

Oxley Primary School

**Celebrating Learning  
Spring Term 2 2023**



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

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

Dear parents and carers,

Unbelievably, we have come to the end of the spring term! It has been a packed half term and the children of Oxley have continued to wow us each and every day with their desire to grow and learn.

This half term, the children have experienced our annual science week, championed our school charity Steps and represented the school at sporting fixtures to name a few! This is an addition to the everyday perseverance and "I can" attitude we value here at Oxley – always encouraging children to do their very best and show kindness and respect to others.

This newsletter gives just a snippet of the hard work the children and staff continually demonstrate in order to make each and every day a learning opportunity to help the children of Oxley flourish. We very much hope you enjoy reading it.

May I also take the opportunity to thank our Year 6 children who kindly volunteered during parents evening to provide refreshments and gain thoughts and feedback as we begin to review our RSE policy. We are extremely proud of the responsible attitudes they showcased throughout the evening.

I would like to wish you all an enjoyable Easter break and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 17th April.

Kind Regards  
Mr Caldwell

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

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

Theo, Annie, Ernest, Harper, Emilia-May, Toby, Elliana, Florence, Kyle, Jack, Rosie, Darcey, Betsy, Oscar, Lola, Kalleigh, Ida-Rose, Ollie Millie, Noah.



To keep up-to-date with all of your children's fantastic learning, please follow us on Twitter.



## National Science Week 2023 – Back with a Bang!



What a great way to kick off National Science Week 2023! After an assembly smashing stereotypes where we challenged what scientists do and look like, the children were then introduced to some of the exciting activities that they would be experiencing over the week.

This year, the National Science Week theme was 'Connections'. Here at Oxley, we know that no matter what colour, age, gender, size or shape we are, we are all connected by a common thread - our bodies, however different, are all equally brilliant so, over the following week, we invited the children to test: 'What is your brilliant body capable of?'

A huge well done to every single one of the children for rising to the challenge and giving each activity their absolute all. Rocket launching, mind boggling magnets, microscopes and chromatography - the children did a wonderful job in showing us just what their brilliant bodies could do.

A huge thank you also to Nottingham Trent University who sent one of their fantastic STEM students to deliver a presentation and workshops to both our Lemur and Year 6 classes.



### STEPS for STEPS

We are extremely proud to share that we raised an incredible £314 for our local charity: Steps – showing yet again, how amazing our Oxley Community is.

After a visit to the centre by 5 of our school council members in February, they set about showing the rest of the school how the money we raise is spent and the importance of raising funds to help children in our local community. Through our STEPS for STEPS fundraising day on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March, we raised money but also much needed awareness at the great support this charity gives on our doorstep! A huge thank you to all of our school council members who worked together on this campaign – even writing and starring in a promotional video.



## Uniform plea

We amass a huge amount of lost property every week and the majority of it is not labelled. We would urge all parents and carers to label everything - particularly school jumpers and cardigans. We know it can be frustrating when your child misplaces their belongings but it makes it very difficult to return items to their rightful owner if it is not labelled.

## World Book Day



This half term, we also celebrated all things books by: dressing up as a book character, decorating our classroom doors, getting creative by combining our love of art and sculpture to create printed and 3D characters and by talking about our favourite books throughout the day. Our children and staff looked fantastic and it was a pleasure to walk around the school and continue to see so much enthusiasm for reading. It was also delightful to see so many children in our brand-new school library which some of our dedicated Year 6s have worked tirelessly with organising our recent purchase of over 400 new books! A huge thank you to Mrs Palmer for organising what is always a highlight of the Oxley calendar – it's not every day a dinosaur who poops a planet comes to visit!

## Lego Club

Some of our Year R and Year 1 children have been getting busy at Lego club this half term. There have been some brilliant creations from flying cars to rocket ships! Each week, the children have also shown brilliant behaviour and excellent communication and cooperation skills. Well done everyone!



## KS1 Art and Creativity Club



In the Art and Creativity club we have been learning lots of new skills using a variety of different mediums. We have looked at the work of Kandinsky and Picasso and created our own work based on these artists. We have also been making Easter crafts which we loved.

## Year 2 Maths workshop



During the penultimate week of term, Year 2 welcomed parents to our very first parents and children maths meeting. The children loved showing off their maths skills and their parents got to see how the children learn. Thank you to everyone who attended. We really enjoyed it and plan for this to be the first of many across the school.

## KS2 Art Club

In Art Club we have looked at the skills and techniques needed to create pieces that depict the styles of pointillism, chiaroscuro, watercolour and pop art! These techniques will inform a final piece of artwork, which displays each individual's artistic talents.



## Year 5 Bikeability

During this last week of term, some of our Year 5 children have braved the rain and learnt all about bike and road safety by taking part in a bikeability course as part of our on-going link with



Leicestershire County Council.

The instructors have been impressed with how responsible our children have been and how much of a pleasure it has been to work with such a polite and enthusiastic group of children – well done to all!

## Kindertransport Workshop

This half term, Year 6 have taken part in a workshop run by The Holocaust Museum to learn more about the discrimination the Jewish Community suffered at the hands of antisemitism propaganda. As part of this, they were also given an incredible opportunity to listen to Hedi Argent – a holocaust survivor who discussed the frightening experiences she encountered before managing to escape to England in 1939.



