



Oxspring News

Newsletter for Oxspring Primary School

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FROM MRS IRWIN

Welcome back to the start of a new school year and what an exciting start it has been! We have new school signage, a newly launched website and we have already had a fantastic fencing taster day for all of the children in school and we are only 8 days in! As always, we have a very busy term ahead and we will keep you posted of everything planned through our various systems of communication. I am delighted with how all of our new starters have settled into Oxspring School life; they are a real credit to all of our new parents / carers! Every class has had a wonderful start to the year and there is a lovely buzz of learning coming from all areas of the school! We are all very excited about the range of events planned and we look forward to working with you all again over the coming year. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, concerns or worries about any aspect of school life.

STAFFING NEWS

Please note that Mr West is our new Assistant Headteacher and we would like to wish him well as he starts his new role. Mr West is also a point of contact for any parents and carers who may have questions or concerns. We are also delighted to welcome Mrs Rolling, our new Class 4 teacher, to the Oxspring team!

DATE UPDATES

We will be celebrating our annual Roald Dahl Day next **Friday 18th September**, where the children are invited to dress up as a Roald Dahl book character, or **dress in yellow** (which was Roald Dahl's favourite colour). Throughout the day, the children will find out about Roald Dahl and take part in a range of learning experiences about his work.

ATTENDANCE

As ever, this year we will continue to highlight the importance of attendance at school. We have had an excellent start to the year with Class 1, 2, 4 and 5 all achieving 100%, followed closely by Class 3 with 98.3%. Keep up the super work everybody!

Please remember every school day counts!



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ATTEND TODAY -
ACHIEVE TOMORROW!

EXCELLENT LEARNERS 9.9.15



Felix R – ‘For a wonderfully detailed holiday recount’

Chloe W – ‘For accurate and well organised maths work’

Daisy H – ‘For good listening in literacy’

Rosie S – ‘For excellent postcard writing’

George D – ‘For superb, descriptive Viking writing’

Jordan C – ‘For excellent vocabulary and sentence structure in his Viking invasion writing’

Jonah B – ‘For an enthusiastic start to the year as well as super Maths and English work’

Daisy S – ‘For using fabulous descriptive words in her writing’

Austin M – ‘For enthusiastically writing about his holidays!’

Georgia S – ‘For having a good go at all the new activities!’

Well done and thank you to all of our first excellent learners of the new school year!



RUN MR WEST RUN!!!

We are delighted to announce that Mr West is running the Great North Run again this Sunday 13th September in aid of Macmillan Cancer support. We would like to send him our very best wishes and hope that he does well! If anyone is interested in sponsoring Mr West, please either pop in to the office or go to his ‘justgiving’ page at www.justgiving.com/Paul-west14

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

CLASS NEWS (by Class 5 reporters)

Class 1 – This week Class 1 have enjoyed reading and learning about the Gruffalo. They have really been taken with this story and look forward to reading more stories by Julia Donaldson in the future. Reception children have been recording their voices on a computer and writing a few sentences independently. All the class have enjoyed learning in the outdoor play area. Henry and Issy enjoyed sorting numbers cards into the right order. (by Connie and Chloe W.)

Class 2 – In maths, Class 2 have been learning about how to do number sequences counting in steps of 2, 5 and 10. In English, the topic is about space and the children have read 'Man on the Moon'. They are now ready to write their own similar stories. They have also made their own Lunar landscapes with papier mache, as well as their own aliens which went on display. On Thursday morning Class 2 did fencing and they said it was fun! (By Lily and Layla)

Class 3 – In Class 3 they have been learning about the place value of money in maths. In English they are completing non chronological reports about different sports. In topic they are learning about the Mediterranean and capital cities of Europe. In science they have been exploring the food pyramid. (By Jensen and Noveed).

Class 4 - In English, Class 4 have been planning and writing newspaper reports about the Vikings invading Lindisfarne. They have learning about column subtraction including decimals in maths. In topic they learnt where the Vikings came from, why they came and what made them so successful. (By Ava and Chloe)

Class 5 – In maths, Class 5 have been learning about addition involving large numbers. In English, they completed a reading comprehension on "Conrad's War" and "Diary of a Wimpy Kid". Also, in topic work Class 5 have been learning about the Vikings and how they invaded Britain. In Science we have been investigating which different substances are soluble or insoluble. (by Lauren and Evie)

AUTUMN TERM FIRST HALF TERM TOPICS

Class 1 – Julia Donaldson stories

Class 2 – Space

Class 3 – Why do people visit the Mediterranean?

Class 4 – The Vikings

Class 5 – The Vikings



GARDEN NEWS

We are absolutely thrilled and delighted to announce that we have managed to gain a **GOLD** award from the 2015 Yorkshire in Bloom competition for our Oxspring Primary School garden! Many thanks and congratulations must go to Mrs Gratton Rayson and her fantastic team of helpers who have put in so much hard work to get to this standard. The judges notes say that: 'the garden at Oxspring Primary School has certainly "sprung" into life! The enthusiasm and knowledge shown by the children and staff was very impressive! Everyone else involved have and are creating a garden the whole school can be proud of.'

If any one has any spare time and is able to help out in the garden, we would be delighted to hear from you please.

FENCING TASTER DAY

The children throughout school had an amazing time during our fencing taster day on Thursday. Mr Cotterill from Active U firstly led a whole school assembly, before teaching each class the basic skills of fencing. Everyone had great fun and learnt some fascinating information.



HOMEWORK

Further to our homework questionnaire last half term, we will inform parents of the new homework expectations shortly. We are also reviewing our approach to spellings and will keep you posted.



LIBRARY

Many thanks again to Mrs Rimington –Wilson who has very kindly offered to come in and help all of the children choose a library book each Tuesday afternoon.

Did you know.....

September is

Friendship month!

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

'Learn, Endeavour, Aspire, Respect, Nurture'