In swimming they have swam record breaking lengths and are looking forward to week number 3! Well done year 3! (By Eddie and Alfie B) **Class 4** - Class 4 have had another very exciting week in class this week, including maths, English, art, topic, PE, PHSE and science! They have been working very hard this week on fractions in maths and we are sure it has really helped improve their skills! In English, they have been writing persuasive writing to Mrs Irwin asking about the possibility of having a Harry Potter day! In their topic work, the children have been looking further into geography. In art they have creatively been using pen and ink to create a lovely art drawing. Finally, in PHSE they have been working hard on their charity posters. (By Jacob and Louie) **Class 5** - In this final week of the half term, Class 5 have been writing about the mystery story ‘The house on Maple Street’. The maths learning has involved converting different measurements. The class have also entered a competition for the Millennium Art gallery. Last but not least, Year 6 have been practising for SATs with the 2017 papers. (By Thomas K and Joe)

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GOVERNOR NEWS—

On Friday last week we had the pleasure of welcoming Chris Short from IChemE (The Institution of Chemical Engineers) to school for an assembly. Chris is part of IChemE's Water Special Interest Group. Last year we applied for a free Water Box, worth around £200, and Chris came to present it to the pupils. Chris involved the pupils with a quiz about water, and asked for some volunteers to come and inspect the box. The box contains all the equipment needed to carry out fifteen different experiments on water, posters for the classrooms about the water cycle and availability of fresh water around the world and pupil activity sheets. Staff and pupils from all classes were eager to find out more about the project, to discover the secrets behind the water we use in our daily lives. We look forward to hearing how the experiments have turned out later in the spring term! Wishing you a very enjoyable half term on behalf of all the governors.

Mrs Mahoney, STEM governor

Dates for your diary:

- ⇒ Next week is half term. School opens again on Tuesday 26th February (Monday 25th is INSET day)
- ⇒ Friday 1st March is Fit Friday at 8.15am in the Hall
- ⇒ Thursday 7th March is World Book Day—details to follow
- ⇒ Friday 8th March is our PTA Family Fun night—further details to follow
- ⇒ Friday 15th March is Red Nose Day—details to follow
- ⇒ Wednesday 27th March is our whole school Sports Day at the Institute of Sports in Sheffield—further details to follow

