

Oxspring News

Newsletter for Oxspring Primary School

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From Mrs Irwin

I hope that everyone had a wonderful half term break and a well deserved rest! It has been the usual busy start back and it is incredible to believe that we have only 5 weeks now before we break up for Christmas! I am delighted to report on the wonderful feedback which we received following the residential visit to Robinwood activity centre this week! The staff at the centre commented on our children's exemplary behaviour and superb attitudes towards all of the activities, which is fabulous to hear! I am also incredibly proud of the rest of the children in Key Stage 2 who rose to the £10 to £100 challenge, with excellent outcomes! You can find out more about the challenge below.

CHILDREN IN NEED

Next **Friday 18th November** is Children in Need day. The children are invited to come along dressed in bright spots and bring along a donation to support this worthwhile cause.



YOGA SESSIONS

Class 1, 2 and 3 have been invited to take part in a free yoga taster session on **Monday 14th November (pm)**. Please note that children will need their PE kits in school on that date. Many thanks.

E-SAFETY QUESTIONNAIRES

Could any e-safety questionnaires which have not been returned please be sent to the office by **Monday 14th November**. Many thanks to all parents / carers who have completed the questionnaires so far. The response has been fabulous and we look forward to analysing and sharing the outcomes.

ATTENDANCE— Well done to Class 1 who achieved the best attendance last half term with 98.9%! The other classes achieved the following: Class 2 - 98.4%, Class 3 - 97.9%, Class 4- 98.6% and Class 5 - 98.2%!

The best attendance last week goes to Class 4 with 98.2%, followed by Class 3 with 97.9%, then Class 5 with 96.4%. Next was Class 2 with 95.8% and finally Class 1 with 91.4%



EXCELLENT LEARNERS 11.11.16

Meet this week's excellent learners who shared some impressive work in our special assembly! The teachers choose one child for showing a positive attitude towards learning in any aspect of the curriculum, as well as a second child for mastering maths (our M&Ms!).



Class 1: Aaron F—For excellent writing about bonfire night.

Ava H— For careful counting of fireworks! (MM)

Class 2: Samuel H—For super retelling of the Blue Jackal

Austin M— For a great understanding of the links between addition and subtraction! (MM)

Class 3: Jack B—For fantastic reading and answering questions about a story

Scarlett T —For answering maths questions confidently (MM)

Class 4: Lucy W—For excellent research on William Morris

Alfie D—For outstanding work identifying factors and explaining divisibility rules! (MM)

Class 5: Sarah T —For the wonderful use of language in her poetry

Annabelle W—For a fabulous attitude towards all of her maths work. (MM)

CLASS TOPICS

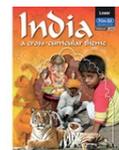
This half term's class topics are:

Class 1— Festivals and celebrations

Class 2—India / Christmas

Class 3 and 4— The Victorians / A Christmas Carol

Class 5—Mountains / Farther (A book study)



If anyone has any particular skills, knowledge or resources to support any of our topic work, please contact the class teachers. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Roving Reporters

Class 1— In Class 1, they have been learning about subtraction as part of their maths work. In art, the children have been carefully drawing beautiful firework pictures. They have also been learning about Diwali, including the story of Rama and Sita and how they defeated the monster with a special arrow shot! Class 1 loved going to the KS2 £10 to £100 challenge fair and spending their money. They had a great time! (By Alice H. and Molly O.)

Class 2— In maths, Class 2 have been learning about the 10, 2, and 5 times tables and some did x3. They also made multiplication wheels. In English they have been reading *The Runaway Chapatti* and also re writing *The Tiger Who Came to Class 2!* They have also started rehearsing their Christmas play! In topic work, Class 2 have been learning about India, tasting Indian food and exploring maps. (By Jake A and Sam T)



Class 3— Throughout the week, Class 3 have been making things for an enterprise day at school in the hall. They have been doing a challenge which meant that they had to try and change £10 into £100! They decided to hold a fair and everyone in Class 3 worked at the stalls. There were things like hama beads, pom pom animals, clay owls, friendship bracelets, tombola, sweet stalls, book stalls and guess the name of the minion, along with a café! The children learnt a wide range of skills which included how to give back change! So far they have raised £145.90 – just from £10! (By Chloe S and Rebecca M)

Class 4- Class 4 have been learning more about division and solving word problems in their maths. During RE, they have been learning about Moses and Abraham! They have also been working with Team Activ and doing some fun PE work!! They have also been continuing with the ukulele and are feeling more confident about their skills! (By Sarah and Annabelle)

Class 5— In Class 5 this week, some of us went to Robinwood! The children who stayed at school worked with Mrs Marsden. They received £10 from Mrs Irwin and their mission was to turn that £10 into £100. Amazingly, they managed to successfully complete the challenge by raising money and making different things to sell like pancakes. On Thursday, the children who went to Robinwood wrote thank you letters to all the Robinwood staff at Dobroyd Castle. (by Hazel and Chloe)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- ⇒ **Next week is Year 6 Bikeability week**
- ⇒ **Friday 18th November is Children in Need day**
- ⇒ **Friday 25th November is PTA non-uniform day for donations towards the Christmas Fair**

ROBINWOOD



Monday morning came and 32 excited children from Y4, 5 and 6 went to Robinwood activity centre in Todmorden. Whilst we were there we

had loads of fun doing the activities. The most popular activities would probably be the zip wire and giant swing. The other activities were caving, canoeing, trapeze, crate challenge, climbing wall,



nights quest, night line, night's training and rocket Olympics. We were split into three teams:

Avalanche team were the Year 6 children with Gareth; Waterfall team were Year 5 with Jamie and Stream were the Year 4's with Fran.

The dormitories also had names - the girls were in badgers and hedgehogs and the boys were snakes, lizards and foxes. Every dorm had night staff who switched the lights off and woke us up each morning. In the dorms there were bunk beds. Lights were out by 10 pm! We all had an absolutely fantastic time! (By Macie and Charlotte)

PTA UPDATES



It's that time of year again!

This year's Christmas Fair is being held at school on **Friday 2nd December at 6.30pm**. We are looking forward to once again filling the hall with a variety of stalls including: tombola, toys, books and cakes. Refreshments including pie and peas, beer and wine will be served in Class 5.

This year we are also planning to bring you a magical 'Christmas Market Place' in the Infant block. We will be welcoming stall holders to our fair to give an even greater variety. The 'big man' himself will also be setting up home for the evening in his Grotto!

Raffle tickets will be heading home with your child soon, so please look out for some great prizes. We will also be posting about them in our Facebook group. This year's amazing first prize of a luxury hamper has been kindly donated by Real Property Finance.

As ever, we would love any help you are able to give to enable us to organise, set up and put on the Fair. Most of all we are looking forward to a wonderfully Christmas filled evening on Friday 2nd December at school!

£10 TO £100 CHALLENGE—Whilst some children were at Robinwood, Class 3 and the remaining children completed a 3 day challenge, which is where Mrs Irwin gave us £10 to try and make £100. After discussions we decided to sell old toys and books, as well as make food (including pancakes and popcorn)! We also made pom poms, friendship bracelets and clay owls, which we painted. The sale was a huge success and we actually raised £145.90!!! (By Alice and Jess Class 5)

Please note that Friday 2nd December is Class 4 Bun Day !