

# Oxspring News

Newsletter for Oxspring Primary School

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**From Mrs Irwin—** Further to my letter yesterday, I am delighted that we were able to share our Ofsted report with you. The inspector was really overwhelmed when I told him how much our PTA, parents and families have managed to raise for our children over the last few years! Thank you so much for your incredible, on-going support and commitment, which makes our school the lovely school that it is. Thanks again also to our incredible team of staff who are quite simply amazing! They always go the extra mile in everything that they do! In addition, heartfelt thanks also to our wonderful team of governors who work with such commitment and dedication for our school and as a result, governance has been acknowledged as a strength of the school. In other news, we raised the profile of World Down Syndrome Day this week, which included a whole school assembly and songs using our Makaton. Class 1 also had a brilliant visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park (see below). Wishing you a very enjoyable and restful weekend.

**CLASS 1 VISIT—** As part of their topic on animals, Class 1 had an exciting visit to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park on Thursday. The children spent the day exploring and seeing if they could spot all the animals. Alfie said that



he enjoyed seeing the tiger.' It has stripes and I saw it sitting down, When it yawned we saw his sharp teeth,' he explained. Ché was excited that he saw a Ring Tailed Lemur. 'It had really soft fur and fur rings on its' tail!' he remarked. Ava's favourite was seeing the leopard! The whole class agreed that it had been the best visit ever and Mrs Reeve was so proud of the children's attitudes and behaviour all day!

**ATTENDANCE—** Class attendance for last week is as follows: Class 1 - 99%, Class 2—92%; Class 3—95.9%; Class 4—93.2%; Class 5—94.1%. Well done and thank you to Class 1 again!

**IN THE SPOTLIGHT—** We are delighted to report that Ila in Class 5 took part in the Stocksbridge Gymnastics Club's inter class competition final last



Saturday and won a silver medal in her age group (2008). Fantastic news Ila—your family are quite rightly very proud of you and so are we! *(If your child has something to celebrate and be 'in the spotlight' please contact the school office).*

**BREAKFAST—** Could we please remind parents / carers that for children who attend the out of school club on a morning, **breakfast is served until 8.10am**, in order to prepare the classroom for the day ahead. Many thanks for your understanding.

**Wishing you an enjoyable weekend from staff and governors.**



**EXCELLENT LEARNERS -** Meet this week's excellent learners and authors of the week (AOW): **Class 1: Evie—**For choosing to write independently! (AOW); **Charlie H—** For trying so hard in all areas of his learning; **Class 2: Isaac—**For his super writing! (AOW); **Evelyn—**For her excellent work on telling the time; **Class 3: Owen—**For great use of conjunctions and increased productivity! (AOW); **Molly AS—**For lovely handwriting; **Class 4: Jemima—**For her superb non chronological report. (AOW); **Ryan -** For his excellent work on Mayan numbers; **Class 5: Thomas K and Rosie B—**For stunning short stories! (AOW)

**ROVING REPORTERS – Class 1 -** Class 1 dived into the jungle this week in a lot of subjects which included learning about the poem - 'Rumble in the Jungle'. The class have also ventured into the land of maths by halving and quartering numbers. Furthermore, they have been very active while hitting balls with bats in cricket. And last but not least...Yorkshire Wildlife Park!!! The children ventured into this zoo, being very brave little explorers. They were prepared to see many amazing animals such as: lemurs, otters, a polar bear, baboons and the most dangerous of all... a tiger! (By Thomas K and Bertie)

**Class 2 -** This week the children have been writing about the famous nurse Florence Nightingale. During their maths learning they have been telling the time (half past and o clocks). During PE, they have been practising for sports day, as well as playing tag rugby games. As part of their science learning they have been looking at the human body. (By Ila and Lauren); **Class 3—** Class 3 has had another exciting learning week. They have been creating 3D shapes in maths and writing the story of Boudicca and using conjunctions and main clauses in their writing! Class 3 have been analysing the nutrients and vitamins your body needs in science! The class have also been making some mind blowing collages of Roman helmets! Finally, they have been learning about the Garden of Gethsemane in RE. (By Archie & Louie); **Class 4 -** Throughout this week, Class 4 have been measuring the height and weights of objects in maths. Writing has included creating non- chronological reports about sloths. Class 4 are learning about invertebrates in science. The children have also been putting their research skills to the test to find out about the Mayans' ruins, as well as how they used to count. (By Thomas H and Joe); **Class 5 -** Have you got a favourite animal? Class 5 showed everyone how amazing they are this week by writing stunning non chronological reports about them! In art, the children were inspired to paint daffodils! Finally, the class experienced 'a spooky man in a graveyard' in their imaginative minds during reading! (By Daisy and Daisy)

### Dates for your diary:

- ⇒ Next Wed 27th March is Sports Day—we looking forward to seeing you there!
- ⇒ Next Thurs 28th March is Year 2 SATs workshop for parents at 6pm
- ⇒ Tues 2nd April is Year 1 phonics workshop at 6pm
- ⇒ Thurs 4th April is E-Safety workshop at 6pm—details to follow