## Oxley Sports



Even though this half term seems to have flown by, we have still had some exciting competitions happening in netball and hockey in particular. The Year 6 children involved showed resilience and determination to give their best efforts in some tricky competitive matches! They didn't give up when it was challenging, and made Mr Plummer and the school very proud. Alongside this, we have had the final rotation of swimming lessons for the Year 4s, with many of them conquering fears and overcoming nerves. Finally, you may have noticed that the children have donned some new kit when representing the school in our last few fixtures. We think it looks great and we look forward to many more of you testing out the new kit and representing TeamOxley!

## Rock Steady Concert



Yesterday saw our #rockstars showcase their talents in an afternoon concert to parents, carers and the rest of the school. We loved rocking out to their growing musical awareness, talent and confidence! Some of our performers have been performing for a while together but yesterday saw some new faces join the crew! We are already counting down to the next one in July!

 **Oxley's Easter Basket Competition!**

Can you create an Easter Basket over the holidays? You can use any materials that you have at home.



House Captains will vote for their favourite baskets and prizes will be won.

All entries must be in by Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April  
Time to get your creative hats on!

# 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 a short but very busy half term in the Penguins. We loved our novel study book 'The Tiger who Came to Tea' and it inspired us to write labels, lists and captions...we are getting really good at writing the sounds we hear in words. We even had our very own tiger tea party and we managed to eat all the biscuits, all the buns and drink all the juice – just like the tiger! We have enjoyed our animals' topic especially our work on under the sea creatures. We know so many facts but this is our favourite...did you know the Blue Whale has a heart that is the size of a small horse? We were amazed when we learnt this! Well done Penguins for another term of being brilliant!



## Pandas

Wow what a fantastic half term we have had in the Panda's class! We started our term with World Book Day and continued this love of reading in our English lessons. We read "The Tiger Who Came to Tea" and had our very own tiger tea party. We have also enjoyed our under the water theme, where we learnt about the world's oceans and the different animals that live in these habitats. We finished off our term making puppets just in time for our puppet workshop!



## Turtles



What a wonderful end to the term we have had in the Terrific Turtles class. In Maths, the children have been busy learning about multiplication, division and capacity. The children have loved drawing arrays to solve problems and used the concepts of sharing and grouping to represent different problems. In English, we have been busy

performing poetry based on a poem called Queue for the Zoo. We created our own poems and performed them to the rest of the class, which was a great success! The Turtles have also enjoyed print making this term. We have created some beautiful patterns using our own printing block designs. What a busy term Turtles! Well done!

## Owls

Even though it's been a very short half term, I am amazed at how much we have managed to fit in and the Owls have enjoyed all of our learning opportunities. In our Science work, we thoroughly enjoyed exploring different types of push and pull forces to make objects move: joining Lego blocks, shaping playdough, hitting balls and using straws to create push forces to move objects with our breath! We also thoroughly enjoyed taking part in Science week and participating in all the wonderful activities Mrs Reeve set up for us. As part of our computing work, we have fully taken advantage of the spring sunshine and loved programming BeeBots outside, setting up algorithms for them to follow.



## Meerkats

Wow! What a busy half term this has been!

Meerkats have absolutely loved learning how to create stop frame animations in computing and have linked these with their Iron Man work from English.

They have really enjoyed finding out how The Iron

Man novel ends and were astounded to find out that a Space Dragon was involved! They have been working so hard on their mechanism work in DT and have created some great products with different sliders, levers and linkages. Meerkats have also really loved having Mr Vasey for PE this half term and have shown some wonderful sportspersonship and have really developed their netball skills. Super work Meerkats!



## Peacocks



What a busy Spring 2 we have had in Peacocks! The children have let their creativity run wild making animation reels in computing, mechanisms in DT and ostinato pieces in music. The class have also enjoyed taking part in special events for STEPS, World Book Day and Science Week. The children have begun to sink their teeth into the wonderful world of the Ancient Greeks and are excited to learn more in the Summer term.

## Tigers

The Tigers have really enjoyed this half term; one of our best parts was meeting with Beth Dobbin, the Olympian, who answered all our questions and then came to our classroom for a chat and really inspired us! We also loved our new reading corner where we go to read every day. We have been

enjoying a variety of reading every morning from newspaper articles to short stories and then discussing them. We can then take our own books into the reading corner and settle down for a comfy read.



## Lemurs

What a busy half-term we have had! We became scientists for Science Week, as well as carrying out an experiment involving eggs to see what happens to our teeth when we drink different liquids (we had a slightly smelly classroom but it was definitely worth it!). We were also very lucky to have a visitor in to talk about maths and science, and show us lots of exciting and interesting mathematical wonders, we were amazed! Not only have we been scientists, but actors and actresses too with all the role playing we have done in English, History and RE. We have done so much learning out of our seats, the Lemur's definitely deserve a rest!



## Lions and Foxes

Year 6 has had a very busy half term! Not only have we been consolidating our knowledge of fractions, decimals and percentages, algebra and angles but we have also been threading through our growing knowledge of narrative and report writing too - using all of our expert knowledge of grammar and author intent. Our writing has been heavily influenced by our history topic on WW2 where we also had a very special opportunity to take part in a Kindertransport workshop run by The Holocaust Centre and Museum. The children have really enjoyed this topic and have been asking lots of questions showing empathy and a real depth of understanding. We also finished our art projects on activism and we were blown away with not only their creativity in choice of mediums but also how they chose to express what was important to them. Some of our posters and zines have been posted on twitter for all to see!



Finally, thank you to parents and carers who were able to attend our Key Stage 2 SATS meeting where we were able to show examples of questions the children may be asked. A Weduc message has been sent to all Year 6 parents as we know some were not able to attend. If you have any questions regarding the tests – which will begin W/C 8<sup>th</sup> May – please contact any of the Year 6 team via the school office.