

# Summer Term – Newsletter 2



## Headteachers update

### Families

We are finally having some good weather and the children are loving exploring the outside spaces, particularly the field at breaktimes and lunchtimes! This time of year, is one of mixed emotion amongst both staff, children and you as families. Change is a tricky thing to manage and certainly not to be underestimated. We will ensure to make any transitions as smooth as possible for the children over the coming weeks 😊.

On the subject of change, we will be sadly losing Mrs. Hadley (Year 1) at the end of this academic year. Mrs. Hadley travels a great distance to and from work everyday and has secured a teaching role closer to home. For those of you that have had the opportunity to have Mrs. Hadley as their class teacher, you will know what a kind, caring and enthusiastic teacher she is. Mrs. Hadley has a huge heart and ALWAYS puts her children first, she will be sorely missed by us all. On a separate note, I would like to officially welcome Mr. Farrington to Owlsmoor. Mr. Farrington is replacing Mr. Booth as our site controller. Mr. Farrington has made a fantastic start to school life, please say hello when you see him, he can be found welcoming families at the back gate in the mornings 😊.

Wednesday night was our PTA AGM, I am pleased to say that once again we have a full compliment of members for 2023 – 2024. Sadly, we will be losing Richard March (treasurer) who will be stepping down from the PTA after 7 years in the role. I would like to personally thank Richard for all of his efforts and support over the years – a true star. Becky and the team do such an incredible job here at Owlsmoor Primary School raising monies for our children, this year they have raised over £30,000 which is simply incredible. One of the many items the PTA have purchased is the Trim Trail, which is finally complete and will be open to the children on Monday – I am looking forward to seeing the children swinging across the monkey bars – you might even spot a staff member or two!

I am VERY excited about my new certificates that I have introduced. There are Headteacher awards for our 5 values: Determined, Respect, Kind, Inclusive and Safe. The children are nominated by the adults in the school and presented on a Friday in our new Celebration assembly. The certificates are VERY special and are only given out to children who truly have gone above and beyond. Keep an eye out for them and I look forward to giving my first certificates out next week 😊.



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Another piece of exciting news is that we have secured funding to increase the size of our SEND provision. As of September, we will have Kingfishers which will be a Special Resource Provision for 10 children and our newly formed Wrens which will be a Special Resource Unit for 6 children. This is incredible news and will allow us to help support more young people with additional needs in a mainstream setting.

Everything we do here is for our amazing children and I hope you can see the impact some of the changes are having. I can't thank you enough for all of your support, we cannot do what we do without you.

Take care, keep safe and be kind to each other.



Mr. Cope

A huge congratulations to our Maths and Writing Superstars for the month – keep up the good work 😊. Winners, you will also notice that this is the launch of our 'Brand New' certificates, keep them safe 😊.

★ Class	★ Maths Superstars	★ Writing Superstars
Miss Hadley	Ava Trueman	Liliana Steele
Mr Francis	Dexter Jones	Emmeline Walduck
Mrs Panesar	Scarlett G	Joshua Bruce
Mrs Bruce Mrs Plumtree	Archie Armstrong	Ethan Harman
Miss Megrath	Dolly Horsgood	Jacob Wozniak
Miss Barton	Chloe Legg	Elana Riley
Mrs Reed	Isaac Judd	Isabelle Callaway
Mrs Fish / Mrs Garrod	Naomi Mazur	Sofia Kelly
Mrs Curran	Harry Collins	Ella Dean
Mr Stevens	Summer Inions	Riyung Rai
Miss Bess	Tony Sealey	Jack Maiden
Mr Taylor (Year 3)	x	Freddie Bull
★ Mr Taylor (Year 4)	x	★ Max Newman –Maidment

## Nursery

Welcome back, we hope you have managed to enjoy some of the lovely weather over half term. As a quick reminder, now that finer weather is hopefully here to stay, can we please remind you to apply sun cream before school and to provide your child with a named water bottle and sun hat. Especially as we are really enjoying using the sand pit now that the weather has cheered up. We have loved making sand castles with the moulds, buckets and spades.



