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# Oxspring News

Newsletter for Oxspring Primary School

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## From Mrs Irwin

I am delighted to report that I have just had a phone call to say that phase 1 of our 'Project Playground' is due to start next week (weather permitting!). It is very exciting and I cannot wait to see the results! Further details can be found overleaf. Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped to make Class 3 and 4's visit to the Yorkshire Sculpture Park a huge success this week. The children had a fabulous day and returned excitedly to school full of muddy boots, which is always a good sign! The 'hungry reader' initiative has started this week, so please can you encourage your child to read at least 3 times a week at home and record this in their home school reading logs. Reading questionnaires for parents / carers are now ready and will be sent out shortly. Many thanks in anticipation of your replies and suggestions. Your input is always very greatly appreciated. Wishing you a very enjoyable weekend.



## CLASS 3 AND 4 VISIT

Class 3 and 4 had a wonderful visit to the Yorkshire Sculpture park on Wednesday. Watch this space for their report about their day in next week's newsletter!

## CURRICULUM AND ASSESSMENT WORKSHOP

A reminder that parents / carers of children in Year 1 to 6 are invited to a curriculum and assessment updates meeting in the Hall on Wednesday 15th March at 6pm. We look forward to seeing you there.



**ATTENDANCE**—Well done to Class 1 again for achieving the highest attendance of 100% in the last week, as well as Class 4! Well done both classes! Class 2 came next with 98.2%, followed by Class 3 with 96.1%. Finally Class 5 achieved 94.5%.

**MORNING LEARNING**— Many thanks to all the parents / carers for supporting us in getting your child / children to school for 8.45am, before the register at 8.55am. In order to maximise learning opportunities, each morning the children have access to 15 minutes morning learning, before assembly, which focuses on the application and enhancement of a range of skills taught in class. Over a week, that equates to 75 minutes additional learning. Over a year that is a staggering 2850 minutes extra learning time, which equates to 47 and a half hours! The impact is therefore very significant, so your support and encouragement with this is greatly appreciated.

## EXCELLENT LEARNERS 10.3.17



Meet this week's excellent learners who should be very proud of their achievements. 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 being a reading champion (RC).

**Class 1:** George H / Lucas K—For super effort with spellings and writing

**Delina P**— For amazing progress in reading! (RC)

**Class 2:** William B—For imaginative description in his animal writing.

**Elise S**— For beginning to use expression in her reading (RC)

**Class 3:** Ila F—For fantastic limerick writing.

**James M**—For improved fluency in guided reading (RC)

**Class 4:** Thomas H—For an excellent poem including similes!

**Ava S**—For a superb attitude towards reading and setting an excellent role model for the class (RC)

**Class 5:** George D—For a beautiful piece of work about Telford's Aqueduct

**Harley A**—For incredible progress in reading comprehension! (RC)

**RED NOSE DAY**— Please note that Red Nose Day is on **Friday 24th March** and the children (and staff!) are invited to come to school 'dressed to make us laugh', along with a **voluntary donation of £1.00** towards the Red Nose Day Charity. In addition, we will be holding a special **Red Nose Day '1980s Danceathon for families at 8.15am to 8.45am** on the same morning. We have also ordered boxes of red noses which will be **on sale at £1.00 starting on Monday 13th March**. There are plenty of noses to sell, so please buy for other family members too. All proceeds go towards charity. We would also like to invite parents / carers to donate any red nose day themed buns to sell on 24th March too please. Please ensure all buns/biscuits are free from nuts/nut based products. Many thanks.



