

Oxley Primary School

Celebrating Learning
Summer Term 2 2023



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

Friday 14th July 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have come to the end of the summer term and in true Oxley style...it's been a great one! We are so proud of our children and for all their achievements this year. Their growth and development in so many areas – beyond just the academic - never ceases to amaze us! Here at Oxley, we value the Oxley "I can" attitude and trying your best above everything - and our children have done just that!

This morning, we said our final farewell to our Year 6 children. We are so proud of everything they have achieved during primary school and they had a goodbye befitting of this. We shall miss each and every one of them but we know they will continue to thrive as they embark on their next adventure at secondary school. Good luck and well done year 6!

We also say goodbye to some staff members this term. As well as saying farewell to Mrs Southam, which we announced in the letter regarding classes for next academic year, we also are saying farewell to Miss Johnson and Miss Davie, who have both successfully completed their apprenticeships after joining Oxley two years ago and who are both pursuing opportunities in new schools. Miss Pawsey will also be leaving us this summer as she relocates to Lincolnshire. Everyone at Oxley wishes them the very best and I would like to thank them for their commitment and hard work to the children of Oxley.

This newsletter brings you the highlights of the term and really showcases all of the wonderful learning opportunities the children have had. I would like to take the opportunity to thank the staff at Oxley for their commitment and hard work all year. I would like to also thank all our parents and carers for all their support throughout the year too – thank you!

I wish you all an enjoyable and restful summer and we very much look forward to welcoming back families old and new in the Autumn term.

Kindest Regards

Kind Regards
Mr Caldwell

Yesterday, 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.

Noah, Dexter, Ivy, Evie, Summer, Clara, Buster, Eli, Frankie, Gracie, Ezmay, Georgie, Harry, Rhys, Albie, Imogen, Ila, Will, Charlotte, Frankie.



EYFS and Key Stage One Sports Day



What a fantastic afternoon we all had on the field for our Sports afternoon! The children enjoyed team events of skipping, throwing bean bags, dribbling with a hockey stick and a racquet relay. The children showed excellent sportspersonship in their individual events too: sprint, sack race and egg and spoon (racquet and tennis ball!) Thank you to all of our families for coming along to cheer the children too – there was a lovely atmosphere all afternoon. Thank you to Mr Plummer for organising a great afternoon!

Key Stage Two Sports Day



A few weeks ago, we held our annual KS2 sports day and my oh my wasn't it a good one! Our children showed brilliant resilience and teamwork but we were most pleased with the level of encouragement and support they had for one another. We had an array of group activities before we turned our efforts towards the sprint and long-distance track! What a day!

Leicestershire Music competition!



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A few weeks ago, several children from Year 5 and 6 were entered into a competition as part of their recent music technology unit on Garage band. Well we are pleased to announce that we not only won the competition but we also won first runner up too! As a prize, the winners and two of their friends received an extra special workshop with everyone's favourite music technology specialist: Shay!

Step it up! Concert

It gave us great pleasure to take 22 of our wonderful children to St Botolph's at the beginning of this month to take part in a mass concert with 5 other local schools. They sang and danced like true professionals and we were so incredibly proud of each and every one of them!



Oxley Sports

What a busy half term of sport it's been! Some of our Year 5/6 children were lucky enough to grace the hallowed turf of Leicester Tigers home ground, Welford road, putting on a masterclass of rugby. They remained unbeaten throughout the day, which was quite an achievement against some excellent rugby playing schools. Thank you all for representing the school so well in our competitions this year, after the summer we'll be ready to repeat this all over again!



Rock Steady Concert



Yesterday we saw our groups of Rockstars rock out to a variety of songs captivating the crowd and parents and carers alike. It was clear to see how incredibly confident our musicians are now beginning to be and when you have an audience of nearly 300 people singing back at you, it really does feel like a sell-out concert! A very big thank you to Matt from Rocksteady for being so supportive and engaging – our children appreciate all that you do – and we do too!

Polytunnel Produce



A huge thank you to Mr Burton who again this term has been leading workshops in our fantastic polytunnel. Potatoes, beans, courgette, tomatoes, strawberries, aubergine, to name but a few, are just some of the fruit and vegetables that the children have been learning about this term. Fingers crossed for bumper crop again this year so that we can have another of our playtime tasting stations.

End of year discos

On Friday, we had a fantastic celebration of all of the children's hard work by hosting two summer discos. Our children danced and sang until we all stopped to cool off with ice creams. A big thank you to the staff who helped support!



Art Competition winners!

A few months ago, our school council met the local Conservative MP, Jane Hunt. During this visit, Mrs Hunt asked us to design her new stationery which she sends to people around the world! We had lots of interest and so many entries, it was hard to choose just one! The School Council decided on three winners so together they combined their art work to produce a masterpiece! Mrs Hunt visited us a few weeks ago to give prizes to our worthy winners. It's great to know that some of our children's work will now be sent across the country and even globally!



Oxley's Got Talent!

On Wednesday, we hosted our 2nd Oxley's Got Talent and it was INCREDIBLE! Our children were utterly remarkable and showed a wealth of talent including: ballet, magic, beat boxing, comedy, acrobatics, singing, martial arts, contemporary dance and drumming! As always, the audience were fantastically behaved and super supportive! A huge thank you must go to all of the adults who helped mentor their acts and we can't forget the fantastic technical specialist that is Mr Burton! A wonderful thank you to our judges also including our very own Co-chair school councillor and two very special guests in the form of Miss Shelton and Laura – a professional actor and singer; both gave up their time to give our children wonderful feedback. A big congratulations to our 3rd, 2nd and 1st place winners who very much deserved their rapturous applause!