## Café



The Puffins enjoyed learning about the different roles of the staff in a café. They particularly enjoyed role playing, taking orders on their notepads and pretending to cook in the kitchen as well as serving the food on our café tables. Mrs Layton-Matthews really enjoyed her bubble gum milkshake when she came in for a visit. Some of the Puffins even got the opportunity to show off their cooking skills and had a go at baking some cupcakes.



## Garden Centre

We ended last half term looking at Garden Centres. We shared the books 'Ten Seeds' and 'The Tiny Seed'. We were surprised by how seeds get dispersed and how new plants grow. Through the stories we learnt about what plants need in order to grow. We also had a go at drawing and painting our own flowers.



## Reception

### Jack and the Beanstalk:



This half term we did a lot of activities based around our learning on 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. The children impressed us with how many different activities they came up with to represent the story they could retell so well! They were extremely excited to have the opportunity to plant and look after their own beanstalk. We hope they are still growing tall at home! On the note of growing, if you have any plants you could donate so we can plant them in our planters, we would be very grateful. We are especially looking for **strawberry plants and flowers**.

The children loved dressing up as the characters from the story (the Giant was a particularly popular character!). They did some super role playing and used props to help re-tell the story.





### **Bears don't like egg sandwiches!**

We had some super writers creating recipe lists for a yummy sandwich and also some disgusting sandwiches! We explored different fillings and decided step by step how we should make a sandwich to ensure our teachers made them correctly! Once we knew the steps, we had a go at making our own sandwiches and chose our own filling. We enjoyed sitting on the blanket in the sun to eat our freshly made sandwiches.



### **Getting outside in the sun!**

We hope you have enjoyed getting outside as much as we have now the sunnier weather is here. The Reception children have been so excited to have the sandpit opened. We have been busy building many sandcastles and using the diggers to collect the sand. Now that we are able to get out and enjoy the sun more, please can we gently remind you to apply sun cream before school and ensure your child is coming into school with a named water bottle and sun hat. Thank you!



## Year 1 at Windsor Castle

Last half term Year 1 went on their trip to Windsor. We were so lucky to have such beautiful weather and all the children enjoyed their day. We attended a 'how to become a knight' workshop, watched the changing of the guards and went inside the castle to find the Queen Mary's doll's house. The children were all so well behaved and represented the school wonderfully.



As the weather is now getting warmer please can we ask that you apply suncream before school and send your child with a named sunhat if you would like too.

## Year 2 – Villains have visited Owlsmoor 😊

Well done to all of the brilliant children in Year 2 for working so hard during the last half term and taking their Standard Assessment Tests (or should I say 'their reading and maths quizzes') in their stride. We are so proud of them. Given the bad press around the tests this year, we think your children have been amazing and really demonstrated their resilience and determination to do their very best. Good work year 2! To round off this tricky month we celebrated with a Villains' Party and we think you will agree that the children looked spectacular in their villain costumes.



*Parakeets*





***Kookaburras***



***Penguins***

We are looking forward to sharing the amazing books the children have written about their chosen villains at the end of Arts' Fortnight.

Please can you send in cereal boxes, small plastic cartons, egg cartons and other junk modelling materials for our Design and Technology work this month as we will be making moon buggies linked with our work on Neil Armstrong and our visit to the Planetarium at Winchester science centre. A big thank you to all the parents who volunteered to help us out on this trip, we very quickly had enough helpers and really appreciate your offers of support.

### ***Year 2 Team***

## **Year 3**

On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May, Year 3 have been super excited about our fabulous trip to Butser Ancient Farm. We learned an incredible amount from activities the Romans performed including: exploring a Roman Villa, discovering frescos and handling Roman artefacts like a military helmet, Roman toys and candle holders. We sat in an authentically recreated roundhouse, sat by a fire and even had a go at building a wall using the Roman technique "clunching" (it was rather messy!). We even tried our hands at making Roman jewellery and got to take a ring we made home. It was a fantastic day that brought our learning of life in the Roman times into perspective.

