

Oxley Primary School

**Celebrating Learning
Summer Term 1 2022**



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Have an I can attitude.

Friday 27th May 2022

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We have to come the end of another half term and what a half term it has been! This newsletter gives just a flavour of some of the wonderful things the school and children have been doing over the past several weeks.

As you may have seen from my letter sent out yesterday, Miss Shelton will be leaving us at the end of this academic year. Miss Shelton has dedicated almost 33 years to the children of Oxley. Miss Shelton will be sorely missed but we are very excited for her plans for retirement and can't wait to hear all about the new adventures she embarks upon. With Miss Shelton's departure, we are very pleased to welcome Miss Henson who will take on our post of EYFS & Phonics Lead in August.

I am also pleased to announce that our new website is now live! Behind the scenes, we have been working hard to build a website that truly reflects our values and ethos. Please do take the time to visit our new website and find out more about our curriculum, latest news and lots of other key information about the school - as well as some fantastic photos of the children!

www.oxleyprimary.org

We are really excited to finish this half term with the Platinum Jubilee celebrations. Having the opportunity to come together as a whole school, have fun and share this historical event is extremely welcome!

I wish you all an enjoyable half term and we will see you back at school on Monday 6th June.

Kindest Regards, Mr Caldwell

Houses



A huge congratulations to all of the Year 6 children who pitched for house captaincy a few weeks ago. The staff and their fellow team mates were blown away with the level of commitment to this new role. In true democratic style, all children had a chance to write down their preferred choice and with the help of our fabulous office staff, votes were counted and verified to reveal Oxley's House captains for 2022. They will now work alongside the School Council to ensure that everyone's voices are heard and plenty of activities are arranged across the whole school. Watch this space!

It is extremely important for us as a school to teach the importance of caring for the environment as much as we can and for the children to understand the part they play in this. Therefore, we are delighted to share that our house tokens are all eco-friendly. Our Gold tokens are made from 100% recycled plastic; our green tokens are made from a starch-based bioplastic from potato peelings; and our blue tokens are made from old fishing nets in order to raise awareness of maritime pollution.



Our brand-new library

With the help of our School Council who all worked hard to find out the types of books our children wanted in the library and with the help of our tremendously dedicated team of Year 6 librarians - all of which have dedicated a huge amount of their spare time to rearrange, stamp and organise our new library - we officially opened at the beginning of this term and the children have been very excited! Just like a real library, everyone has a library card and visit weekly to really promote a love of books. A huge thank you also goes to our fabulous FOXES who donated a large sum of money at the beginning of the year to kickstart the revamp.



Young Voices

On Monday 16th May, we travelled to the Resorts World Arena in Birmingham for Young Voices 2022. After the disappointment of it being cancelled last year due to COVID, the organisers pulled out all the stops to put on an amazing series of 25th anniversary concerts. Our children made up a choir of over 4,000 children singing hits such as "Hakuna Matata", "Titanium" and a whole medley of Beatles songs. A monumental thank you goes to Miss Evans who has worked tirelessly all year in preparation for this event and to Mrs Robinson and Mrs Taylor who volunteered to help out on the day. It was a long day but our children were a true testament to our school and were amazing representatives for Oxley. Roll on next year!



Reading raffle winners

Yesterday, we drew our summer 1 raffle winners who have kept up with reading as much as they can at home. Reading really is at the heart of our curriculum and it is tremendously important for all of our children to continue reading at home. If you have any questions about our reading curriculum or wish to know more about how you can help at home, please speak with Mrs Palmer or your child's teacher. Congratulations to all of our winners this term! #Oxleylovesreading



SATS



Everyday our children at Oxley make us proud with their reliance and thirst for learning but we couldn't send this term's newsletter out without mentioning our Year 2 and Year 6 children who have completed their SATs tests this half term. We know these statutory tests only show a small part of what our children are capable of and cannot measure how kind they are or how creative they can be but the way the children tried their hardest at every opportunity and kept doing so with a smile on their faces, makes us even prouder. Whatever the results may be, our children have shown true strength in character and work ethic.

Year 6 Enterprise

Today, we saw our Year 6 become real entrepreneurs by working together to fund raise for their end of year celebrations. For the past few weeks, the children have completed market research, advertised and worked out profits by designing their own stalls and activities. It was wonderful to see so many Year 6 parents join us in the morning and for our classes to visit throughout the morning. Thanks to its success, this will now be a yearly Year 6 project!