**Please note that the 'Magical Musicals' evening at St Aidan's Church will now take place on 13th May.**

## Roving Reporters

**Class 1** - In maths, Class 1 have been counting in 10s, calculating money and sharing treasure. The children have also been writing about pirates in English. While Class 1 have been doing PE, they have been creating obstacle courses as well as training for sports day. Finally during Art everyone painted and designed pirates of their own. Sienna said that it was lots of fun. (By George and William)

**Class 2** - In maths, Class 2 have been using number lines to help them with their subtracting. "We have been making Planet Earth out of clay and learning about it." said Teyha. She also made a list of the layers of the Earth. The children have been running the daily mile and in PE and they have been practising for sports day. Throughout the week they have also been learning about animals. Did you know that they have even been taking Millie the meerkat around school? " (by Rebecca and Molly)

**Class 3** - Class 3 have linked their English work with their school trip. They went to Yorkshire Sculpture Park on Wednesday and wrote poems about the junk trees. They also wrote some beautiful shape poems in the classroom. At the Sculpture Park, they sketched some of the sculptures. "It was really fun sketching the sculptures!" stated Jack B. In maths they made some 3D shapes. Alex T said that he thought that visualising the 3D shapes was tricky but later he found he could do it. Class 3 were also practising their handwriting - trying to make it as neat as possible! They are also still enjoying their weekly swimming lessons on a Thursday. It's been a very busy week! (By Sarah and Annabelle)

**Class 4** - This week in Class 4, they have been learning about sound and the children faced the fun project of making a telephone. On Wednesday Class 4 and 3 went on a trip to Yorkshire Sculpture Park.

"I really liked the weird but beautiful sculptures!" exclaimed Macen. In their topic work the class have been learning about the Inuit people. They have been exploring dancing in a theme of around the world in 80 days with Team Activ. In maths, Class 4 have been learning about perimeter and 3D properties. Last but not least, in English Class 4 have been writing different types of poems. That is the end of Class 4's busy week! (By Jake A and Sam T)

**Class 5** - In Class 5 this week, the Y6 children have been revising for their SATs with Mrs Taylor and Mrs Irwin. In addition, they have been learning about volume. Mrs Taylor has also been teaching about circuits and how to draw the symbols during science. Some children learnt about 19th century engineers (Isambard Kingdom Brunel and Thomas Telford) and drew their constructions—the children obviously worked extremely hard as they look incredible! Finally we have been doing imaginative stories. (By Ben A)

**UPDATE : Maypole dancing club is not able to go ahead unfortunately due to lack of interest . We are therefore looking at another option of teaching a class Maypole Dancing during the day instead.**

## PROJECT PLAYGROUND 'PROJECT PLAYGROUND' -

Phase 1 of 'Project Playground' is to brighten up our plain tarmac area all around school with colourful and vibrant playground markings. The markings are also an excellent way for us to improve our on-site facilities and provide useful curriculum resources for teachers. Furthermore, the creation of more focused areas, with stimulating games and activities for pupils to play



during break times, will encourage further social interaction as well as promote co-operative play. Focused play also promotes safer play, reducing the risk of falls and collisions caused by running around. The markings which we have

chosen (after consultation with the children and staff) are bright, multi-sport targets and markings which will help to transform the playground and will encourage children to get more active during playtimes and lunch

times. Many thanks to all the parents, carers, family members and members of the community who have helped the PTA raise the incredible amount of funds to start our project. Also huge thanks to the Penistone Round Table for their very generous donation towards the piece of work. Phase 2 of the project is to install a tyre park and climbing wall, as well as providing new playtime equipment to be used outdoors.

**RSPB**—Many thanks to everyone for purchasing the RSPB badges which are on sale in reception. You have managed to help raise £21.73 so far this year. The RSPB badges are very high quality with a variety of designs available, perfect as a gift or even to collect! The suggested donation of £1 per badge goes towards supporting the RSPB's valuable work of protecting our natural habitats and much loved British bird species. Plus, when we've sold the ones in reception we get some lovely new designs to choose from! Thanks very much to Miss Woolley for her hard work with this.

### **Dates for your diary:**

- ⇒ **Yoga group has restarted—contact office for further details.**
- ⇒ **Year 1 and 2 multi-skills @PGS on Monday after school.**
- ⇒ **15th March Curriculum and Assessment meeting for parents / carers at 6pm in the hall.**
- ⇒ **Reminder that you are invited to a 'drop in' after school on Thursday 16th March at 3.30pm to look at work with your child / children.**