Speaking of Roman times, our Roman Day on 7th July is coming up where we will be experiencing a whole day of what it would be like to live as a Roman citizen. Choose to dress-up as a member of the ever-expanding Empire be it: an emperor, a member of the Roman military, a scholar or even a hard-working farmer. We will be designing a healthy Roman snack for the brave soldiers including ingredients like: honey, natural yoghurt, fruit and oats for a life marching on the go. Please let us know ahead of time of any allergies we need to be aware of.

And finally, we have the long-awaited Swans class assembly happening at 10:10am on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. Parents are welcome to join us for our presentation as Swans class can't wait to show everything they have been doing with their topic of Roman Life so far. We hope to see you there.



## Year 4

What an eventful month it has been! We had a delightful time commemorating the Coronation of the King and the children really got into the spirit! They had a blast on the bouncy castle and also had the chance to get a taste of royalty by wearing the crown. It was truly a day to remember for all of us!



The highly anticipated year 4 sleepover trip was a huge success with both the children and teachers. The children enthusiastically immersed themselves in the captivating and interactive exhibits within the science centre, exploring and learning with great enthusiasm. Later in the evening, they savoured hot chocolate accompanied by delicious cookies. Before bedtime, they relaxed and watched a movie in the awe-inspiring planetarium. Morning came too soon (especially for the teachers!). Following breakfast, the children were treated to a captivating planetarium show all about the life of astronauts and the impact of space travel on the human body. This educational and highly entertaining experience of sleeping over at Winchester Science Centre has created

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amazing lasting memories for all the year 4 students and teachers who attended. The children demonstrated our school values throughout the trip, which made us extremely proud of them.



This week, we enthusiastically kicked off Arts Fortnight by diving straight into the creative process of making papier-mache balloons. This project is linked to our theme for the Arts Fortnight this year, "Express Yourself," encouraging students to unleash their artistic expression and explore their creative potential. We have many exciting art activities planned!



Year 4 team



### *King's Coronation*

On the 5th May, we joined the celebrations for the Coronation of King Charles III. As the weather was not great, we enjoyed our 'street party' picnics in the classroom and then made our way to the hall. The children had a fantastic time trying out all of the Coronation themed activities and especially enjoyed the bouncy castle. They also tried their hand at a few games, including 'Stick the Crown on the King' and 'Throw the Corgi into the Basket' – they were toy dogs of course!



### *Modroc Modelling*

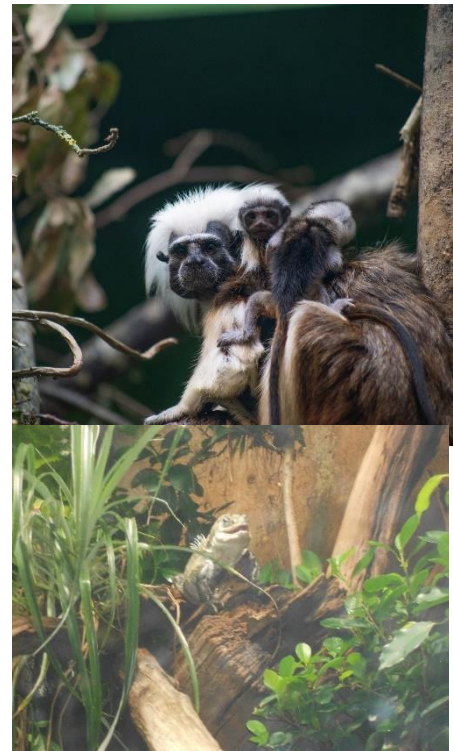
In art lessons, the children found out about the artist Alberto Giacometti who is famous for his bronze sculptures, especially those of very tall, thin people posed in various positions. The children then created their own statues using wire and Modroc. It was not as easy as they first thought and, in some cases, extremely messy 😊 but their results were amazing.



