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Oxspring News

Newsletter for Oxspring Primary School

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From Mrs Irwin— I hope that you had a lovely Easter break and made the most of the sunshine. We are back into what is an extremely short half term—2 more weeks after this! The Year 6 pupils are preparing for their SATs next week and the other year groups are working very hard on their new topics. Plans are being put into place for the Duck Race which will take place after half term (14th June) so please watch this space for further information. We are also delighted that we will soon be meeting our new starters ready for the September preparations! Where does a school year go? Wishing you a very enjoyable weekend.

TOPICS—For your information, the children are currently learning about the following topics this half term: **Class 1 – Dragons, Knights and Princesses / Plants ; Class 2 – Asia; Class 3– Africa; Class 4 – Rainforests ; Class 5— World Wildlife**

ROVING REPORTERS –

Class 1 - This week, Class 1 have been reading the book: ZOG and The Flying Doctors. As well as writing their own story. Also, in maths they have been learning how to take away numbers from bigger numbers. Finally, in PE the class have been playing a game that takes courage, skill and bravery as they had to beat some sharks to the treasure on a desert island! (By Thomas K and Thomas H); ; **Class 2 -** Class 2 have been doing loads of maths work this week including addition and subtraction, number bonds to 20 and hit the button. Amazingly the class has been writing about then story 'The Catch' and writing their names in Chinese. (By Eddie and Louie); **Class 3—** This week, Class 3 have been learning about hippo maths. Also, with Mrs Darigala they have been learning Spanish. The children have written information pages about giraffes and used pencil sketching for art. (By Harriet and Alfie B); **Class 4 -** Class 4 have had an interesting week once again, starting off with maths, they did some brilliant lines of symmetry. They have been doing some beautiful narrative poems in literacy. Finally in P.E they did explored Zumba dancing.(By Joe and Alfie); **Class 5 -** In preparation for SATs, the year 6 pupils were given an important choice of revision as to which type of maths they thought they needed more work on. Then year 5 pupils have explored number squares, having to add numbers to make varied numbers! Literacy has involved a revision of key grammar concepts. PE has been really fun as the children have been playing quadrants. (By Isaac and Daisy S)



FIT FRIDAY - Many thanks to everyone who came along to May's Fit Friday. A great way to start the day!

ATTENDANCE— Class attendance for last week is as follows: Class 1 - 94.3, Class 2—98.5%; Class 3—97.9%; Class 4—99.6%; Class 5—95.5%. Well done and thank you to Class 4 !

EXCELLENT LEARNERS -



Meet our excellent learners and authors of the week (AOW) from



the last 2 weeks. **Class 1: Sophie** —For excellent writing! (AOW); **Isaac**— For a wonderful castle painting; **Charlotte**— For superb independent writing about Zog! (AOW) ; **Evie and Jasmine**—For excellent reading ; **Class 2: Phoebe**—For persevering with her number bonds; **Harley, Isaac and Henry**—For working very well as a writing team! (AOW) ; **Lilah**—For beautiful handwriting! (AOW) ; **Hayden**—For a superb painting of blossom ! **Class 3: Alex**—For excellent writing about a giraffe! (AOW); **William** —For amazing artwork! **Phoebe**—For excellent information about giraffes! (AOW); **Libby**—For superb progress in her swimming! **Class 4: Poppy / Brook**—For fabulous learning about symmetry ; **Henry** - For superb use of metaphors in his poem; **Harley**—For super science learning! ; **Amy**—For amazing art work; **Jemima**—For outstanding poetry! (AOW); **Class 5: Alfie D**— For superb problem solving in maths; **Lauren** —For showing such a commitment to improving her spelling (AOW); **Bertie**—For increased confidence in maths; **Ila / Daisy S**—For a fantastic collaborative wellbeing powerpoint! (AOW)



IN THE SPOTLIGHT— We are delighted to say a very big 'well done' to Sam K in Class 3 who received the 'Chief Scout's Bronze Award' from



the Mayor of Barnsley recently. Sam achieved this top award for Beaver Scouts which shows that he is adventurous, has helped the community and learnt about the world. It also means that Sam has gained a wide range of skills, worked well in a team and completed all his challenge awards! Fantastic news Sam! Your family are extremely proud of you and so are we!!

DANCE CLUB— Please note that there are still quite a few places left on our Wednesday night Dance and Gymnastics club which takes place from 3.30pm to 4.30pm in the Hall for children from Years 1 to 6. The price is £3.00 per week. Please contact the office for further details if you are interested.

