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Oxspring News

Newsletter for Oxspring Primary School

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From Mrs Irwin

It has been a very busy final week of half term and there is a lot to report and celebrate once again! I was delighted to welcome prospective parents to our open afternoon and evening at the start of the week and to receive some lovely feedback about what they heard and saw! On Tuesday, I felt very privileged to join our Year 6 pupils on their Crucial Crew visit, which you can find out more about below. The first disco of the year was extremely well attended, lots of fun and the children's costumes were super! Many thanks to everyone who took part in our Active Travel Challenge 'hulahoopathon' - what a fabulous way to start a Friday morning! Finally, thank you to everyone for all your continued support this half term. Wishing you a very enjoyable and restful holiday. I look forward to seeing you on Monday 31st October!

ROAD TO RIO READING CHALLENGE

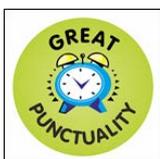


Thank you so much to all the children who took part in the Road to Rio Reading Challenge. We celebrated their hard work and effort in a special reading assembly this week in which all children received medals, certificates and a goody bag!

SCHOOL DINNER PRICES

As previously mentioned, please note that school dinner prices will increase to £2 after half term.

ATTENDANCE—Well done to Class 2 for achieving 100% last week! Excellent Class 2! Class 4 came next with 99.3% followed closely by Class 5 with 99.2%. Class 3 achieved 97.4% and finally Class 1 with 97.1%. Well done to every class for super



CRUCIAL CREW



The Year 6 children had an extremely informative and important visit to Crucial Crew this week. Crucial Crew is a personal safety educational programme delivered to Key Stage 2 pupils in Year 6 of primary school at the Lifewise Centre in Rotherham. The programme has been running since 2005 in conjunction with South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue and in partnership with Local Authorities, First Buses, Her Majesty's Court Service (HMCS), NHS Trusts and the Safe@Last charity. Every primary school in South Yorkshire is invited to spend the day at the Lifewise Centre on the set, which is used to work through a series of real-life scenarios related to personal safety in an interactive and exciting way. The scenarios cover issues such as arson, hoax calls, road safety, fire safety, travel safety, Internet safety, and antisocial behaviour. The Year 6 children were an absolute credit to us and learnt some very important safety facts. Watch out for photos in the next newsletter.

BOOK FAIR COMPETITION



In recognition of 'National Non Fiction' month, we have arranged a book fair which starts on Tuesday 1st November (pm) for a week. The book fair will be open each morning from 8.30am to 8.50 am and then 3.15pm to 3.45pm. The last book fair will be held on Monday 7th November (am). If we manage to take more than £300 we receive 50% commission for books for school, so we really hope that you can come along please. We would like to invite the children to take part in a competition to design a poster (any size) which promotes 'Greedy Readers' (ie. children and families who are 'hungry for reading!'). These will be used to promote reading for pleasure throughout school. Entries should be in by Friday 4th November please. Each class winner will receive a £5.00 book token to be spent in the book fair.

Wishing you a lovely, safe and enjoyable half term from all the staff and governors at Oxspring. Thank you for all your continued support!

Roving Reporters

Class 1— In Class 1 they have been learning about 'The Gingerbread Man' story. They have been decorating one with icing and sweets and they even got to eat them after! They also got a letter from the little old man in the story saying that he was lonely so Class 1 decided to reply and they said they would be his friends. They even sent him a ginger bread man of his own! Also, Class 1 went on a treasure hunt to try and find the gingerbread man. To find him, they had to figure out clues. In maths, Class 1 have been learning about numbers. (By Rebecca and Hazel)

Class 2— This week class 2 have been further exploring their number bonds. They also measured tables using Mars Bars! In English, the children wrote some fabulous diaries about Samuel Pepys. Plus they were learning tennis skills. (By Harley and Jake)

Class 3— In maths Class 3 have been designing maths games and playing them. Also they had a maths test. In literacy they have written an introduction to a story about Stig Of The Dump. Mr Sparrow came in to talk about geology. In science, they have been making volcanoes erupt using vinegar and baking soda. Class 3 got messy by making a Stone Age village out of clay, stone and hay. (By William and Ben)

Class 4— In maths, Class 4 have learning the grid method and long method for multiplication for calculations over 100x100. They have also been identifying adverbs, verbs, nouns and other word aspects from a Bronze Age text and using it in their writing. In topic they have been looking at Bronze Age history and they have made a fantastic clay Bronze Age village. For their science Mr Sparrow came to school to teach the juniors about rocks, geology and his job. Finally, in PE they have been with Team Activ learning tennis skills. (By Sam and George)

Class 5— In Class 5 they have completed maths tests this week. In English they have been learning about active and passive voices. Year 6 went to Crucial Crew and Year 5 investigated mountains with Mrs Taylor and Mrs Perkins. On Wednesday Mrs Taylor worked on science and PE. The children also completed some amazing pencil sketches of Claude Monet with Mrs Irwin! (By Macie and Sarah)

ACTIVE TRAVEL CHALLENGE—

Many thanks to everyone for really getting involved in our 10 day Active Travel challenge. We have had a tremendous response from all classes across school and



we look forward to receiving our prizes from Sheffield City Council for our involvement! Many thanks also to everyone who turned up for our 'Fit Friday Hulahoopathon' this morning too! What a fabulous and fun way to start Friday! We plan to do more 'Fit Friday' early morning starters next half term, so watch this space!

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Please note that Health Protection Agency guidance on infection control in schools states that the recommended period following sickness and diarrhoea is 48 hours after the last episode please.

VACANCY

We currently have a vacancy for a lunchtime assistant (SMSA). If any one is interested in the post, please contact the office for further details.

HOUSEPOINTS 21. 10.16

Well done and congratulations to the yellow house for achieving the most house points this half term. Thank you to the yellow House Captain Alice for collecting the award on behalf of her team!



GOVERNOR UPDATE



Welcome to the first of our half termly communications to keep you up to date with our activities as Governors of our Primary School. Our responsibilities are set out on the school website (<http://oxspringprimary.co.uk/governors/>) and we will shortly be adding photographs to help you identify us at school. These can also be seen in the school hall. Please do not hesitate to approach us as we are very keen to hear your views and suggestions for the school.

Our school improvement plan covers four key areas which the Governors oversee regularly and support the Headteacher in delivery:

- Effectiveness of leadership and management
- Quality of teaching, learning and assessment
- Personal development, behaviour and welfare
- Outcomes for children and learners

This half term we have undertaken a full review of our safeguarding policies and training with particular focus on e-safety. We recognise that developments in technology have resulted in our children regularly accessing the internet for schoolwork, recreation and social interaction.

Consequently we are working hard to raise awareness and help children understand the dangers and take responsibility for their own safety. Mrs Irwin will be issuing a survey on e-safety after the half term holidays. Please take a few minutes to provide us with your feedback and your views. Thank you and enjoy your half term break. (by Mrs Pejhan-Sykes Governor)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- ⇒ Please note that Monday 31st October is the deadline for returning orders for individual and family photos
- ⇒ Class 1 parents' evenings will take place on 10th and 15th November
- ⇒ Book Fair starts on Tuesday 1st November at 3.15pm
- ⇒ PTA 'Introduction to Meditation' session on Tuesday 1st November at 6.30pm in our school hall—see office for further details
- ⇒ Class 5 Bun Day will take place on Thursday 3rd November
- ⇒ We are also trialling a new style class photo this term, which will take place on Thursday 3rd November (pm)