

Summer Term – Newsletter 3



Headteachers update

Families

Only two weeks to go of the academic year and still so much to do. The children have had a fantastic two days of transition, meeting their new teachers (in most cases), exploring their new classrooms and most importantly spending time with their peers. Change isn't easy for anyone and the children have shown real determination to make sure they have enjoyed every minute of the experience.

In amongst transition we received the news that Mrs. Curran, our current Year 6 teacher will be leaving us. Mrs. Curran has been an integral part of the team here at Owlsmoor for the last two years and will be sorely missed by staff, parents and children alike. We have been fortunate enough to secure a replacement for Mrs. Curran in the shape of Mr. Saunders. Mr. Saunders is an experienced Key Stage 2 teacher and is very excited about his new challenge. Mr. Saunders will be coming into school on July 18th for the afternoon and will be around after school to meet and greet any parents who would like to say hello 😊.

Mr. Steven's has organised and led our fantastic sports days. The children have had an amazing time and have thoroughly enjoyed all of the activities. It is always amazing to see our young people so determined to succeed and showing how inclusive they are by cheering each other on to do the very best they can. I hope you enjoyed it as much as the children, although you must promise me next year to be a whole lot louder! 😊.

It has been a month for making memories and I was fortunate enough to visit our Year 6 team at High Ashurst on their residential. The rain didn't stop the team from completing their activities for the day which included: Fire lighting, den building and low ropes... it was so much fun watching the children (and some of the adults) working together to overcome some of their fears. The highlight from the children's perspective was the number of froglets at camp! There were literally hundreds.

Our incredible choir were also showcasing their talents at the Hexagon in Reading. The children represented the school perfectly and blew everyone away with their beautiful singing. They collaborated so well with all the other choirs to produce a simply breath-taking performance which will never be forgotten. A huge thank you must go to Mrs. Read and Miss. Parr for all the hard work and effort that went into the performance – well done ladies 😊.

We still have a couple of weeks to go but we have almost reached the end of another academic year here at Owlsmoor. I can't believe that I have been here for a whole year. Thank you so much for all of your incredible support and memories you have helped make for our unbelievable children. I feel very lucky to be leading such an incredible team and to have the support of such amazing families.

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

Mr. Cope

Maths and English Superstars

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	Freddie Bull	Tom Wilkinson
Mr Francis	Kelayah Ballyntine	Ernest Cridge
Mrs Panesar	Imogen Lee	Alfie Tozer
Mrs Bruce Mrs Plumtree	Lily Wood	Gracie Archer
Miss Megrath	Scarlett Wishart	Phoebe Potter
Miss Barton	Honey Bishop	Holly Turner
Mrs Reed	Molly Joys	Sienna Allard
Mrs Fish / Mrs Garrod	Sophie Hill	Tallulah Thomson
Mrs Curran	Josh Charlson	Saanvi Nandikonda
Mr Stevens	Joshua Somerville	Taylor Wanless
Miss Bess	Grace Woodall	Nevan Lama Tamang

Nursery

We can't believe how quickly this term is going! We have been so busy and had a fantastic time over the past few weeks.

Art's Fortnight

We started this half term with Arts fortnight, our theme this year was 'Express Yourself'. In Puffins we focused on the life of a pirate and the children really loved learning to talk like a pirate and learning our pirate song. Throughout the fortnight we completed some amazing pieces of art work, we made spyglasses, pirate face masks and a large ship in a bottle, using lots of different materials and art techniques.



Millar's Ark Farm

The Puffins really enjoyed their visit from Millar's Ark Farm. The moment they saw the animals on the field, they were so excited. Farmer Helen was absolutely amazing with the children, she shared lots of facts about the animals with them and told them all about her job as a farmer. The children had the opportunity to stroke and brush the pigs, goats, sheep and donkeys that she had brought with her. We very nearly ended up with a class pet!



Sports Day

Thank you again to all those parents that attended our Sports Day on Monday, the children loved showing off the skills that they have been learning through out the year in our P.E. lessons. The children had great fun and hopefully so did you.



Finally, I would like to say it has been an absolute pleasure teaching your children this year. I know that the children moving up into Reception will all continue to flourish and shine. I look forward to more fun and messy play next year with the children that will be staying with me. I hope that you all have a fantastic summer and will see you all in September.

