



Oyster Park Primary Academy

# Newsletter

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## Keeping a Healthy Lifestyle



Across school, in Social Skills, the children have been considering how to keep a healthy lifestyle. The children began their lesson by thinking about how we look after ourselves. Some ideas the

the pupils came up with included: talking to others about how they are feeling; eating a balanced diet; doing some exercise; looking after our personal hygiene; thinking about what we need to wear; and having plenty of sleep. During the lesson, the children discussed the importance of each of these areas and considered how to do them well.

## International Women's Day

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024 marked International Woman's Day. To celebrate, the children across school, in Social



Skills, focused their discussions on inspirational women and challenging gender stereotypes. Each year group researched a different inspirational woman from the past or present to find out about

the challenges they may have faced and how they have overcome them. The women discussed included: Florence Nightingale, Malala Yousafzai and the England Lionesses.

## Our Local Councillor to Visit our School Council



This half term our School Councillors were lucky to have a visit from one of our Local Councillors, Kathryn Scott. Kathryn explained all about her role as a Local Councillor, how she was elected and the skills that

she needs to be a Councillor. Our Councillors asked some fantastic questions and compared their role in school to Kathryn's.

A big thank you again to Kathryn for taking time out of her day to visit us.

## Key Dates

### School Opens for the Summer Term 1

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024

### Year 4 Murton Park

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024

### Year 3 Ancient Egyptians Workshop

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2024

### Year 5 Coal Mining Museum

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2024

### Upper Foundation Whistlestop Valley

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024

### RE on Demand Sikhism Workshop

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2024

### Year 6 Flamingo Land Workshop Visit

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024

### Polling Station - Nursery Closed

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024

### School Closed May Day Bank Holiday

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024

### School Closes May Half Term

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024

## Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day was a great success this year. We are proud to announce that as a school community we have raised **£223.30!** Well, Done and Thank You to everyone who made a donation.



Red Nose Day supports local community organisations and brilliant change-makers here in the UK and across the globe.

Donations help fill the shelves of baby banks, community food centres, fund vital

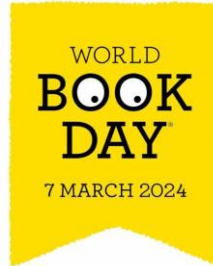
community-led services like health workers, local youth safe-spaces, and ensure safe passage for people escaping danger.

# Reading & Enrichment

This half term, there has been a range of exciting enrichment opportunities to bring learning to life and to make lasting childhood memories for our pupils.

## World Book Day

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024 we celebrated World Book Day across school. To celebrate the occasion, we invited our pupils and staff to come to school as their favourite book character or to come dressed in their PJs with a copy of a book that they love to read at home. The children and staff had a fantastic day. We want reading to entertain but also enrich our children's lives and help them understand and navigate the world. We promote a school-wide positive reading culture, focusing on both individual and shared reading. By supporting all reading abilities and providing dedicated reading areas, children stay engaged and find pleasure in reading.



## Reading at home

At Oyster Park we are driven to inspire a pleasure for reading within all our children. One of the great ways to achieve this is to read with family members at home. Reading can be done anywhere; whether it be listening whilst travelling in the car, during meal-times, whilst relaxing on the sofa or even at before bed-time.



All reading done at home can be recorded in the pupils reading records to allow teachers to see how much the children have been reading outside of school. As a school we recommend every child reads at home at least 4 times a week.

## Parent & Children's Book Swap

In the school office you will find the Oyster Park Primary Academy Children and Parent Book Swap initiatives. We have had some kind donations from staff and the school community and would like to invite you to swap any of your preloved books with one within our Book Swap Boxes. These can be found in the main school office. We look forward to seeing which titles and authors are swapped amongst our school reading community.



## Book Trunk

Each week a pupil from each class in Year 1 to Year 4 is specially selected to take home the class Book Trunk for the weekend! The book trunk is an exciting bag of goodies to create the perfect reading experience at home. The Book Trunk included a lovely story selected by the class, some hot chocolate to enjoy whilst reading, our cuddly book trunk mascot to read to and a reading journal for parents and pupils to write in about their weekend book trunk adventure.



# Workshops & Enrichment



This half term, there has been a range of exciting enrichment opportunities provided by excellent educational specialists to bring learning to life and to make lasting childhood memories for our pupils.

## Nursery Ian on the Farm

This half term our Nursery were visited by Farmer Ian, who brought his real-life farm to our school field! The whole day included a 'hands on' experience with a range of friendly farm animals including sheep, chickens, rabbits and even a pig. The children discussed and explored how the animals are cared for, the varied diets the animals have and the daily life of a farmer. The children were able to watch demonstrations from the professional farmers. They also had the opportunity to look and interact with the animals if they wanted to and the children asked lots of fantastic questions! This was an exciting day for the Nursery children.



