

Oxley Primary School
Celebrating Learning
Summer Term 2 2022



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

Friday 8th July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have come to the end of the academic year and as I complete my first year as Headteacher at Oxley, I have to state what a privilege it has been to work with such amazing children. I consider it a real honour to work with your children each and every day. We cannot underestimate how resilient and determined the children have been during the past two years. It has been wonderful to return to a more "normal" way of school life and start to enjoy all the things that we were unable to do for so long.

This term has been a short one but, as you will see in this newsletter, it has been jam packed with exciting learning opportunities, activities and events that children have continuously tackled with the Oxley "I can" attitude. On behalf of staff and I, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the children for making our roles in school so enjoyable and rewarding each and every day.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming the children back in the autumn term - as well as the children starting with us in EYFS. I would also like to pass on a big thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support this year. I wish you all an enjoyable summer holiday and we shall see you on the beginning of term on Tuesday 30th August.

Kindest Regards

Mr Caldwell

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D Caldwell".

Headteacher

A red ribbon banner with a gold border, containing the text "SPECIAL RECOGNITION" in white capital letters.

On Tuesday, we celebrated the following children who have been recognised for their special achievements, consistently showing our Oxley core values. We are so unbelievably proud of you all.

○Abigail, Leo ○Bobby, Emily ○Freddie, Ava-Leigh
○Jack, Evie ○Charlotte, Phoebe -Rose ○Mackenzie,
Caitlin ○Ollie, Aaliyah ○Ella, Harry ○Freya, Jayden
○Oliver and Elizabeth.



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Oxley's Got Talent

This term saw a brand-new Oxley tradition in the form of a talent contest and boy do we have some talent at our fabulous school! Everything from singing, acrobatics, jokes and football skills were showcased and we could not be prouder of how hard all of our finalists worked and how professional they were in the name of show business. A huge congratulations to our crowned winners who sang their way to 1st position with an energetic rendition of Ex-Wives from the hit musical Six! A big thank you to Mr Snutch who volunteered to be a judge for us as well as our chair of Governors, Mrs Lofthouse and our head judge Mr Allen-Hill who represented the School Council.



School Games Mark



This term saw Oxley gain the Silver School Games Mark and a huge thank you must go to Miss Evans who has worked tirelessly submitting evidence in order to gain recognition. The mark is based on four categories, including: participation, competition, pupils' leadership and clubs on offer. Next year we will start working towards the gold award and will also begin to work towards e-safety and anti-bullying marks so keep your eyes peeled as we continue to build on the great work of this year's curriculum.

Reading raffle winners

On Tuesday we had our last reading raffle draw in celebration of all the fabulous children who have continuously strived to read at least three times a week at home. Reading is incredibly important and we will continue to push this next year also. A big thank you to Mrs Palmer who have worked hard all year in promoting reading across the school and to all parents, carers and children who have supported us in this drive. #Oxleylovesreading



Earth Day

This term Oxley recognised Earth Day; a significant day in the calendar for us all to acknowledge the health of our planet and the role we play to look after it. Children travelled across continents to learn about the varying impacts of climate change, and importantly, how we can address it. Ask your child what is happening in Antarctica; how coral bleaching occurs and the devastating effects of rising sea levels - to name a few.



Sporting events



This term has really felt like things are well on their way to getting 'back to normal' after Covid with lots of sporting events taking place in every year group. Our children have been fantastic sports ambassadors whilst taking part in events such as Quad kids, various sporting events as part of the local Beskilled school's group at most recently during a duathlon events held at Hicks Lodge and a Year 5/6 netball tournament at St Botolph's which saw our dream team win 12-1. We already have lots of events in next year's calendar so it's full steam ahead straight after the summer holidays.

PGL



Year 6 had a great time on their PGL residential last month which saw them scaling climbing walls like Spiderman, zip wiring, being suspended in a giant swing and cruising along the lake whilst canoeing. As always, our children were impeccable behaved and received many comments from PGL staff and other teachers about how supportive and well-mannered they were during their stay. Next year, Lions and Foxes will be going in September to kick start the year. Further details including medical forms to be completed will be sent the first day back.

Rocksteady

Our children treated the school to a Rock festival a few weeks ago and showcased their growing talents on a variety of instruments. It was incredibly humbling to see, after only a few sessions, how confident our budding musicians were. For snippets of their songs, please visit our twitter page.



House winners!



At the start of this term, we celebrated #teamair and #teamfire winning the

house categories by having a non-uniform day, a mini-disco in the hall and extra outdoor play on the field. On Friday, #teamair #teamearth and #teamfire took the victories and celebrated with either a non-uniform day or outside activities. A big thank you to our wonderful School Council for working so hard in organising houses again and for our model Year 6 house captains for paving the way and inspiring the next set of leaders. Watch this space...