### *Magnificent Marwell*

Our year group trip to Marwell Zoo was simply wonderful. The sun came out and we were treated with seeing giraffes, rhinos, the snow leopard, the pigmy hippo and zebras, to name but a few. There was also a couple of awe and wonder moments when Stanos the sloth literally climbed through the trees right

above our heads in the tropical house – what a moment! We were also delighted to see the tiny baby tamarin monkeys clinging to their mother.



Some of the children in Ostriches class managed to get a photograph with an ostrich in the background 😊.

## Year 6 – End of term

We hope you enjoyed the May half term, and you are fully rested for the busy term ahead. The children are looking forward to their residential to High Ashurst later this month, and the staff are very excited to share, what we are sure will be, an amazing experience with them. If there are any updates to medication or to dietary requirements, please could you inform a member of the Year 6 team so that we can make any necessary arrangements. Children who are remaining at school will be taking part in an activity week, which will give them chance to undertake some creative projects while the rest of the year group are away.

We are beginning the term with 'arts fortnight', and the theme this year is 'Express Yourself'. The children will be given lots of opportunities to take part in different art activities (from performing arts to creative arts). We are very excited to see the end results.

No doubt you are already aware, that the end of year production is 'Robin and The Sherwood Hoodies'. We are incredibly excited about the performance and would ask that, where possible, you encourage the children to learn the lines that they have been given and the lyrics to the songs - which have been added to Teams - to help them when practising. Regarding costumes, the children will be given a letter outlining specific requirements, should the school be unable to provide a costume for them.



The performances will take place on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023 and Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2023, at Sandhurst Secondary School. The event will be ticketed and each child will be limited to a number of tickets, due to the amount of space in the theatre; we will provide further information, regarding how to obtain the tickets nearer the time.

As this is the children's final term in primary school, we will also be spending time preparing them for their transition to secondary school. In addition to the transition days at their secondary school, the children will be given the opportunity to discuss their thoughts and apprehensions during our PSHE lessons.

We are hoping to hold a Year 6-exclusive leavers event in the final week of term, and we will send more information about that when we have definite confirmation as to what this event will look like, and the exact date and timings.

As is tradition, Year 6 will also be holding the 10p Fair, on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June, straight after school. The Year 6 pupils will run activities that the rest of the school can choose to take part in, to raise funds for Year 6 events and activities. The children have chosen their activities, and it is customary for them to provide small prizes and/or any specific materials they may need. A letter has been sent home to give a little more information regarding your pupil's activity/stall. We hope that you can support your children in hosting what is always an incredibly enjoyable event for all.

As always, we ask that the children continue to read at least four times per week; independent reading skills are vital as they move forward. We are happy with the children reading websites, graphic novels and magazines as long as they are age-appropriate and are coupled with a novel or lengthier book. Please make sure that these are recorded in the children's reading records so the children can receive their reading treat each week.

Thank you for your continued support and we hope that our last term will be filled with fun and excellent memories.

The Year 6 Team.

## **Year 6 10p Fair!**

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June.**

**10p needed for each stall.**

**Prizes to be won!**

**Join us on the field between 3-4pm for an afternoon  
of fun 😊**

**Kingfishers out and about!**

Kingfishers had the opportunity to walk alpacas at Pennybridge Alpaca Farm. It was an amazing time – the children's confidence grew and all enjoyed seeing the goats with their huge trampoline! We found out many interesting alpaca facts – why alpacas are kept, their 22 different colours, quirky characteristics and all about their gorgeous fleece! We met lots of different alpacas, fed them, fed the goats and ended the session by taking the alpacas for a walk around the farm. A wonderful experience!



### Kingfishers trip to Trilakes Farm

On the last Tuesday in May, Kingfishers visited the farm at Trilakes, having been learning about animals and life processes. All had an amazing time – petting rabbits, guinea pigs, chicks, a large bearded dragon, a snake and even had fun as one of the quail chicks decided to fly off! Feeding the huge fish was also a highlight! We enjoyed activities there after meeting the animals, and loved the instruments! A wonderful morning – we hope to visit again soon!





