



Autumn 2 2024

Oxley Primary School

A celebration of learning at our wonderful school



Be Kind

Be Brilliant

**Have an
I can
Attitude**



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Friday 20th December

As we draw the curtain on 2024 and an exceptional first term of this academic year, I find myself reflecting on the many accomplishments and experiences that have enriched our school. The past months have been a testament to the vibrant spirit of learning and growth that permeates our classrooms.

Our children have embraced a wealth of exciting learning opportunities with enthusiasm and determination. Their unwavering 'I can' attitude has been truly inspiring, demonstrating resilience and a genuine passion for learning. This positive mindset has undoubtedly contributed to the brilliant start we've had this year.

One of the many highlights of this term was Anti-Bullying week, centered around the theme of respect. The whole school came together to create a striking display celebrating our differences. This visual representation serves as a powerful reminder of the diverse tapestry that makes up Britain and the importance of mutual respect.

I am also delighted to share that our efforts to support the Poppy Appeal were met with such generosity. As a School, we raised an impressive £258.07, a figure that reflects the compassion and community spirit in our school.

As we look ahead, a reminder that school will open again on Monday 6th January. This term has set the high bar, but I have no doubt that we will continue to surpass expectations in 2025!

Thank you for your continued support and engagement in our school community. I wish you all a restful and joyous break.

Merry Christmas!

Mr Caldwell

SPECIAL RECOGNITION



This week saw our first Special Recognition assembly of the academic year. We celebrated the following children who were recognised for their special achievements for consistently showing our Oxley core values. We are so unbelievably proud of you all.

Darcie, Noah, Musa, Jaime, Harriet, Poppy, Jack, Rosa, Alfie, Lillie, Jacob, Elsie, Kasper, Tommy, Noah, Chloe, Korbin, Noah, Ronnie, Evie.

Christmas Tree Festival



Thank you to everyone who visited St Botolph's Church a few weeks ago to cast your vote for the annual Christmas tree competition. Our anti-bullying theme 'Everybody's different but that's what makes us special' came third!



Year 3 & 4 music concert



As part of their musical instrument package, Year 3 have been learning the recorder and Year 4 have been learning the ukulele. Parents and carers were invited to celebrate their musical talents in an afternoon concert. A big thank you to Leicestershire Music Services for their tuition and support.





Rock Steady

Yesterday, our budding musicians showcased their talents to their parents, carers and the rest of the school with such enthusiasm, it felt like a real rock concert! Their musical knowledge of technical terms and skill is wonderful to see grow and given the level of whooping and cheering from the audience, it's safe to say that we are already looking forward to our spring festival!

Watch out Download, there's a few headlining acts waiting in the wings!

Snow White Pantomime



On Wednesday, the whole school visited Loughborough town hall to watch Snow White. The children had an incredible time cheering and booing the various characters showing their singing talents off at every opportunity! They were impeccably behaved with many of the theatre staff commenting on their lovely manners as we left.

Are we on the case to book next years already? Oh yes we are!



Thank you!



Santa Fun Run



You know it's Christmas time when Oxley bring out the Santa hats and enjoy running to festive music outside! This is now a firm Oxley tradition and the children are always excited to run with their friends and sing at the top of their lungs. A huge thank you must go to our fabulous Year 6 House Captains who were incredibly supportive with warming classes before their slot, encouraging with words of kindness and motivation throughout their run and organising a slick schedule so all could attend. We would also like to thank Miss Milner for supporting our Year 6 House captains and for taking over our social media account for the morning!

Whilst having festive fun is our primary goal, we are also incredibly grateful to our Oxley community for supporting this fundraising event!

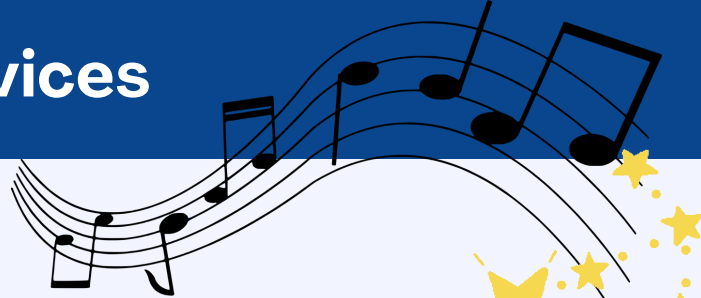
Our grand total is £2174.40!



Our fabulous House Captains!

Nativities and Carol Services

Penguins and Koalas



A special thank you to Jamie who took on the lead role at short notice!

This year, our Penguin and Koala children performed 'Shine Star Shine' three times to their families and the rest of the school with incredible confidence. What a joy!

Owls and Sloths

Next was the Owls and Sloths' festival production of 'Santa's Hat'. They worked incredibly hard and acted, sang and danced their hearts out and made all the grown-ups very proud!