# Religious Education & Culture



**REonDemand**  
Bringing RE to Life

This term across school the pupils have been immersed in learning about key festivals and celebrations in a range of faiths.

## REonDemand Judaism Workshop

Across school the children took part in a Judaism Workshop delivered by REonDemand. Using a vast collection of genuine artefacts, REonDemand brought Judaism to life in an engaging introduction to a faith that spans more than 4,000 years. The children listened to stories from the Torah and about how Jews worship today by getting to know the key figures, and what they did so long ago. Pupils also explored and listened to the story of Hanukkah, the Jewish Festival of Lights, celebrated around December each year. Through different activities and interactive storytelling, pupils had the opportunity to consolidate their knowledge and reflect on what they had learnt.



## Christianity Rev. Tracy Ibbotson Easter Assembly

On Monday morning, our children were visited by a very special guest, Reverend Tracey from our local Holy Cross Church. Reverend Tracey held an assembly to talk to our children about the Easter Story and the significance of Holy Week in Christianity.

Holy Week is the most solemn week of the Christian Year, it is the week leading up to Easter, and is the week during which Christians particularly remember the last week of Jesus's life. The children listened to the Easter Story of Jesus's Crucifixion on Good Friday, his resurrection from the tomb three days later on Easter Sunday to the delight of his followers, and his ascension to heaven. The children learnt that according to Christians Jesus died to save all of mankind.

Towards the end of the assembly the children also learnt how the Easter egg represents new life and the stone that covered Jesus' tomb.





As we reach the end of the Spring Term, we are excited to celebrate the pupils in the More Than Club. All pupils who have achieved 97% attendance or above this term have received a postcard certificate and attended the Milkshake and Cookie Party this afternoon. The More Than Club will continue to run in the Summer Term. Any pupil with attendance of 96% or above will be celebrated at the end of the term. We are aware many of our pupils have been affected by illness this term but the target of 96% will provide all pupils with the opportunity to join the More Than Club.



# Easter Coffee Morning & Easter Bonnet Parade

What an EGGTASTIC morning it has been here at Oyster Park Primary Academy. Thank you to all the staff who donated baked goods and helped make the morning happen and also a big thank you to all our parents and carers for joining us this morning! We have raised an amazing £607.10 for our school fund!



# Easter Bonnet Competition

We are so impressed with all the hard work that has gone into making the easter bonnets this year. Across the school we have seen so much creativity and what an 'eggcellent' parade our pupils put on at the parent coffee morning. Here are our well-deserved winners this year!





# Decorated Egg Competition

The theme this Year has been all about 'someone who inspires me' and the entries across the school have been incredible. Look at some of the amazing work that our pupils have produced.



## Our Winners





# Summer Enrichment Dates

Events	Dates
<b>Summer Term 1</b>	
Year 4 Murton Park	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
Year 5 National Coal Mining Museum	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
Year 3 Ancient Egyptians Workshop	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
Year 5 & Year 6 Fire Safety Workshop	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May 2024
REonDemand Sikhism Workshop	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2024
Flamingo Land Evolution Workshop	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2024
Alice In Wonderland Reading Workshop	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June 2024
Bastille Day	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2024

<b>Class</b>	<b>Attendance</b> National average is 96%	<b>Star of the Week</b>	<b>Writer of the Week</b>	<b>Hall of Fame</b>
Morning Nursery Miss Swan & Miss Marrington	90%	All Nursery	All Nursery	All Nursery
Afternoon Nursery Miss Swan & Miss Marrington	91%	All Nursery	All Nursery	All Nursery
RT Miss Tonks	87%	All RT	All RT	All RT
1R Miss Ramzan	93%	All 1R	All 1R	All 1R
1C Mrs Coomber	95%	All 1C	All 1C	All 1C
2M Miss Middleton	98%	All 2M	All 2M	All 2M
2A Miss Ambler	89%	All 2A	All 2A	All 2A
3J Mr Jones	92%	All 3J	All 3J	All 3J
3P Mrs Palmer	90%	All 3P	All 3P	All 3P
4E Mr Eccles	92%	All 4E	All 4E	All 4E
4G Miss Golding	94%	All 4G	All 4G	All 4G
5SL Mrs Smithson	91%	All 5SL	All 5SL	All 5SL
5F Mr Forsyth	90%	All 5F	All 5F	All 5F
6K Miss King	94%	All 6K	All 6K	All 6K
6AF Mr Adams	84%	All 6AF	All 6AF	All 6AF