Queen's Jubilee

To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, all classes celebrated today by having an afternoon-tea style lunch together on the playground. This was followed by a showcase of singing and dancing talents when every class performed a song from the Queen's 70-year reign. A compilation video will be posted on twitter over half term for you all to see. To finish the celebration in style, Mr Caldwell secretly organised an ice-cream van to visit! What a great end to a great half term!





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Story, Songs and Creativity club

Two groups have attended this club and have thoroughly enjoyed listening to stories which have been acted out with puppets and visual aids. The children have had lots of opportunities to use musical instruments, dance and use a variety



of art materials to produce some spectacular work! Together, they have looked at *Noah's Ark*, *The Rainbow Fish*, *Daniel in the lion's den* and *The three Billy Goats Gruff*. A huge thank you to Miss Shelton and Miss Wright for running this club after school.



Cooking Club

Our cooking club held a fantastic bake sale on a few weeks ago to celebrate the hard work that has been taking place for this half term. A huge thank you to Miss Slawson and Mrs Martin for volunteering to run this very popular club and providing an opportunity for staff to buy lots of cakes for the staff room!

Weduc

A polite reminder that we are now in full swing of using Weduc to communicate but there are a number of parents still to download the app. Enrolment codes have been sent and can be resent if you contact the office. All authorisation requirements will now be asked via Weduc instead of returning paper slips so please make sure you stay up to date with you child's learning by downloading the app.

Kindest Regards,

Mr Caldwell
Headteacher





As part of our half termly newsletter, we celebrate the learning that has been taking place across the school. All classes are working especially hard; we are extremely proud of them.



Bears



The Bears have loved studying 'We're going on a bear hunt' this half term. We have acted out the story and even trekked through artificial snow, mud, water and a pretend forest before finally finding the bear hidden in a tent! They have been using the provision to extend their learning and have produced amazing independent writing. Well done Bears, you are awesome.

Koalas

This term the Koalas have loved studying "We're Going on a Bear Hunt". We enjoyed lots of exciting learning about the story. Our favourite activity was going on our own bear hunt around the school! We also became detectives and went on a word hunt. We have continued to build on our number work. We have focused on doubling and counting in multiples of 2, 5 and 10. The Koalas are doing an amazing job!



Hedgehogs



The Happy Hedgehogs have been busy investigating some unusual objects they have found around school as a part of our novel study book – The Enormous Crocodile!! We have been making our own predictions about what we think may have hatched out of the egg, left the dirty footprints and gnawed bones!

Owls

The Owls have had a super half term and have been working extremely hard. It's hard to believe how much we have packed into just five weeks! In English, we concluded our novel study of *The Enormous Crocodile* by writing our own lost chapters and in maths we have been exploring the properties of 3D shapes.



Meerkats



In the Meerkats we have been studying the book 'Escape from Pompeii.' We set up the classroom as the crowded, busy streets and became haggling tradesmen! We have also been busy measuring in the playground as part of our perimeter unit and have been sorting rocks into their different properties in Science.

Elephants

In the Elephants this half term we have started a new novel study book, *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*, whereby the children received their very own letters of acceptance to Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry!!

This meant, however, that we finished reading the BFG. To celebrate finishing the BFG, we made comparisons between the book and the movie, while enjoying a slice of Snozzcumber cake and a glass of Frobscottle - yummy!



Gorillas



This half term in The Gorillas, we have been learning all about the Amazon rainforest and its amazing inhabitants in geography. In RE, we have been learning about what it means to be a Hindu in Britain today. In our computing lessons we have looked at different databases and evaluated them based on their practicality.

Tigers

Year 5 have been really enjoying their history unit of Victorians which they rounded off with a trip to Beaumanor Hall to investigate Victorian life for children. They dressed up for the day out, ate a Victorian packed lunch and even played Victorian games at break time! The Tigers have also been working really hard on their art unit of sculpture where they are learning about the abstract art of Barbara Hepworth.



Lions and Wolves



As expected, this half term saw lots of opportunities for revision in preparation for their Year 6 SATS; however, as soon as this was over we got straight onto designing our Enterprise project. We have also completed a lot of science related lessons linked to the circulatory system which included dissecting hearts as well as looking at how our heart rate changes during exercise!