Miss Grant

Reception

Arts Fortnight:

This term we celebrated the theme of 'Express Yourself' during Arts Fortnight. The children learnt about a few different artists and discussed their artwork. As we also had our trip to Birdworld during this time, we focused on creating birds within our artwork. The children had many opportunities to create their artwork using different mediums such as pastels, paint and feathers. They also put their cutting skills to the test to create a whole class bird mobile. We hope you enjoyed viewing their writing and artwork at the end of the fortnight.



Birdworld:

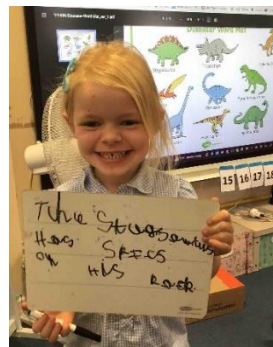
The children had a great time on their first school trip to Birdworld. After the excitement of going through the tunnels on the coach, the children loved watching the pelican and penguin feeding and seeing lots of different birds. Thank you so much to all our parent helpers who volunteered their time to make the trip successful.





Dinosaurs:

The Reception children transported back in time to the Dinosaur Age. They became palaeologists digging for fossils and bones in the role play area. We spent some time talking about the various dinosaurs, sharing their knowledge about these creatures and we have some super star writers as they wrote and drew a picture about their favourite dinosaurs.



Sports Day:

Well done to everyone for participating in Sports Day! We hope you had a lovely time watching all of the races and supporting all of the children.



Finally, just a quick note to say, our class party will be held on Wednesday 19th July. A letter will be sent out with more details soon.

We have all had such a wonderful year with your children and will be very sad to see them moving onto year 1, but we know they are so ready for the next part of their journey. All we have left to say is that we wish you all a wonderful summer holidays with your families. See you in the new year.

Reception team.

Year 1

Arts Fortnight in Year 1

Focussing on this year's theme 'Express Yourself', Year 1 have spent time designing their own friendship bracelets, masquerade masks and Picasso style self-portraits. We also developed our understanding of Hinduism and how as a culture they express themselves in many ways such as Mehndi and the celebration of Holi.

To create their self-portraits, Year 1 used junk modelling to shape their eyes, nose and mouth and used the technique of paper mache over the top to create a 3D art design. They then chose 2 favourite colours and finished their design using Picasso's abstract style features. To finish off their portraits, everyone pulled a funny face to express themselves!

Mrs Reed also organised a whole school dance workshop which Year 1 really enjoyed! Here are a few snapshots of learning a routine for the song



'Dynamite' by Taio Cruz!

Hopefully you all got to come in and see how the amazing work the children created!

We would also like to thank you for learning our Arts Fortnight song of Sclub7's 'Bring it all back to you'! We do love a 90's classic and had lots of feedback from the children that their parents knew the song. We also had to odd comments of 'are Sclub7 old then?' cheeky! We hope the lyrics stay with the children on their journey to year 2 and they understand that it's important that they should be themselves and always try their best!

Year 3

Unbelievably, we find ourselves coming towards the end of another school year and we cannot believe how the time has flown by. We have certainly packed a lot into the year and the children have enjoyed the topics on the rainforest, the Stone Age to the Iron Age and the Romans.

Although the summer holidays are creeping ever closer, we still have a couple of weeks remaining so could we politely request that children need to bring in named water bottles every day and have sun cream applied before coming to school on warm days.

We still have our local walk and Roman day to look forward to. Our Roman day will take place on 13th of July and the children are invited to come in dressed as a Roman – a white sheet fashioned into a toga is fine. The children will take part in a number of Roman themed activities and have the opportunity to make a Roman snack. Our local, woodland walk will take place on Wednesday 19th July as part of our curriculum promises, please ensure that the children bring a bottle of water and suncream (or a raincoat depending on the weather). Finally, we would like to have a water gun fight in the afternoon of 20th July. Children will need to bring a towel, spare set of clothes and of course be armed with a water gun if they so desire to participate😊.

Finally, we would like to say how much we have enjoyed teaching the children this year and seeing their progress. We would like to wish them all the very best as they move up to Year 4 and take this opportunity to thank you for all of your support this year. Enjoy your summer break.

