

Oxley Primary School
**Celebrating Learning
Autumn Term 2 2022**



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

Monday 19th December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

The holidays are almost here and what a build up to it we have had over this half term! This newsletter celebrates all that our children have experienced and achieved over the last 8 weeks. As always, we are incredibly proud of the children. This term has seen the creation of our new anti-bullying charter, fund raising for our chosen charity "STEPS" and our fantastic Christmas productions – this is just a sample of the some of amazing things that have happened this half term that has been driven by the children. The Oxley "I can" attitude continues to shine – thanks to each and every one of them!



At the end of this term, we say a goodbye to Mrs Adcock. She is off to pastures new and to support older children at college. Mrs Adcock has been at Oxley for 6 years; helping to support countless children during this time. We wish her the very best in her new venture.



I would also like to share some exciting news with you. Last month, Miss Curzon and her partner welcomed a beautiful baby daughter who they named Lily. Miss Curzon is now on maternity leave, enjoying her new role as a mum and will be back with us next year.

I would also like to thank parents and carers for your support throughout 2022. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy new year!

Warmest Regards

Mr Caldwell
Headteacher



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

○Albert, Oonagh ○Poppy, AJ ○Bethany, Keira ○Theo,
Eric ○Jessica, Ronnie ○Sienna, Harley-Ray ○Jacob,
Hazel ○Marco, Esmee ○Reuben, Cara ○Toby, Alfie



Santa Fun Run

A huge thank you to the Year 6 House Captains who expertly organised and ran this Year's Santa Fun Run. With a wonderful glistening of snow on our playground and catchy Christmas tunes being played, all of our children had a brilliant time out together, being active and raising money for some exciting events being organised for next year.

An example of where the money goes that we raise throughout the year will be happening in January where every child will take part in a First Aid course. More details to follow in the new year.



Rock Steady



Our children sure do rock! Recently, we were treated to a fabulous showcase of musical talents as our mega stars took to the stage and performed to the whole school and invited parents and careers!

School Council

OXLEY'S ANTI-BULLYING CHARTER

If you hurt **ONE** of us, you hurt **ALL** of us.

REACH OUT

- Check in with people
- Listen to one another
- Be the friend you'd want to have

Who to tell?

- School staff
- friends
- family
- childline 0800 11 11

SPEAK LOUD

- Share your feelings
- If you see bullying behaviour, report it!
- If you see something online, report it!
- No MEANS No!

STAND UP!

- Take responsibility
- Stamp out stereotypes
- Kindness always wins!

Play your part: bystanders have a role too!

Tell a trusted adult
Ask for help
Look after others
Know what bullying is



We cannot finish the year without thanking each and every member of the school council who have worked incredibly hard so far this year discussing and promoting Anti-bullying. Together, they have met almost every week to ensure that the changes they make benefit every child. From organising our non-uniform fund raising for our local charity STEPS, arranging the addition of a salad bar at lunchtime to organising the best anti-bullying week to date and designing our new Anti-Bullying charter, this dedicated team of future leaders deserve a huge well done!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our non-uniform day – together we raised £292!!

Speaking of Anti-bullying...



As part of our whole school focus on promoting Anti-bullying, equality, diversity and inclusion, this year Oxley came together to raise awareness during November's anti-bullying week. Not only did the children take part in various assemblies throughout the week and wore odd socks to kickstart the week but they also designed and wore their own t-shirts saying **NO** to bullying and stereotyping and **YES** to kindness. As we also took part in the NSPCC's Speak out programme and revisited our knowledge of the PANTS rule, we were also awarded a certificate which is proudly displayed at the school's entrance.



<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>

Song Writing Club

Our absolutely amazing group of talented song writers have now finished Oxley's very own school song and are eagerly waiting for it to be put down as a track by the incredible Mr Gregory Smith from the Leicestershire Music team. They plan to teach it to the whole school in January and we of course, will be posting as soon as we've learnt it! Thank you to every member who brought their creativity to the table – I have listened to it and it has the catchiest melody which embodies everything amazing about our school so we're excited for you all to hear it!



Raffle ticket winner



Reading incentive

A huge congratulations to our Reading Raffle Ticket winners throughout this term who have shown an exciting enthusiasm for reading at home. As this year begins to come to an end, Mrs Palmer and the School Council are working hard to revamp the way we do this by changing from a raffle system to an opportunity for all children to earn places on their own boardgame to win a book. More details will follow in the new year but we're very excited!!

Shephed Rotary Competition

Did you spot our tree in St Botolph's church? We were extremely grateful to win 3rd place due to our festive themed Christmas Dinner entry. A big thank you to Miss Wright who organised this event and to Mrs Taylor and Miss Bevans for setting it up in the Church.



Christmas celebrations

Our fantastic Penguins and Pandas officially started the festivities with their wonderful rendition of *Shine Star Shine*. The children had obviously been working very hard as it was flawless! What an incredible accomplishment!



Then it was the Turtles and Owls turn to showcase their talents with their performance of *Penguin Pete* which got everyone flip flapping their feet and clip clicking their flippers! A huge well done to an incredible cast.



