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Oxspring News

Newsletter for Oxspring Primary School

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From Mr West

It's the end of June already, and although the weather has turned somewhat autumnal, each class continues to shine brightly! Rehearsals for the end of year play continue and I am being blown away by the commitment and enthusiasm from the children. We still have a lot of work to do on this but I know the children will put on an amazing show. Elsewhere round school we have all been scientists and today there has been something distinctly "magical" going on in Class 4. It has also been a real pleasure to welcome our new starters for September into school this week, I know that we will all make them feel very welcome. Thank you all for your continued support of school.

Science Day

On Thursday, the school became a science laboratory for the day with investigations and experiments occurring in every class. The children came together at the end of the day to share what they had found out. More details can be found on the next page.

Pirates Of The Currybean -KS2 production

The ticket letter has been distributed, please can you return any orders for tickets by Monday 10th July at the absolute latest. We are currently limiting tickets to up to 4 per family, and request that this is split as 2 each per performance. This is to ensure a fair allocation for all families and also that we do not exceed the fire regulations for the hall. Thank you for your understanding. If there are any tickets remaining for those wanting extras, then they will be available from 3:30pm on Monday 10th. Please note that availability of extra tickets cannot be guaranteed.

The Great Paper Plane Challenge



The school hall became busier than Heathrow Airport on Thursday morning as part of our science day events. It was wonderful to see parents and

children working together to create the ultimate flying machine. The challenge was to hit the target at the end of the hall and although a few managed it in training, the prize for the most accurate throw went to Dexter in Class One who scored a perfect bullseye!



Excellent Learners



These are this week's excellent learners and reading champions.

Harvey W—for fantastic sounding out and reading in phonics.

Maggie O—Lovely reading

aloud in a group.

Leah R—Lovely story telling to the whole class.

Georgia S—Fantastic and exciting story writing.

Jonah B—For thinking carefully when writing a poem about rivers.

Jemima R - Brilliant participation in guided reading.

Joe T—For excellent inference in reading.

Isabelle R—For superb maths work.

Johnny RW - For an amazing house and brochure.

Hazel O—For such an improvement in confidence and expression when rehearsing the play.

Well done to all our award winners—it was a real pleasure to see such wonderful work and hear about their positive attitudes this morning.



Last weeks photograph! Well done to everyone in this picture too!

Community Gardening Day

A reminder that this event is being held this Saturday (1st July), meeting at Bower Dell starting from 10am. If you can help prepare the Oxspring for the Village In Bloom judging, please speak to Emily Gratton-Rayson, or simply turn up on the day.



Roving Reporters—Science Day Edition

Class 1

In Class One today we have been learning about bubbles! Everyone has been experimenting with different ways to make bubble wands by using different shapes with wires and pipe cleaners. The children also made different kinds of bubble mixture with a variety of ingredients to see which mixture was the best. We used water and washing up liquid and then added either salt, sugar, syrup food colouring or oil to our mixtures. The children were amazed to discover that blue water didn't make blue bubbles, but did make blue marks on the floor when they popped!



Class 2

Miss Grobler set us the challenge of seeing who could get the treasure out of the ice! We tried lots of different things such as toothpicks, forks, hot water and salt. Alfred's table was the fastest! Then we made ropes out of paper and one of them held an amazing 4kg! Finally, we had a challenge to imagine we were animals and build a tower without using our hands! We loved the whole day. We hope we can do it again! By Amy and Leah

Class 3

We split into 5 groups to make bread : group no.1 left out salt, group no.2 left out margarine, group no.3 left out yeast, group no.4 had different flour, group no.5 had all the right ingredients. But we made it a fair test because we all added the same amount of flour and water. We all agreed group 5 was the best because it was crunchy fluffy inside and tasted just right. Class 3 also made shadow puppets ,levitating balls and moving fish using static electricity. We all loved science day because it was fun and we learnt how things work. Eddie Sparrow said 'I love science because there is more than one answer.' Harriet says 'science day is the best', Miles likes to think out of the box. By Miles, Eddie and Harriet

Class 4

For science day, class 4 were presented with a challenge of identifying the best material to slow down the melting of an ice pop. The children had to design the investigation choosing the materials and methods to record the results. All the children demonstrated a fantastic range of scientific working skills in carrying out the investigation, ensuring they were careful to have only one variable and keeping all other elements of the investigation constant. The final results were unanimous in that the ice pop wrapped in the foam took the longest time to melt. We are very proud of the super scientists in class four .

Class 5

There has been so much science that we have had to continue in this column!



In Class 5 we conducted three investigations. The first involved different amounts of ice in cups to see how quickly the temperature of the water matched room temperature. We were surprised to see how quickly the temperature dropped! Then, we used a football and a tennis ball to demonstrate a transfer of energy. It's amazing how high you can catapult a tennis ball from a standing drop! Finally, we created circuits and played guess who, but by using the lights to ask and answer questions in Morse Code. Surprisingly, many teams managed to guess the right person from the list!

Attendance:

- 1) 100%
- 2) 97.9%
- 3) 95.8%
- 4) 95.5%
- 5) 97.6%



every day counts
ATTEND TODAY -
ACHIEVE TOMORROW!

Another fantastic score for Class One, with Class 5 just behind. Well done!

PTA Update

Don't forget the end of term disco is going to be held on Monday 17th July from 6:30pm for all children. The event will finish at 8:00pm. Full details will follow.

Fit Friday

Join us this coming Friday for the final dance session the year. Come from 8:15 am in the hall to start your day with some exercise. Flares and platforms are, as always, completely optional! If you've never been before, why not come and join in the fun?



And Finally....

All of us at Oxspring would like to wish you a very enjoyable and safe weekend. See you all on Monday!