Sports day

Last month saw our Sports Days back and better than ever! It was brilliant to see so many children sporting their house colours and taking part in both competitive and team sporting events. The children had a great time and this was made even better with the many parents



and carers who also joined us. A big thank you to Miss Evans for organising and all the Oxley staff who helped ensure that the children had a great afternoon. It was also delightful to see so many parents and teachers take part in the parent and teacher races too!

End of Year discos

Finally, we would like to say a huge thank you to the FOXES for their perfect end of year discos last week. The children had a great time and danced the night away! Without the dedicated efforts of our PFA volunteers, we don't know what we would do! A big shout out to the Oxley staff who also stayed behind and boogied with the children. What a fantastic end to a fantastic year!



Goodbye to Year 6

Of course, we couldn't finish this newsletter without saying goodbye to our fantastic Year 6 cohort who have worked their socks off all year. They are a wonderful example of how brilliant our school is and we are very sad to see them go. From countless performances, huge projects, devising their own revision timetables and always offering their leadership to a variety of events and clubs, you really are incredible and we are so very proud of you! Their final week was a busy one with two performances of Superstan, Oxley's Got Talent and a leavers assembly – having only an hour to rehearse! Yet again, they raised the bar and went out with a bang! WOW!



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.



Bears



We have all enjoyed watching our caterpillars develop into butterflies as part of our Science work on minibeasts and our novel study book 'The Hungry Caterpillar'. We were sad to set the butterflies free but are looking out for them in our school garden. As part of our Earth day we have also enjoyed going to the polytunnel to learn about plants.

It has been a privilege and joy for me to teach the Bears as my last class at Oxley School. All the best for Year 1, you are brilliant.

Koalas

Wow! What an amazing half term we have had in the Koala's classroom. The children have been so busy exploring lots of different learning. Our favourite learning this term has been exploring the story of "The Very Hungry Caterpillar"



and writing our own version of the story. The best part of the term is when we all received star of the week!!

Hedgehogs



What a wonderful end to the term we have had in the Happy Hedgehog class. In Maths, the children have been busy learning about capacity; comparing and ordering different sized containers. Whilst, in Science, the watery theme continued when the children had to investigate which type of bag would keep chilled water the coldest. What super investigating, Hedgehogs!

Owls

The Owls have had a wonderful end to our summer term. They have continued to work incredibly hard, and show all our Oxley values. In English, we have written some super alliterative poems based on "Bleezer's Ice Cream Store" and have continued working hard in maths. We have loved taking our learning outside this term and can't wait to enjoy more summer sun!



Meerkats



What an exciting last term we have had in the Meerkat class. We have been busy studying the story of Escape from Pompeii, writing persuasive letters and setting descriptions. In Science we have been asking questions about fossils, learning about how they are formed and creating our own trace fossils. We have also been learning how to tell the time using the 24-hour clock. Well done Meerkats! You are all superstars!

Elephants

The Elephants have been doing some amazing learning over these past few weeks including, researching King Richard III and his link to Leicester, identifying different types of plants (with some work in the polytunnel), understanding the plastic crisis along with climate change, creating flood barriers, working with time on analogue and digital clocks and writing a poem for the Sorting Hat from Harry Potter. With limited time left in year 4, they are continuing to squeeze as much learning into their brains as they can so they are ready for year 5!



Gorillas



In the Gorillas we have been looking at the life cycles of different plants and animals. We dissected different plants and examined which parts were used for reproduction. In geography we have been looking at why the rainforests are so important and what we can do to help save them. In our English lessons we have been writing as if we were the explorer and creating our own chapter for the book.

Tigers

In the Tigers, this term has been all about the living world. It's texture, flow and the vibrancy of the world around us. We have studied the rainforest in depth for our Geography unit and as part of our brilliant novel study about the book "The Explorer" by Katherine



Rundell. We have also enjoyed looking at the world of living things in our science unit and categorising plants and animals based on characteristics. In art we have continued our study of Barbara Hepworth sculptures, trying to recreate the flow and texture she gives to pieces. We have learnt how to join clay and how to smooth and roughen the surface. This week will see us create our final piece using all the skills we have learnt so far.

Lions and Wolves

What a busy term we have had! Year 6 have been busy rehearsing for their end of year show and leaver's assembly as well writing their final narrative of the year, representing Oxley in a number of different sporting events and working hard to consolidate all of their learning in maths with several hands-on projects that really challenged them. However, one of the best afternoons was spending their enterprise money on an inflatable obstacle course and eating KFC for lunch! A huge thank you to Mr Martin for collecting the food for us and being there when Oxley brought Loughborough's KFC to a standstill! No matter what we throw at our Year sixes, they always amaze us and this last term has been no different. We also have to say how AMAZING your end of year show was – you absolutely smashed it!! We are incredibly proud of each and everyone of them and will miss them incredibly. We wish you all the luck in the world as you start your new adventure and hope to see you when you come back and tell us all about your successes! #bestyear6ever

