



Oxspring News

Newsletter for Oxspring Primary School

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FROM MRS IRWIN

The children have really thrown themselves wholeheartedly into national short story week, this week. They have produced some fabulous short stories for our writing competition and should be very proud of their achievements! They have also found out about staff's favourite short stories in assemblies and shared stories with children in other classes.

With only 3 weeks to go until the Key Stage 1 Christmas production, Class 1 and 2 have been very busy starting their rehearsals and it already looks like it is going to be another wonderful event for parents. A letter will be issued about tickets by the end of next week.



JUNIOR ROAD SAFETY OFFICERS NEWS

As next week is 'Road Safety Week' around the country, the newly appointed Junior Road Safety Officers (Daniel, Tansy, Macie and Chloe W) would like to invite everyone in school to take part in 'Be Bright, Be Seen'. On **Friday 27th November**, the children can come to school **dressed as brightly as they possibly can** as a way of promoting the message of being visible when out and about near roads. The Junior Road Safety officers will present important messages in assembly next week, along with holding competitions for classes. Throughout the course of the year, the safety officers plan to hold a range of events to raise the profile of road safety for children and parents.



ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to Class 3 who achieved 98.5% attendance last week! Class 4 were next with 98%, followed by Class 2 and 5, both with 97.9%. Class 1 had 97.1%.

Please remember every school day counts!

EXCELLENT LEARNERS 19.11.15



Connie H – 'Hot shot writer for a fabulous job description about being Mrs Irwin's PA!'

Seb H and Oliver I – 'For superb thinking in the bridge building task'

Issy L – 'Hot shot writer for a lovely story ending for the polar bear and using her writing target'

George H – 'For trying hard to answer questions in all lessons'

Harley K – 'Hot shot writer for writing a super space story'

Scarlett T – 'For great effort in all her writing'

Rosie S – 'Hot shot writer for a vivid diary extract with complex grammatical features'

Daisy H 'For working hard when using column addition'

Molly O – 'For an effective solution of the alien problem by translating shapes'

Pearl O – 'Hot shot writer for producing an excellent short story describing her Amazon adventure'

Well done and thank you to all of our excellent learners and hot shot writers this week!

Please look at the hot shot writers work in the entrance hall if you get the chance.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

If your child normally has sandwiches and would like to order a Christmas lunch (**which will take place on Tuesday 15th December**), could you please inform Mrs Palmer in the office as soon as possible. Many thanks.



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

CLASS NEWS (by Class 5 roving reporters)

Class 1 – Class 1 have been learning about the Artic. As a result of that they have been writing about what you can see there. The children listened to a story and had to write their own ending. The children looked at globes and learnt about where the Artic and England are, as well as learning about the United Kingdom. On a much more entertaining note, Class 1 painted Artic pictures and had lots of fun!

(By Emma and Evie)

Class 2 – In PE, Class 2 have been exploring creative dancing and practised moving like icebergs floating through the sea. For topic the children have been learning about Ernest Shackleton and writing stories of what it was like on his ship. They have also made a start on the Key Stage 1 Christmas production with Class 1. It will be fabulous! (By Patrick and Tommy)

Class 3 – This week in Class 3 they have been writing about the pharaoh's tomb as part of their topic work about Ancient Egypt. In PE they have been creating their own Egyptian dances and performed some of them to Mrs Irwin. Also in maths they have been learning about column subtraction. In RE they have been learning about Diwali. (By Jensen and Matthew)

Class 4 – This week Class 4 have been writing diary extracts in Literacy. In maths they have been investigating the translation of shapes in the four quadrants. For their topic work Class 4 have been exploring what life would be like as part of a tribe. As Christmas is coming up soon Class 4 have already started their sewing decorations, hoping to finish them in time for Christmas! Watch out for them being on sale at the Christmas Fair! (By Layla and Connie)

Class 5 – This half term Class 5 are learning about California and recently started making bridges based on famous bridges, like the Golden Gate Bridge. In maths Class 5 have been learning about measurements and conversions. We have also been making Rangoli patterns with Mrs Darigala.

(By Seb and Oliver)

FIREFIGHTERS CHARITY

In support of the Fire Fighters Charity, recycling bags will be sent home with children on **Monday 23rd November**. Unwanted clothes, shoes, coats and handbags can be placed in the recycling bags. Not only does this raise money for the charity, but also helps raise money for school. Bags should be returned to school **first thing on Monday 30th November please**.

'Learn, Endeavour, Aspire, Respect, Nurture'

PTA UPDATE – CHRISTMAS FAIR

It's non uniform day on Friday 27th November (dress up as brightly as possible!!) and we would like to ask for either a £1.00 donation to the PTA or a donation to go towards our tombola or raffle prizes for the Christmas Fair please. Perhaps a bottle of beer or wine, chocolates, toiletries or anything else you would like to win yourself in a luxury hamper! We also need chocolate treats for our chocolate tombola. Thank you very much for your continuing support, we very much look forward to seeing you all at our **Christmas Fair on Friday 4th December at 6.30pm**.

SHOE BOX APPEAL

Please note that the deadline for returning your filled shoeboxes is **Monday 23rd November**. These can be sent to the school office. Many thanks for your support.

ROBINWOOD UPDATE

Our trip to Robinwood was an incredible experience. It was a trip that we will never forget. Everybody had an amazing time and they didn't want it to end! One of the most popular activities was the crate challenge. You had to have good team work to complete the challenge which most of the children did! The aim of the game was to stack as many crates as possible without falling off (which was very tricky). Another popular activity was night-line. This sounds simple but believe us, it was very challenging. All you had to do was to follow some rope and for this one team work was essential. Whichever object was in front of you, you had to make sure that you told your team mate behind what it was. We forgot to mention that we had to wear ridiculous goggles too!. The food was so delicious and it felt like we were in a 5 star restaurant. One of the favourite meals was definitely the pizza! The puddings were scrumptious, but the donuts were the best by far. The cooks must have worked extra hard to prepare these meals. Overall this trip was



DATE UPDATES

As outlined on page 1, **23rd – 29th November** is national road safety week. Our assemblies next week will focus on raising awareness of this very important theme.

Year 6 children visit **Crucial Crew** next **Thursday 26th November**.

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