Year 4

Year 4 enjoyed a range of fun, creative activities during Arts Fortnight, all based around our theme of 'Express Yourself'. The children enthusiastically participated in a dance workshop and produced a great dance routine by the end of it! They also had a go at papier-mâché, making their own moving toy, portrait drawing, splatter painting and they took inspiration from Aboriginal art to create a whole class collaborative piece of artwork. The work produced by the children was fantastic! Hopefully you got a chance to pop into the exhibition on the Friday afternoon to check out their hard work, or you saw it when they brought it home at the end of the fortnight.



We very much enjoyed taking the children out to Ufton Court too, where we experienced an excellent Anglo-Saxon themed day! The children had the opportunity to explore a range of Anglo-Saxon artefacts

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and learn essential Anglo-Saxon life skills, such as spinning wool, weaving fences, hunting (fake!) pigeons with a slingshot and even creating the sparks needed to light fires by striking flint! The day concluded with the children enthusiastically re-enacting the Battle of Reading, playing the roles of the different armies involved and learning about the different battle strategies they used at the time to try and get the better of the opposition. We were all well and truly worn out by the end of the busy day!



Amazing Arts Fortnight

All of Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed our amazing Arts Fortnight after returning from the half term break. The theme this year was 'Express Yourself' and the children did just that. They used our current topic theme of North America as inspiration to design and create some beautiful pieces of sand art as well as making brightly coloured necklaces. The children also made 'table totems' having been inspired by different tribal totems throughout North America.

They sketched and created 'Half & Half' portraits to express their hobbies, interests and other significant people, places and objects in their lives. We hope you managed to visit the gala in the hall and the classrooms to see the effort which all the children went to during the two weeks, expressing themselves and creating some wonderful pieces of artwork.



Baking Brilliance

In Design & Technology this term the children designed, baked and evaluated apple pies. They made the pastry, chose their filling and created original tops for their pies. This was a lovely day where the children were able to try new foods and experiment with their taste buds. We are sure you will agree, they looked delicious!



Terrific 10p Fair

The summer term can only mean one thing, it was time for the 10p fair! The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and, holding their collection of 10ps, headed up to the field to play games, win prizes and buy cakes and sweets to support the Year 6s. The children had a wonderful time and always look forward to this event. We hope you gathered some ideas for when your time comes to host the 10p fair 😊.

And finally....

The Year 5 team would like to thank you all very much for your support this year. Your children have been a joy to teach and we would like to wish you all a wonderful summer break.

Mrs Fish, Mrs Reed and Mrs Garrod

Year 6 – A crazy end of term 😊

We can't believe this is our final month together! We have had so much fun this year and hope the children have enjoyed their last year of primary school. All of the children thoroughly enjoyed their residential to High Ashurst last week. It was lovely to see the children embracing all the new activities and conquering their fears!



As we continue to rehearse for our end of year production – 'Robin & The Sherwood Hoodies' – we would like to remind children to continue to learn the lyrics to the songs and their lines if they have a speaking part.

The performances will take place on Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th July, at 6pm, at Sandhurst Secondary School. The event will be ticketed and each child will be limited to two tickets, per evening (due to the amount of space in the hall).

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.

Leavers Festival – Thursday 20th July

Lastly, the children's leavers' festival will take place on Thursday 20th July, after school on the field and will give the children a chance to have some fun with their friends, before they end their time at Owlsmoor Primary School.

This will start at 4:30pm and finish at 6:30pm. After 6:30pm, the leavers' presentation will then start and run for roughly 30-45 minutes where we welcome parents! We will send out details about the presentation

evening – nearer the time, but we are hoping to invite you all to join us in celebrating your children's time at Owlsmoor Primary School.

Year 6 10p Fair



On Wednesday 21st June, Year 6 ran their very own 10p fair after school. It was FANTASTIC to see all the parents and children on the field, helping us raise money for the Year 6 leavers festival at the end of the academic year 😊. The year 6 pupils put an enormous amount of effort into ensuring their stalls were successful and enjoyable for all the children at Owlsmoor Primary School. We're extremely proud of them! The total amount raised was £305!

Year 6 Outdoor Athletics Team



On Thursday 8th June, 12 members of Year 6 travelled to the Bracknell Leisure Centre to take part in an Outdoor Athletics Competition against 27 other local Primary Schools'.

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In EXTREME heat, the young boys and girls of Year 6 took part in track events (relays, 80m sprint and 600m long distance run) and field events (overarm throw, shotput and long jump) in order to win points for Owlsmoor Primary School.