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And finally, it was the turn of Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 who performed at St Botolph's Church on Monday 16th December to the biggest audience they have ever had! With a brand new set of songs, some jelly-belly Santas and twinkle-toed ballerinas, parents and carers were truly spoilt with the array of talent and confidence shown!



Young at Heart

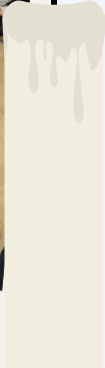


One of our all-time favourite events of the year is always Young at Heart where we invite carers, grandparents and families to a snippet of all of the festive shows across the school. Throughout the afternoon, our Year 6 serve teas and coffees and ensure that our tasty treats - prepared specially by our wonderful kitchen staff - are savoured. Thank you to our wonderful members of staff who work tirelessly to host events like this for our community.



Christingle

A huge thank you to Reverend Sarah Weaver - one of our fabulous governors - who came into school with a Christingle for every child to make! A symbol of Christianity, Christingles are made from an orange decorated with red tape, sweets or dried fruit and a candle.



Penguins



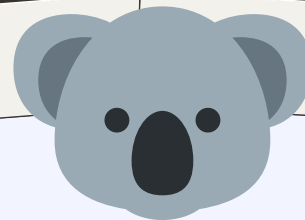
Our Koala children have embarked on a journey through diverse cultures and histories this half term, from celebrating Diwali with intricate Rangoli patterns to exploring space through the eyes of pioneering astronauts such as Tim Peake and Mae Jemison. Their creativity flourished as they reimagined timeless stories like 'Whatever Next' and welcomed a very special feathered guest during our 'Owl Babies' study.

The Koalas have also enjoyed conducting material experiments, while artistic flair shone through in their moving picture designs.

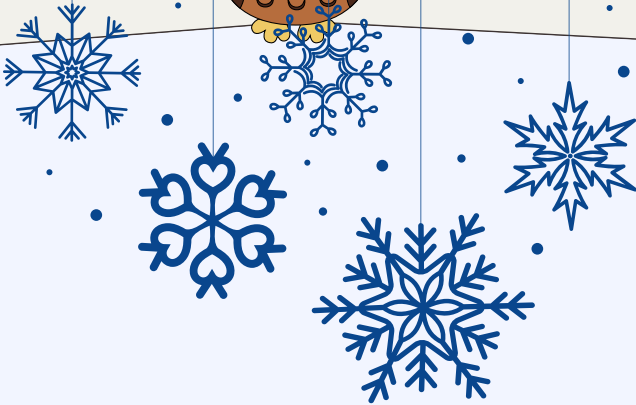
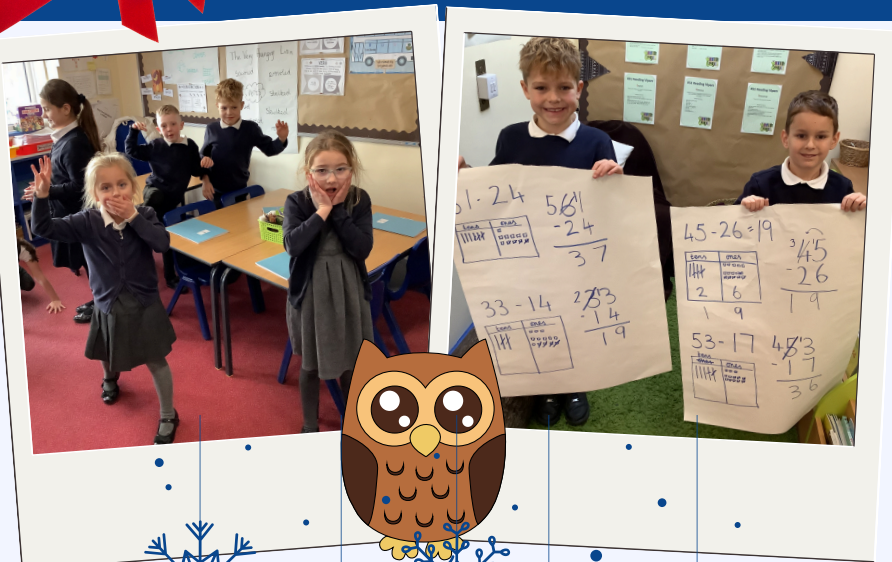
The term culminated in a spectacular Christmas performance of 'Shine Star, Shine', showcasing our children's talents and dedication.

The penguins have explored the wonders of autumn by writing seasonal poems about Diwali and Bonfire Night. Our novel studies of 'Owl Babies' and 'Whatever Next' have sparked creativity and scientific inquiry, with children testing materials for the bear's coat. We've also ventured into space, learning about astronauts Tim Peake and Mae Jemison, while learning all about numbers to 5 and 2D shapes. The penguins have shown a real flair for curiosity and critical thinking - especially during all of the nativity rehearsals!