And finally, a big well done also goes to our KS2 children who performed a wonderful carol service at St Botolph's church. We're so proud of each and every one of you!

As always, we are unbelievably proud of all of our children who worked tremendously hard to learn the choreography, songs and lines that were needed to put on these fantastic performances.

A big thank you also goes to our amazing Oxley staff who worked tirelessly to showcase our talented children. #TeamOxley





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.

Celebration OF LEARNING

Penguins

The Penguins have worked so hard all term and have learnt so many new things! We loved learning about space through our story *Whatever Next* and watched the moon landings and learnt about famous space exploders such as Tim Peake, Neil Armstrong and Mae Jemison. We really enjoyed the story *Owl Babies* too and we amazed Miss Henson with some incredible writing to match pictures from the story. We have also continued to explore and deepen our understanding of numbers to 5 by finding 1 more and 1 less. We finished the term with an amazing nativity show too showing off our fabulous singing, dancing and acting. Well done Penguins – a super half term of learning!



Pandas



Wow! What a fantastic half term the Pandas have had. We have loved our art unit on spirals and the children have shown great enthusiasm making their own designs. The children have also enjoyed our novel studies *Whatever Next* and *Owl Babies* and have created our own moving pictures in DT. The children enjoyed wearing their T-shirts created during Anti-Bullying Week and we have had lots of important discussions in our PHSE lessons. Well done Pandas!

Turtles

As part of their English work, the children in the Terrific Turtles class have been busy learning all about instructions. Recently, after learning about the key features including time adverbials, imperative verbs and adverbs, the children carefully followed a recipe instructing them how to make Christmas tree biscuits. Yummy! They have also continued to enjoy their visits to the poly tunnel where they have been learning about the different types of fruit and vegetables we are growing including brussels sprouts, aubergine and chillies.



Owls

In the Owls class this term, we have continued working hard each and every day. In reading, we have been developing our inference skills by looking at text, picture and prop clues to generate our own ideas and opinions. As part of our novel

study, we have been doing some nonfiction writing on instructions which, of course, meant following a recipe and making some scrumptious biscuits! We then wrote our own using time adverbials, imperative verbs and adverbs correctly. Finally, we have rounded off the autumn term with our fabulous production of "Penguin Pete" with fantastic performances all round! Merry Christmas to all!



Meerkats



In the Meerkats this term, we have enjoyed completing some fabulous work on our novel *The Lost Happy Endings* which is all about a mysterious girl named Jub! We've been looking closely at the characters and delving deeper into how we can use description effectively. Science has been really exciting with our investigation unit based on nappies! This had led to us completing our own investigation on the absorbency of some of the leading brands -it really amazed us how much liquid a nappy can hold! Our DT work has begun with us learning how to do basic stitches and even though it was tricky at times, we really persevered! We have also been thinking really carefully about our relationships with our family and friends in our PSHE lessons. It has been wonderful to hear so many conversations about how to be kind and how best to solve conflicts. Well done Meerkats, you have been busy!



Peacocks

What an amazing half-term we have had in Peacock class! The class have achieved a lot in Autumn 2; starting with our class assembly in November, being anti-bullying campaigners, Internet Safety Legends and rehearsing for the Christmas concert. We have also begun our DT sessions, where we have been practising our sewing skills and learning the techniques of a straight and an over-stitch. These important skills will help us create wonderful pouches that are inspired by our previous topic: The Stone Age. This term we have also been improving our skills in story writing by investigating what makes a good setting or character description by drawing on their knowledge of expanded noun phrases, adverbials and ambitious vocabulary to write their very own pieces. Most recently, the children participated in the Santa Fun Run and looked absolutely amazing as they whizzed by in their Santa hats. Well done Peacocks!



Tigers

This term the Tigers have been really busy! We have enjoyed our novel study book *Jumanji* and as part of this, we made our own games and wrote and decorated the rules for the game complete with warnings! In PE, we welcomed an external dance instructor. With Louise, the children immersed themselves in creating a dance based on extreme earth. They recreated earthquakes, tornadoes and volcanoes to great effect. Well done Tigers!



Lemurs

What a great half term we've had in the Lemurs! We read *Jumanji* this half term and had great fun creating our own action-packed disasters to add to the book. We were also creative in making our very own games of *Jumanji* - you would definitely need to be brave to play! In science, we learnt all about creating classification keys, which we started by learning how to create them using some extremely delicious looking biscuits, before looking at using them to identify living things.



Lions and Foxes

What a term! Year 6 have been very busy indeed producing some incredible work surrounding their novel study *Holes* which provided many opportunities to really look at audience and purpose in writing as well lots of reading practice. In RE, they have been busily debating; in music they have been composing their own pieces using tuned and untuned instruments; and in science, they have been looking at how our eyes work and how light travels. Not only this but they have been building up their knowledge of the British Empire in history and in DT, have been designing and making either an alarm system to keep out intruders or electronic games to enjoy over the festive period. Phew! Finally, Year 6 have also had many opportunities to showcase their leadership qualities by organising and running events such as *Young At Heart* and the *Santa Fun Run* to name a few. They thoroughly deserve their well-earned Christmas break! Well done to everyone.



Merry Christmas