Owlsmoor finished in a fantastic 14th spot out of 27 schools! HUGE applause to the relay team who made the finals against another 10 local schools and JR for winning her 600m long distance run.

Well done EVERYONE for their hard work and determination – we're extremely proud of you all! 😊

Science News!

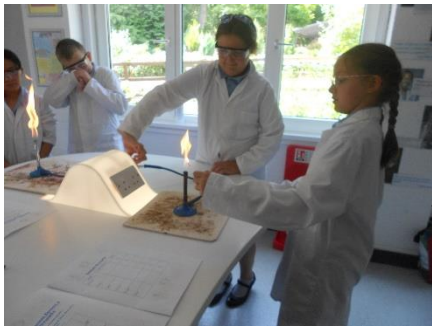
Eagle House Science Workshops

In June, two groups of Y6 children attended science workshops at Eagle House School. I was lucky enough to go along with them; we were all so impressed with the school and its fantastic science labs. The children used their scientific skills when mixing solids and liquids to cause chemical reactions. They were particularly impressed with the reaction that created a luminous blue glow; they learned it is the same reaction that causes glow sticks to work when we crack them! They also loved watching the teacher, Mrs Fisher, 'sacrifice' a Jelly Baby by heating it quickly in a test tube to release its sugar. When it was mixed with the liquid in the test tube, the results were astonishing – look closely at the final picture below and you will see the amount of smoke and fire pouring out of the test tube! It was an absolutely wonderful day and I cannot thank Mrs Fisher and Phil, the minibus driver, enough for making it all so special. The children were 'buzzing' with excitement on the way back to school 😊.

So, that's it – my very last science update for the newsletter. It has been a 'blast' to lead science in the school for the last five years and to continually be told by the children that it is one of their favourite lessons. I hope they always stay curious and aim for the stars. Have a wonderful summer break.

Mrs Fish





Leavers at the end of this term (Except Year 6)

If you know that your child/children are leaving at the end of this term and not returning in September. Please can you email the school office on secretary@owlsmoorprimary.com and Mrs Owles will email you back an exit form for them. Thank you 😊

Choirs stunning performance at the Hexagon

39 children across Key Stage 2, took part in the Berkshire Maestros Junior Music Festival on 27th June at the Hexagon. The choir had been rehearsing the songs since Easter and it is safe to say that their hard work thoroughly paid off.

They sang 16 songs including a tear-jerking rendition of 'Do you hear the people sing' from Les Misérables and finished the performance with 'This is why we sing' accompanied by some impressive sign language. They sounded beautiful and received several standing ovations.

Mr and Mrs Cope came to support the choir along with a near sold out Hexagon.

We would just like to say how immensely proud we are of all the children who took part and had put so much effort in learning the songs, not only in choir but at home too.

You all did yourselves proud.

Mrs Read and Miss Parr



Ready for Broadway!

We have a number of talented children at Owlsmoor Primary School and Eliza is certainly one of them. Eliza has been selected to perform in Matilda the Musical at Camberley Theatre in July 😊. We are all very proud of Eliza and wish her all the very best. 'Break a Leg' I believe is the saying for good luck in the theatre (PLEASE don't Eliza 😊).



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Eleanor and Maggie are raising funds!

The lovely Eleanor and Maggie (in year 6) came to see me about running stalls to raise money for Great Ormond Street hospital, something that is very close to Maggie's heart.

The girls were originally going to be selling goods in school until they decided that they would do a sponsored silence instead. I am sure both families are looking forward to the peace and quiet. The girls have arranged this totally on their own and I couldn't be prouder. The girls have set up a Just Giving page and would appreciate any support we can give. Good luck girls I am sure you will smash it!



KEY DATES

Wednesday 12th July	House Point Treat
Thursday 13th July	Year 3 Roman Day
Monday 17th July	Year 6 Production to parents 18:00 – 20:00 at Sandhurst
Tuesday 18th July	Year 6 Production to parents 18:00 – 20:00 at Sandhurst
Thursday 20th July	Year 6 Leavers 'Festival' and Presentation 16:30 – 19:00 – more information to follow
Friday 21st July	End of Term – Finish at 14:00
Friday 1st September	Inset Day
Monday 4th September	Pupils Return at 8:45am

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29 August - Level 1 & 2

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9, 10 August - Level 1 & 2

10 August - Level 3

23 August - Level 3

23, 24th August - Level 1 & 2

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