

Oxley Primary School

**Celebrating Learning
Summer Term 2 2024**



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

Friday 12th July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's the end of the school year – what a fantastic year it has been! We are incredibly proud of our children and all the personal growth and development they have accomplished this year. Their enthusiasm for learning and “I can” attitudes never fail to amaze us! We are so proud of our children and for all of their achievements this year. Their own personal development in so many areas – beyond just the Maths and English – is wonderful! Here at Oxley, we value the “I can” attitude above everything - and team Oxley have done just that!

This morning, we held our leavers assembly and said our goodbyes to our amazingly kind and brilliant Year 6 cohort. We are immensely proud of everything they have achieved during their time at Oxley and they had a sending-off befitting of this. This chapter of their life may have come to an end but we are so excited at the opportunities that await them as they write a new chapter full of endless possibilities. We shall miss each and every one of them but we are so excited to hear about their adventures. We wish you all the luck in the world Year 6! And remember....*don't cry that it's over, smile because it happened!*

This summer we say farewell to Mr Codd. I would like to take the opportunity to thank Mr Codd for his dedication during his time with us and to the children at Oxley - in particular to the children in the Leopards class. We wish him the very best at his new school – good luck and farewell Mr Codd!

I'm sure you will also join me in congratulating Mr Burton who is set to get married during the summer holidays – we wish the happy couple a lifetime of joy and happiness!

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! Have a fantastic summer and let's hope it does indeed **COME HOME!**

Best wishes
Mr Caldwell
Headteacher



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SPECIAL RECOGNITION

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

Max, Hephzibah, Evie, Isla, Elise, Esmee, Paisley, Lucy, Luke, Izabella, Junior, Isla, Calvin, Magnus, Millie, Mason, Leo, Isla, Ezmay, Ellie.



Sports Days



What a fantastic afternoon we all had on the field for our Sports afternoons! The children enjoyed team events of dress relay, howler throwing, sack racing and long jumping and also showed mighty competitiveness in their individual races too! Thank you to all of our families for coming along to cheer the children on – there was a fantastic Oxley family atmosphere on both afternoons and the sun was even on our side! Thank you to Mr Caldwell for organising a great afternoon and for the staff and Coach Matt and Coach Harry for helping tremendously!

Beskilld Year 4

We had a brilliant day at Long Whatton for our Maths and Sports collaboration between the Be Skilled schools. The sun shone, and the children had a fantastic time working alongside their friends, meeting up with other children they know from outside of school, and making new friends! We spent the morning working in teams to solve a range of maths problems, and we were well looked after in the afternoon by the Long Whatton Sports Leaders, who created a huge selection of sporting events for everyone to enjoy. The children showcased Oxley values and really demonstrated their brilliant 'I can' attitudes!



Rock Steady Concert

Yesterday, we were treated to a musical extravaganza of unbelievable proportions from our budding rockstars! They showed their growing knowledge of skills and performed their talents to the whole school and parents and carers. It certainly was a fantastic celebration of how wonderful our children are and an incredible end to a fantastic year!



End-of-year discos

Last month, we had an excellent 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 gave up their time to support!



Oxley's Got Talent!

On Wednesday, our 3rd annual event of the year took place under the excited eyes of the whole school and parents and carers. We know we say it a lot but there really aren't the words to describe the immense pride we have for all of our finalists. Their confidence, skill and passion were on display for all to see and boy did they perform! And for the first time, we had joint 1st-place winners! Congratulations to Elise and Leo! A big well done also to Eric and Team Emerald for coming 2nd and 3rd respectively. Our audience as ever were spectacularly supportive!



Green Revolution: Exciting New Eco-Plans!

Our Eco-Committee has been hard at work, and we're thrilled to share our action plans aimed at making our school more sustainable and environmentally friendly. Here are some of the fantastic initiatives we've implemented and upcoming projects we're excited to roll out:



To conserve energy, we have installed motion-sensor lights in classrooms and hallways.

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We encouraged everyone to participate in Walk to School Week.

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To remind everyone to save energy, we've put up "Lights Out" posters where there are no censored lights.