Dates for your diary:

- ⇒ **Week beginning Monday 13th May is Year SATs week— complimentary breakfast club each morning for the Year 6 pupils**
- ⇒ **Friday 24th May is the half termly mile on the trail**
- ⇒ **Half term starts at 3.30pm on Friday 24th May and school re-opens on Monday 3rd June.**
- ⇒ **Friday 7th June—class photos.**
- ⇒ **Friday 14th June—Class 2 Bun day and Duck race—details to follow**

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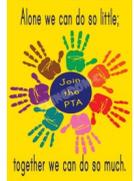
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PTA UPDATES



Please accept our apologies but unfortunately we are cancelling the First Aid course scheduled for Saturday 11th May due to lack of numbers. If we have enough people wanting to attend, we will try to rearrange at a later date. We will contact those interested with the new date in due course. Sorry for any inconvenience and disappointment caused.

We would love to see as many of you as possible at our next PTA meeting. It will be held on Wednesday 15th May at 9.15am. We will be looking forward to our main fundraiser the Duck Race and making plans about our fundraising projects going forward. Please do come along, we are a friendly bunch and would love to meet you all there! Please message oxspringpta@gmail.com for venue details.

On Thursday 23rd May we will be officially opening The Green. From 3.30pm onwards, school and the PTA would like to invite everyone to come along and see the area as well as an 'open house' viewing of the newly refurbished Wood House and Library.

BRUCE DYER CLUB UPDATES—Bruce Dyer visited our school last week to present the trophies to the winning team in his club's competition. Every week, the children who attend his Friday night club have been split into three teams who have then competed in a number of sports and games to earn points for their team. There were plenty of bonus points available for showing respect to one another, good teamwork, or a good sporting attitude. In the end the winning team triumphed by a very small margin! Thank you to Bruce and his team for organising such a fun competition and congratulations to our winners—Reece, Jonah, Luke, Thomas H, Rosie, Lucy and Alfred!



GARDEN UPDATES—Greetings from the garden! So sorry it has been a while since my last newsletter contribution. The pupils have been ever busy up in the garden with clearing leaves, mowing grass, pruning extravaganzas and they have just started sowing their seeds.....so far with wild flowers/ sweet yellow peppers/ herbs/companion flowers/ peas/ beans/ and chard. Phase two of the seed sowing shall commence next week. The children are so organised and efficient they could definitely go into business. We feel a real mix of emotions at the moment as our year 6's prepare for secondary school, on one hand we feel such pride of all they have achieved and how much they have grown in their knowledge, their confidence (and sarcasm) but on the other hand we are feeling the impending void their leaving is going to have. They have been such a huge part of how the garden has evolved over the last 7 years— they have been instrumental in teaching the younger children so much ready for them to take the lead.....and so we continue to hopefully help make more life long memories! We have started building the clay oven so this will be ready for the coming heat



wave which is sure to reach us - the plan is that when Year 6 have their SATS out of the way, we can run some extra sessions in the garden, cooking/baking/willow sculpting and generally letting them chill in hammocks after all their incredible hard work! There of course will be a hammock specially reserved for Mr West & Mrs Irwin should they need it!!! World Outdoor Classroom Day is on the 24th of May this year , so the whole school including the garden will be gearing up for some fun yet educational outdoor adventures. Mrs Irwin will inform nearer the time. The Duck Race shall be upon us before we have even finished smiling about Mrs Irwin in her waders, a soggy Mr West or Mr Sparks glorious barbecue.... but the incredible PTA are already working hard behind the scenes creating yet another awesome fundraising event. We (the garden club) have decided that instead of a plant stall this year the garden is going to run a Bower Dell nature trail and craft activity all for the bargain price of £1.50 per child. Watch this space—I am hopefully going to run a willow weaving workshop for beginners in June to raise money for the school; I just need to confirm dates with Mrs Irwin & Mrs Laslett. I am gauging if there is any interest in a workshop like this, so please let us know. *Emily-Rose Gratton Rayson*



LEEDS HALF MARATHON FUNDRAISING—On Sunday, there will be a team of seven intrepid runners taking part in the Leeds Half Marathon, 13.1 miles of fun around the streets of the city. Taking part are: Mr West, Mrs Carmichael, Mrs Brown, Mrs Grange, Mrs Marsden, Mrs Hampshire and Mr Moody. This is to raise funds for Thomas's fund : <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/fundforthomas> This is already at a magnificent total, but any further support would be most welcome. If you are free on Sunday morning, why not

come to Leeds and give the runners your support? Sending our very best wishes and thanks to everyone who is taking part and for the incredible donations already made.