Goodbye to Year 6

Of course, we couldn't finish this newsletter without saying goodbye to our fantastic Year 6 cohort. They are a fantastic example of how brilliant our school is and we are very sad to see them go. From countless performances, huge projects, 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 "We're all going on a summer holiday", Oxley's Got Talent, Rock Steady and a leavers assembly – having only a limited time 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.



Our final term together in the Penguins has been as busy as ever! We have enjoyed learning all about the seaside and sharing the story 'Lucy and Tom at the Seaside' by Shirley Hughes. We even wrote our own Lucy and Tom books! We have continued to develop our understanding of number by exploring doubling, sharing, grouping and odd and even numbers. We had a lovely walk around Shepshed spotting local landmarks before comparing Shepshed to the seaside. Everyone in the Penguins has worked SO hard this year and the progress is amazing...there will be some very lucky Year 1 teachers next year 😊!



Penguins

Pandas



Wow! It is hard to believe that we have come to the end of our year in the Panda's class! We have had a fantastic Summer Term. We have been learning all about Shepshed and how it has changed over time. We went on a walk in the local area, which helped with our comparisons. In science, the children have



been young gardeners and created their own herb gardens! In English we have been reading the story of "Lucy and Tom at the Seaside" and we have written our own seaside stories. What an amazing end to the year we have had!

Turtles

What a wonderful end to the academic year!! The Turtles have been super busy this half term from class trips to their class assembly! The Turtles thoroughly enjoyed their class trip to Beaumanor hall where the children experienced pond dipping, bird calling and mini beast hunting! They have also been working hard on researching and creating an explanation based on volcanoes! The children have thoroughly enjoyed this topic and they have produced some fantastic writing as a result. In Maths, the children have been busy learning about time and measurements. They have loved using the clocks to represent different times and they have used their knowledge of time to problem solve. The Turtles have also enjoyed exploring our RE learning question "Who is a Muslim and how do they live?" The children have researched what happens in different areas within a Mosque and the importance surrounding the 5 pillars of Islam. What a busy half term Turtles! Well done!



Owls



This half term, the Owls have thoroughly enjoyed our history topic where we have been learning about Pompeii. We've looked at artefacts, primary and secondary sources of evidence and put ourselves in the shoes of people who might have been there. As a final English project which linked with our history learning, we have written an explanation text about how volcanoes erupt and have linked this work to the tragic events of Mt Vesuvius erupting. In Art, we have finalised our project on Flora and Fauna and created an exhibition of our minibeast collages in the hall. We also took part in sports day and really enjoyed showcasing our skills! If this wasn't enough, we also thoroughly enjoyed our trip to Beaumanor Hall as part of our work in Science. The Owls have worked incredibly hard all year and Mrs Martin, Miss Johnson and myself are incredibly proud of all of them. We wish them all the very best as they move into Year 3.



Meerkats



In the Meerkats we have been busy writing persuasive adverts and setting descriptions based on *The Firework Maker's Daughter*. We have also learnt how to use money and to tell the time to the minute in Maths. Our Light and Dark unit in Science has involved studying



shadows and we have also been drawing and creating sculptures of book characters in Art! What a busy half term!

Peacocks



What a wonderful time we have had in Peacocks this term! The children have let their creativity run wild in Art, making clay models inspired by illustrators from their favourite books. They have also explored North American water systems and used their retrieval skills to pull out information from maps and



atlases. The Peacocks have become marvellous animators and have created their own pieces using *1 Motion* and Scratch technology. The children have also begun to sink their teeth into the wonderful world of music technology, creating their own sound sequences and exploring their inner DJ. Go Peacocks!

Tigers



It has been a busy half term in the Tigers class, we have been learning about Kensuke's Kingdom in English and writing lots of different types of texts to do with the adventures of the characters involved. We have been exploring North America and what some of the physical features of the continent are and how diverse it is. In science we have been finishing our topic on electricity and the wonders of it, as well as how to stay safe around it - before moving onto the topic of buildings/ bridges and how these amazing structures stand up. The highlight of the half term has to be our adventure day out to Conkers, where the children made shelters, discussed how to survive in the wild and solved problems in orienteering. What a brilliant half term Tigers, you have been superstars! Enjoy a lovely holiday!

Lemurs

Wow! What a jam-packed half term we have had in the Lemurs. We have been hands-on using knife skills to create our own delicious smoothies and soups. We have experimented with lots of different kinds of media to create a land or cityscape, including chalk, watercolour, oil pastels, charcoal, ink and wax resist. We had an incredibly adventurous day at Conkers learning how to follow maps and orienteer, build and test our own dens from rainfall, build fires and toast marshmallows and finally, we got our feet wet and muddy on the 'BareFoot Trail'. In science we have built and tested circuits as well as testing who can build the strongest bridge out of paper. Finally, the Lemur's did an incredible job performing in their class assembly and showing off all of the hard work they have done this year!



Lions and Foxes

Year 6 have had a very busy half term! Just when the children began to think they could slow down a little, we began our rehearsals for our summer play: We're all going on a summer holiday! With this, they had to learn to sing, dance, sing AND dance and on top of this, have comedic timing and slick stage management. We are very proud of their resilience and willingness to 'have a go'. Some of our Year 6 also took part in the Beskilled concert 'Step it up' which was absolutely brilliant to see! Their behaviour was exemplary – which was commented on by lots of different teachers from other schools! Year 6 have been pushed out of their comfort zones on numerous occasions this year but each and every time they have shown why they will be sorely missed. We hope they have enjoyed their time here at Oxley and will pop back from time to time, to see us all and let us know how they are getting on! You are all superstars!

