

Oxley Primary School
Celebrating Learning
Summer Term 1 2023



Be Kind.
Be Brilliant.
Have an **I can** attitude.

Friday 26th May 2023

Dear Parent and Carers,

We are half way through the summer term and it is hard to believe we are approaching the last six weeks of the academic year.

I would like to start by saying a huge well done to the all children in Year 6 and Year 2 for fully embodying the Oxley "I can" attitude while carrying out their SATs tests. They have shown fantastic determination, resilience and have worked extremely hard - the whole school community is enormously proud of you.

This half term has been packed with learning, personal development and exciting activities and events - and we are only half way through the summer term! As always, our newsletters only capture a fraction of all the great things the children have done and accomplished throughout this half term, we very much hope you enjoy reading it.

I wish you all an enjoyable half term. We are very much looking forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 5th June to commence our final half term – which is set to be even better!

Kindest Regards

Mr Caldwell
Headteacher

Year 6 Enterprise

A huge thank you to all who supported our enterprise this morning. It was wonderful to see the whole community together. We are so proud of the Lions and Foxes for working as hard as they have and of course, this would not have been possible without parental support! The grand total will be announced very soon!



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This half term, we have been celebrating our new King's coronation by designing and making crowns and hats inspired by prolific British Artists. As a school, we learned more about artists from a range of fields such as architecture, optical art, photography, illustration and millinery (hat making).



And then we celebrated with extra play, ice cream and a whole lot of partying with our friends!



Stop Motion animation

In stop motion animation club, we have looked at different forms of stop motion animation such as claymation, using Lego pieces and paper. We have experimented with these different forms and decided on our favourite in order to storyboard and create our final animations.



In April, we were pleased to welcome back David Bowden, aka Word Guerrilla! During a whole school assembly David ignited the children's passion for rap, rhythm and beatboxing again through many of his own poems. We were amazed at how many lyrics the children remembered from last time and needed no encouragement to join in! David then spent the rest of the day working with KS2 children, delving into areas of diversity and inclusion through poetry workshops.



SATS

We are immensely proud of our children in Year 2 and Year 6 for showing fantastic resilience, a great attitude to their learning and wonderful positivity over the last few weeks. We're so proud of you in fact, we would like to give you a week off! Well done.



Celebration OF LEARNING

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.

Penguins

It has been another busy half term for the Penguins! Our topic has been 'How does your garden grow?' We have enjoyed planting beans and keeping a bean diary looking at how the beans have grown. We have been raising some caterpillars too and waiting patiently for them to be butterflies. We enjoyed our novel study book 'Oliver's Vegetables' and we enjoyed tasting some of the vegetables from the story that Grandpa grew in his garden. We have been learning all about numbers to 20 in Maths and thinking carefully about the value of each digit. Well done Penguins!



Pandas



Wow! What a fantastic half term we have had in the Panda's class. The children have loved writing their own versions of 'Oliver's Vegetables' as well as learning all about minibeasts. We have created our own Fauna and Flora art work and used a range of



techniques that we had learnt. We also loved celebrating the King's coronation and wearing our crowns inspired by Lubaina Himid!

Turtles

What a busy half term the Turtles have had! In English, as part of their novel study work, the children have been busy reading Roald Dahl's 'George's Marvellous Medicine,' where they have been using new vocabulary to write a diary entry, instructions and even a new chapter for the book! In celebration of



King Charles III's coronation, the children also used their instructional skills to make, and write about, their own marvellous coronation cocktails. In Science, as part of their Young Gardeners unit, the children have explored the school grounds, looking at the varying microhabitats in order

to survey and identify the different plants and animals that are growing in their local environment.

Owls

A highlight of our half term was, of course, celebrating the coronation of King Charles III. Along with the whole school, our class designed crowns and our chosen British artist was the punk icon, Vivienne Westwood. We also thoroughly enjoyed our “red, white and blue” day of celebration and particularly loved making our own coronation mocktails! Alongside all this excitement, we have loved our new novel study of “George’s Marvellous Medicine” and have produced some super writing outcomes based on character descriptions, instructions and our own chapter. In Geography, we have concluded our work on oceans and our work culminated in a writing project to our local MP, Jane Hunt.

I cannot end this note without expressing my pride in all of Year 2 in how they have engaged in their SATs. Their efforts, perseverance and unrelenting “I can” attitude has been commendable and I am exceptionally proud of all of them.



Meerkats

Wow Meerkats, what a busy half term we have had! We absolutely loved our trip to Conkers Discovery Park where we learned all about the Greeks. The temple den building was a huge hit



and we were so impressed with the teamwork and perseverance on show. We have loved our art unit on food and have produced some really great pieces made from modroc, leading to a huge picnic display with the Peacocks! Meerkats have also been great at their computing work this half term and have really been developing their programming skills using Scratch. Well done Meerkats!

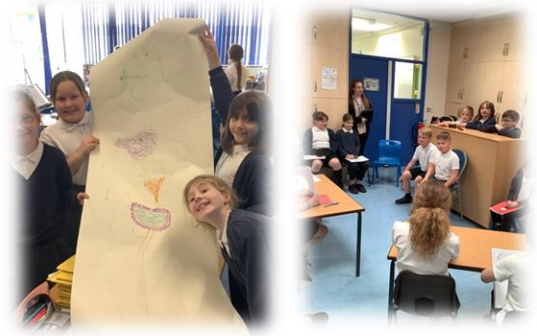
Peacocks

What a busy and exciting half-term we have had in the Peacocks class! We started the term with our trip to Conkers to celebrate the Ancient Greeks, followed by a special visit from a STEM ambassador to support our science topic of Rocks and Fossils. We were also lucky to have a visit from Word Guerilla who showed us how fun poetry can be. The Peacocks also became coronation ready this term to celebrate the ascension of King Charles III. What a historic moment and a memorable start to the Summer term!



Tigers

The Tigers have enjoyed learning about how our body works this half term, particularly teeth, eating and digestion. They were challenged to draw the digestive system and how everything connects which really made them think. They also finished their unit on The Highwayman poem by Alfred Noyes. This is a poem that tells a story of love, death and intrigue. Unfortunately, Bess the landlord's daughter dies but we produced discussion writing to decide who was responsible and then had a mock trial. The children loved it and we certainly have some good barristers in the making! Well done Tigers.



Lemurs



What a busy half term we've had in the Lemurs! We put the headphones on and became professional DJ's, working on creating loops and making sure our timing is spot on. We have also spent a lot of time working on debating skills, starting with paired and class debates before creating our very own courtroom, where we worked with the Tigers to decide who was responsible for Bess' death. In science we got hands-on and used computing skills to learn all about the parts of the digestive system and their functions. Finally, we had a great time working with other Year 5's in other schools in a fun packed sports morning, turning into cops and robbers, dodgeball champions and hula hooping experts.

Lions and Foxes



What a very busy term we have had! Naturally, there have been many opportunities for consolidation of learning in reading skills, maths and grammatical terminology; however, we have also made sure to continue learning in history, art, science, music, French and PSHE. In music, we have begun our new music technology unit looking at loops, column switching and rhythm and 4/4 timings; and in art, we have continued learning about impressionism trying our hand at 'En Plein Air' painting outside. In French, we have turned our hands to understanding different families and how to describe members of our family using detail such as age and title; and in PSHE, we have been learning all about drugs and the difference between legal and illegal drugs. Throughout this half term, we have seen our children show resilience and we are extremely proud of how they devised and ran their own enterprise project too! You all thoroughly deserve a well-deserved week off! Well done.