## Kings Coronation in Year 6

On the 5th May, Year 6 had the opportunity to take part in some fun activities to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III. Each class took some time to enjoy their 'picnic', before finishing off decorating their 'Coronation Coasters'; they each took time to intricately decorate their coasters. They then headed off to the hall, where they had the opportunity to revel in the celebrations. Some decided to dress up as royalty, whilst others took part in traditional party games. There was merriment experienced on the bouncy castle too. Fabulous memories for everyone.



Coronation Coasters created by Kites class.



## Science News!



Our new after school club, run by Fizz Pop Science, has started with a bang. I met with some of the children who have been attending and they told me they were all having a fantastic time. They were keen to tell me that over the last few weeks, they have been exploring static electricity that made their hair stand on end and been learning about chemical reactions by making slime and elephant toothpaste. They have investigated air as a force by suspending ping pong balls above a straw and making 'airzukas' to propel a ping pong ball across the room. The children also found out about how light travels when they revealed a hidden beam of laser light by sprinkling talcum powder over the beam. Sounds like something straight out of a spy film! 😊

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It was wonderful to hear how enthusiastic they were so we will look to continue running the club next year.

Mrs Fish.

## Rights Respecting Schools (RRS)

The RRS Champs would like to thank you all for your very kind donations from our mufti-day held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. The money raised was £485 in total, which we believe should hopefully be enough to buy one cow and possibly 2 or 3 goats. The gift of a cow is the greatest honour to the village in Rwanda. The total has been shared with Mrs Hunt at Sandhurst School who is going to arrange for the livestock to be donated whilst she is out there at the end of July. I look forward to sharing the photos that she will take with you in the Autumn Term. Again, a massive THANK YOU!

The rights respecting day was also an opportunity to discuss some of the articles that we don't refer to as often. It was lovely seeing all the fantastic activities that the children were engaged with. The children were very excited to share which articles they were learning about and chat with me about how the article relates to them and their peers.



## ARTS FORTNIGHT

This week we have begun Arts Fortnight and the children have been enjoying a variety of creative activities.



This year we have chosen the theme 'Express Yourself'.

On the final day of the Arts Fortnight, Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June, we would like to invite parents to come and celebrate the children's artwork. The artwork will be on display in the hall and in classrooms for you to enjoy from **2pm** onwards.

### Family Support Advisors Coffee Morning

Following the success of our very first Coffee Morning we would like you to invite you to our next one.

**12<sup>th</sup> September 2023**  
**8:45am in the Music Studio**

**Mrs Shepherd and Mrs Jones**

### **Which House is going to win?**

The winning House for the Summer Term will enjoy their surprise treat on:

**13<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

**I wonder who it is going to be?**



## KEY DATES

<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Kingfishers to Legoland</b>
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Reception to Birdworld</b>
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June</b>	<b>Year 6 - 10p fair, after school 15:00 – 16:00</b>
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	<b>Class Photos</b>
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	<b>Year 4 to Ufton Court</b>
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	<b>Swans Class Assembly</b>
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Year 6 Residential</b>
	<b>Hexagon</b>
<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Millers Ark Farm to visit Nursery</b>
<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Year 2 Winchester Science Centre</b>
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Reception and KS1 Sports Day 9:00 – 11:30</b>
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Nursery Sports Day AM</b>
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Year 6 Transition to Secondary Owlsmoor Transition Day</b>
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Family Forum 18:00 – 20:00</b>
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Year 6 Transition to Secondary Owlsmoor Transition Day</b>
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>KS2 Sports Day Year 3 and 4 – 9:00 – 11:00 Year 5 and 6 – 11:15 – 13:15</b>
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Reserve KS2 Sports Day</b>
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>House Point Treat</b>
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Year 3 Roman Day</b>
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Year 6 Production to parents 18:00 – 20:00 at Sandhurst</b>
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Year 6 Production to parents 18:00 – 20:00 at Sandhurst</b>
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Reserve Reception and KS1 Sports Day</b>
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Year 6 Leavers 'Festival' and Presentation 16:30 – 19:00 – more information to follow</b>
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>End of Term – Finish at 14:00</b>



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