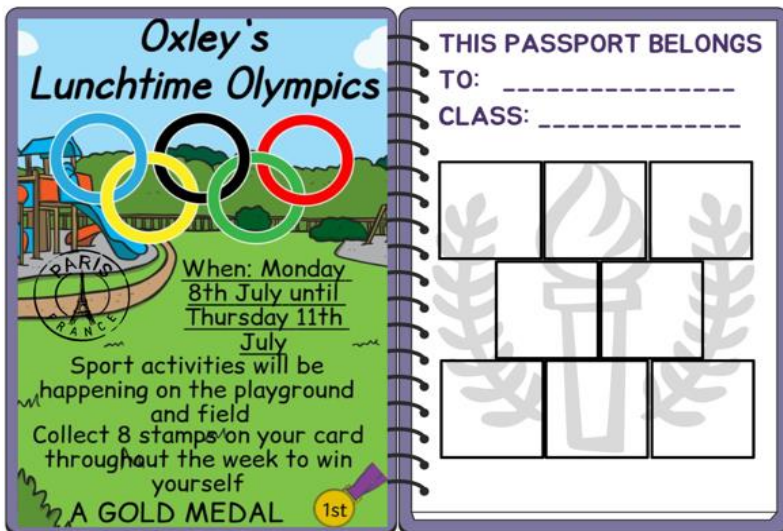
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Our commitment to a clean school environment continues with regular litter picks.

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Finally, as a committee, we asked for suggestions from the entire school community to help create our very own School Eco-Code. We are proud to announce that our Eco-Code has been designed and will be displayed around the school. This code will guide us in our daily actions and remind us of our commitment to sustainability.

Oxley Olympics!



Throughout the last week of term, Miss Milner and her team have spent every lunchtime putting on sporting activities for our children to earn stamps which turned into gold medals. Activities included tennis, gymnastics, football, basketball, golf, throwing, hula hooping and shot put! Not only this but with help from some of our Year 5 and 6 children, drawing and Olympic torch-making activities were also available! Yesterday, we combined a closing ceremony with celebrating England reaching the 2024 Euro finals! If you haven't already, please head over to our Instagram page to see a montage of all the fun we had!



Fundraising!

Throughout the last few weeks of term, #TeamEarth have been busily raising funds for Rainbows. The house captains sold ice lollies and raised a whopping £92 for their charity! Thank you to everyone who purchased one and supported this worthy event!



Our Oxley Stars of the Week!

We all know how hard our adults work to make Oxley the fantastic school it is so this half term, the School Council decided to write a very special certificate for every adult in the school. Last week, we had a

secret assembly in which the children organised and presented their certificates. The children were exceptional when speaking about the adults in their class and around the school!



Goodbye to Year 6

Of course, we couldn't finish this newsletter without saying goodbye to our fantastic Year 6 cohort. They are a wonderful example of how brilliant our school is and we are very sad to see them go. From countless performances, and creative projects, and always offering your leadership to a variety of events and clubs, you really are incredible and we are so very proud of you! Your final week was a busy one with two performances of Oh, What a Knight!, Oxley's Got Talent, Rock Steady and a leaver's assembly – having only a limited time to rehearse! Yet again, you 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.



Penguins

Our final term together in the Penguins has been as busy as ever! We have enjoyed learning all about toys and retelling our own versions of the story 'This is the Bear' by Sarah Hayes. We have continued to develop our

understanding of number and calculating by working out 'How many have been added?' or 'How many have been taken away?' We had a fabulous Forest School day at Hicks Lodge and it was a real pleasure for the adults to watch the children play and explore with such freedom and confidence. 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 😊



Koalas

Wow what a fantastic year we have had in the Koalas class! It is crazy to think that we have come to the end of our year together. This term we have loved learning all about toys.

We explored the different materials

toys are made of and their properties. In English, we read the story "This is the Bear" and wrote our own version of the story by changing the main character! We also enjoyed designing and making our own sandwiches for our Teddy Bear's Picnic, they were delicious! And finally, we finished our term with a fantastic trip to Hick's Lodge, where we ate marshmallows on the campfire and went on the mudslide! Have a fantastic summer Koalas, you deserve it!



Hedgehogs

The Hedgehog class have had a busy end to the school year and have not stopped! We finished our unit on Esio Trot by inviting Mrs Grainger into our class with two visitors, Geoff and Doris, her pet tortoises! We loved finding out about them and got to feed them too. We then wrote thank you letters to her. In Geography, we have been finding out about why penguins can't fly. We have compared Antarctica with the Arctic, discovered why polar bears don't live with the penguins and enjoyed looking at various maps and penguin stories. We have also been busy sewing in DT and enjoying our KS1 Sports Day in the sun. Hedgehogs, you are all truly amazing!! You definitely deserve a few weeks off!



