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Oxspring News

Newsletter for Oxspring Primary School

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From Mrs Irwin

I hope that everyone managed to have a very enjoyable and relaxing half term. With only 6 weeks left of this academic year, we have an incredible amount of things going on. The children have come back with their usual enthusiasm and have had an excellent start! Rehearsals have already begun for the KS2 performance and, with only 3 weeks to go, they are going to be very busy! Watch out for further information about the show in the near future! Please also do look out for some of the upcoming dates for your diary overleaf.

Update from Emily Gratton-Rayson

Help needed Sat 9.30am at the children's play area in Oxspring to move 4 tonnes of top soil!! Bring a wheelbarrow if you have one! Thank you.

Euro Lunches

In honour of the 2016 Euros, the kitchen staff have put together an exciting choice of European menus throughout next week, including French, Russian, Slovakian, English and Welsh choices! The menus sound delicious and we would love to encourage as many children as possible to try them out. Please look at the menus in each class or in reception to find out more.

Caught Reading In an Unusual Place Competition

As part of National Share A Story month, we launched a 'Caught reading in an unusual place' competition. We only have 4 entries so far! Please could all further entries be returned to school by next **Wednesday 16th June** so that the prize winners can be chosen.

Queen's Birthday Buffet

Watch out next week for photos of our fabulous lunch today!

Attendance

Well done to Class 5 for achieving 99.2% attendance during the last week of half term! Excellent work Class 5! Class 2 came next with 98.2%, followed by Class 4 with 97.7% and Class 1 with 94.3%. Finally, Class 3 achieved 89%.



Excellent Learning - 9.6.16



Meet our excellent learners and 'hot shot writers' (HSW) of this week. The teachers have chosen one child for excellence and progression in their writing skills. The other child has been chosen for showing a positive attitude towards learning in any aspect of the curriculum.

Class 1: Winnie H— For trying hard to write tricky words (HSW)

Siggy T—For excellent teamwork during a maths game

Class 2: Miles H—For great improvement in his handwriting (HSW)

Harvey W— For fabulous effort with joined writing

Class 3: Rosie S—For a lovely thank you letter (HSW)

Hana—For impeccable behaviour on the class visit

Class 4: Jack H — For a detailed and interesting biography of Winston Churchill (HSW)

Alice H—For a beautiful WW2 medal and ribbon

Class 5: Noveed PS —For stunning use of language in his fairground writing (HSW)

Evie M—For fabulous mathematical thinking

Housepoints

Congratulations to the red team for winning the overall housepoints during last term. The red's House Captain Emma H. (pictured left) proudly holds the cup on behalf of her team! Well done to you all!



School Uniform

Just a polite reminder that jeans, jewellery or make up are not part of our school uniform. Many thanks for your support with this.

Roving Reporters

Class 1— In just a few days of school, Class 1 have completed quite a bit of work! To start off with, Class 1 had received a letter from a former student from their class named Gracie (who is now living in America), so they wrote their own letters back! In PE, they have been jumping in and out of hoops as well as rolling them! They have also started a new topic called 'Holidays' and changed their role play area into to a beach! Also for maths they have played subtraction games and counting back on a number line. (by Tommy and Noveed)

Class 2— Class 2 have had a very enjoyable week, which includes writing about Katie Morag (a made up character in their class story). They have also been writing about their holidays and some children even went abroad! In Maths the children have been making tally charts based on traffic outside of school. They investigated which part of the day was busiest for traffic and found out that mornings were busier. In the afternoon they have started their new topic work and enjoyed games in PE! (by Evie and Lily)

Class 3— This week Class 3 have visited Springvale Community Gardens and have written a fabulous letter about it. During the day, the class got split into two groups. Whilst one group had a tour, the other planted tomatoes and looked at different leaves. In maths, the children were solving word problems using addition and subtraction. (by Lauren and Layla)

Class 4— This week in Class 4 the children have been learning poems and performing them to the class. Also they have been exploring data handling in maths. They have made some lovely boats out of plasticine in Science. They have also been doing long jumps in PE and measuring their results. (by Oliver)

Class 5— The official play for KS2 has been confirmed! It's called 'Sleeping Beauty: The Ugly Truth'. Everybody who auditioned now knows which parts they have. In English, the pupils of Class 5 have been writing about what it must feel like in a fairground setting. So far we've been making our opening sentences amazing! We have been thinking about what we could see, smell, hear and what feelings we would have. Maths has been 'cool'. Everyone has been working out the mean, mode, median and range of certain groups of numbers over the past few days. A while back, Mrs Marsden taught us a song to help us remember: 'Mean is average, mean is average mode is most, mode is most, median in the middle, median in the middle, range high low, range high low!' (to the tune of Frere Jacques) (by Daniel and Jensen)

Visitors next week—We are delighted to announce a visit from the **South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue** service on Monday. Thank you to Mr Marshall for arranging this on our behalf. We also have a visit from **Moses (from Uganda)** who will deliver African workshops for each class next Friday. Moses has made successful visits to school previously. Further details will follow.

Class 3 Visit to Springvale Gardens



On Tuesday 7th June, Class 3 really enjoyed our visit to Springvale Community Gardens. Whilst we were there, we looked at some interesting plants and did things like matching the broad bean leaves to a smaller version of the plant. Some children planted tomato plants and pulled out radishes. It was a nice day and the garden greenhouse was really hot. We found out that some plants can be grown for medicine! They also gave us some chocolate and a drink of water! I also really enjoyed walking there on the trail with my friends. (by Jacob H.)

Road to Rio challenge!



Please watch out for a letter next week outlining our support of the 'Road to Rio' challenge which we have launched this week.

First Aid Reminders



Please note that the PTA have arranged another first aid session for parents on **Thursday 16th June at 6.30pm**. If you want to register, please contact the office. Many thanks.

Dates for your diary..

- ⇒ PTA coffee morning on Tuesday 14th June at 9am
- ⇒ Thursday 16th June Year 6 visit to Flamingoland
- ⇒ Monday 20th June Class photos
- ⇒ Tuesday 21st June Duck Sort at 6pm
- ⇒ Thursday 23rd June INSET Day

Please look out for the full list of dates for this half term which will also be sent out shortly.

This half term's topics:

Class 1—Happy Holidays!

Class 2—Katy Morag's book 'An Island Home' (Geography focus)

Class 3—Wonderful World continues

Class 4—WW2 completed followed by children's choice topic

Class 5—WW2 completed / Fairgrounds

If you have any resources or special interest in any of our topics and would like to help out, your support would be very much appreciated!

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