Koalas



Owls



It has been a bustling term in the Owls' class! Our children have immersed themselves in the timeless tale of Little Red Riding Hood, not only retelling the classic story but also crafting their own imaginative versions. In Maths, we've witnessed remarkable progress in addition and subtraction skills, with children exploring new methods and applying their knowledge to solve complex problems. Our History lessons have transported us back to the Great Fire of London, where children have examined various historical sources, including Samuel Pepys' diary. Through dramatic re-enactments, they've gained a deeper understanding of this significant event, bringing history to life in our classrooms.

This half term the Sloth class has been as busy as ever! In English we have read the alternative version of Little Red Riding Hood, 'Little Red and the Hungry Lion.' We have written our own version of the story using a new animal of our choice. We have also finished our Geography unit on food and where it comes from. We learnt about trade and created our own local shops to show how food is produced, sold and consumed. In Science we have learnt about different materials, including metals and plastic, and have been exploring whether they are transparent or rigid. On top of all that we have spent many rehearsals perfecting our Christmas Show. Well done Sloths! We are extremely proud of you all!

Sloths



Leopards

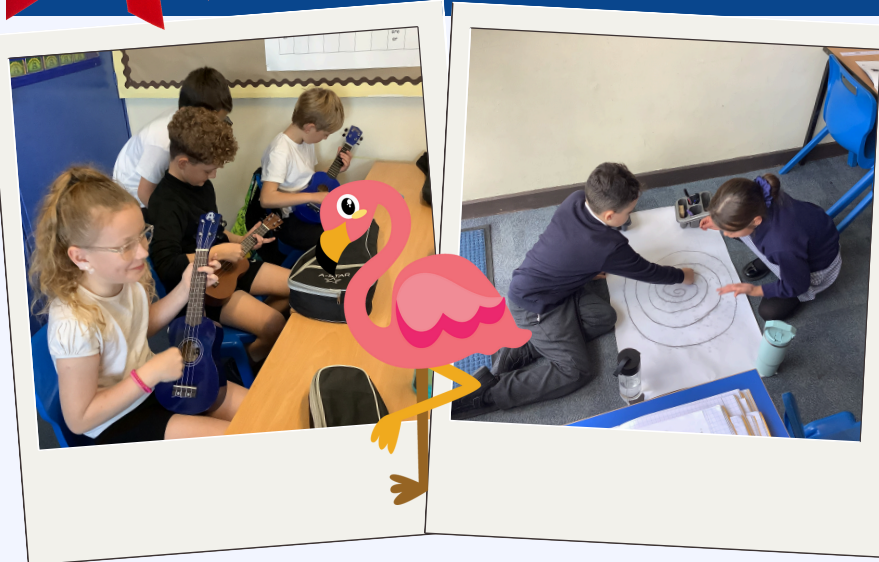


Our children have excelled in various activities, from collaborating with Evington Primary School on our linking project to showcasing their sewing skills with Mrs Reeve and Miss Elliott. They've embraced sustainability through local walks and litter-picking, and demonstrated their creativity in Greek-themed dance performances. Class Leopard, in particular, has shown exceptional dedication throughout. I'm immensely proud of our children's achievements and their unwavering enthusiasm for learning.

In English, children explored 'Cinderella of the Nile' and delved into performance poetry. Maths saw improvements in times tables and shape studies. DT projects involved crafting money pouches, while Science focused on diets and food waste. Geography lessons investigated local area changes since WWI. Music classes expanded recorder and ukulele skills, culminating in a delightful concert for parents and carers.



Flamingos



The Tigers have been engaged in a variety of exciting activities recently. They've explored 'Dance as fighting', which has been truly fantastic. Our focus on diet and nutrition has seen children sorting products into food groups and understanding the importance of a balanced diet in science. Additionally, we've embraced anti-bullying initiatives through creative odd sock Christmas tree snowmen.

Tigers



Quokkas



Our children have embarked on an exciting journey of discovery across various subjects. From exploring the cosmos in science to mastering loops in music, they've demonstrated remarkable curiosity and skill. Their studies have spanned fair trade, the British Empire, French weather reports, and creative writing inspired by 'The Sleeper and the Spindle'. We're particularly proud of their engagement with a Minecraft coding workshop, earning well-deserved certificates.

From exploring our solar systems and how space philosophy has changed over time, to the British Empire and mastering French weather reports and creative writing, the Foxes' curiosity knows no bounds. They have particularly excelled, consolidating mathematical skills and producing impressive literacy work. A Minecraft coding workshop rounded off an engaging period of learning, leaving us all ready for a well-deserved break.

Foxes



Ho ho ho!

Lions



The lions have been very busy this half-term! We have explored the British Empire's rise to power, delved into the solar system, and described French weather patterns. In mathematics, we've consolidated fractions and honed arithmetic skills. The children are making incredible progress! Our literacy focus has centred on diary entries, newspaper reports, and descriptive writing inspired by 'Spindle and the Sleeper' by Neil Gaiman. It's been a rich and engaging period of learning for all but we certainly are ready for a break!