Owls

The Owls have had a wonderful final half term in Year 2. In English, we thoroughly enjoyed our unit of work on performance poetry and have also produced some amazing explanation texts linking to our Geography unit on why penguins don't need to fly. In



In Art, we have been learning about how music can influence artists in different ways and we listened to different music genres as well environmental sounds to spark our mark making ideas. As the weather began to improve, we travelled to St Hardulph's Primary School for a day of science and sport and enjoyed making bug hotels, going on tree surveys and taking part in some (child friendly!) axe throwing! As always, a huge event in the school calendar was Sports Day and the Owls did a great job at representing their houses across all of the events. Well done to all of the Owls for an amazing year!

Leopards

Wow! What a fantastic end to a fantastic year! The final term in the Leopards class saw the children seeing the year out in a haze of flour and yeast as their bread-making got underway as part of their final DT project. Chocolate chips, garlic, apricots, chillis... the fillings were both varied and adventurous!



The children really enjoyed all the mixing, kneading, baking.... and, of course, the best part, the tasting! In Science, the children have been equally as busy learning about the digestive system. Expertly demonstrated through the use of a pair of tights to simulate the small intestine, the children really enjoyed modelling how food travels from the stomach and through the intestines, observing how food is passed and the nutrients absorbed. Well done, Leopards! You have had an absolutely fantastic year. We have been so impressed by your constant enthusiasm and love of learning. We wish you all the very best as you move on into Year 4 and wish both you, and your families, a wonderful summer break.

Elephants

Another super busy term has nearly come to an end, and the Elephants have been working their socks off! We really enjoyed finishing up our English unit by writing an extra chapter for the



story *How to Train Your Dragon*. We used some of the ideas from the story to inspire us to make paper puppets that we animated in stop-frame animation! As part of our DT unit, we had a fantastic few days designing, creating, and then tasting our own bread loaves. There were lots of amazing shapes being created, and they tasted delicious—the classroom smelt wonderful too! What goes in must also go out, and we have really enjoyed our recent science work on teeth and the digestive system. We have investigated our teeth and talked about the importance of keeping our mouths healthy, as well as recreating poo using a pair of tights, biscuits, and some orange juice! It was disgusting, but we all really understand the digestive system now. The Elephants have had a fantastic year, and I know that they will continue to delight as they move up to their new classes!

Tigers

WOW! What a busy final half term the Tigers have had! From coding our own Scratch games in Computing to investigating some real herbivore and carnivore teeth in Science, we have really worked non stop! Recently, we had the most fun with our final DT unit, where we baked bread. We were able to make our own prototypes and



then worked together to mix, knead and bake the dough. Safe to say, it tasted delicious! Finally, we have been working on consolidating our Art skills from the year and building on our animation work from Year 3 to create some stop frame animations for puppets we made. Super job! The Tigers have been wonderful this year and we know they will smash it in Year 5. Go Team Tigers!!

Lemurs

This half-term has been packed with exciting activities! We delved into the topic of climate change, exploring its global impact and imagining ourselves in the shoes of people around the world affected by this issue. In Art and DT, we



travelled back in time to the Mayan civilization and used our history knowledge to craft our own Mayan jewellery out of clay and create

stunning Mayan headdresses and masks. We also had the incredible opportunity to watch some famous tennis players at the Nottingham Tennis Open, which was an unforgettable experience. We were fortunate to also receive rugby coaching lessons from the Leicester Tigers, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed. We continued a very sporty half-term when we showed a fantastic 'I can' attitude during a swimming safety event, where we practised our safety skills and enhanced our first aid knowledge. Finally, some of the Lemurs dazzled us with their performances during their Oxley's Got Talent auditions - you definitely deserve a well-earned rest!

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: Oh, what a knight! 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'. On top of this, we have been to the Nottingham Open (a big thank you to Coach Matt for organising this), took part in Years 5 and 6 Water Safety Day, spent all of their enterprise money on inflatables, MacDonald's, popcorn and various other treats AND had time whilst rehearsing for their leavers assembly to have a little water fight! Year 6 have been pushed out of their comfort zones on numerous occasions this year but every time they have shown why they will be sorely missed.