



Key Dates

- Year 6 After School Boosters
Monday & Thursday
3:05pm – 4:15pm
- Year 4 & 5 Elite Basketball Festival
22.3.19
- Year 5 Ancient Greeks Workshop
25.3.19
- Year 1 The Deep Visit
25.3.19
- Design an egg competition
3.4.19
- Easter Coffee Morning
4.4.19
- School Closes for Easter
5.4.19
- Easter Holidays
8th April - 22nd April

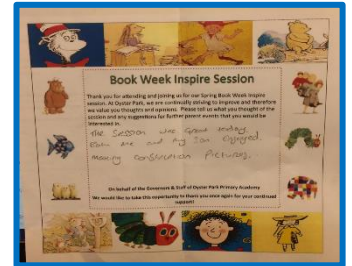
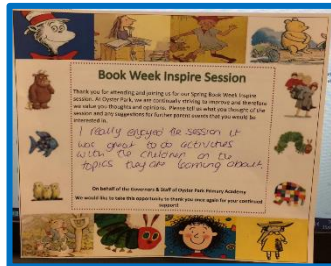
International Women's Day

On Monday this week, we celebrated International Women's day. International Women's Day is a day to celebrate the role of women in the community, and wider society. Throughout school, each class researched the life of a significant woman from the past, exploring why they are an important figure in History and how their achievements have influenced how we live today.



Reading Inspire Sessions

This week we hosted our Spring Inspire Sessions for parents. The theme this term was linked to Reading, which is one of our whole school priorities. Each year group chose a book of interest and planned a range of exciting activities for children to undertake with their parents. We had Marmalade tasting in Year 2, construction of the Titanic in Year 4 and creating comic strips in Year 5. Thank you to the parents and carers that attended, the feedback that we received was really positive



Parent Curriculum Event

After school on Tuesday, we welcomed parents and carers to our Curriculum event. It was a great opportunity for each year group to showcase the work they have done across the curriculum as part of their topic this term. There were a variety of creative activities for the children and parents to try that modelled how we apply curriculum in engaging and stimulating ways.



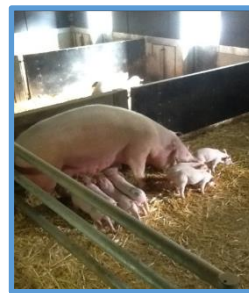
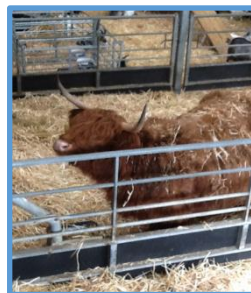
Red Cross Workshop

A representative from the British Red Cross came and worked with our year six pupils this week, helping them understand, cope with, and take action during a crisis. The children learnt essential first aid skills, including how to help someone who is unresponsive and not breathing, bleeding heavily or has a burn. Risks were assessed and we discussed how to act appropriately, so that informed choices would be made if these situations arose for real. By the end of the session, confidence had been built and all of the students felt as if they would now be ready and willing to aid in an emergency.



Reception Canon Hall Visit

On Wednesday, to link with their topic "Old McDonald", the children in Upper Foundation Stage visited Cannon Hall Farm. They were excited to see all of the farm animals that we have been learning about over the last few weeks. When they arrived, a farmer showed them around the different barns providing lots of information about the animals. The children really enjoyed seeing the pigs and the piglets rolling around in their sty and having fun. They discovered some fascinating facts including that adult pigs can have up to 10 piglets with each pregnancy and that these piglets will then be fully grown within 6 months! The children were also lucky enough to feed some of our favourite animals, using special shoots that dropped the food into their trough. It was a fantastic day out and they can't wait to continue to learn more about farms and farm animals over the next few weeks.



Social Skills Assembly Theme: Railway Safety

This week our theme has been 'Railway Safety.' We discussed how to stay safe near railway lines and how they are not safe places to play. We also investigated electric railways as the number of overhead railway power lines in Britain is increasing. We hope that the session will help the children to understand:

- How to recognise electric railways – overhead power lines and the conductor rail
- The benefits of electrification, but also the dangers
- How to stay safe around electric railways
- The key safety 'rules' – the Rail Life 'Safety Top 3'



Red Nose Day

It was fantastic to see the sea of red within our classrooms today in the spirit and celebration of the annual Comic Relief Red Nose Day. Thank you for your kind donations in support of this charity event.



Polite Request

The safety of the children attending Oyster Park Primary Academy and that of accompanying parents and carers is our absolute priority. Unfortunately, a small minority of parents and carers are not adhering to the High Way Code in relation to parking on the yellow zigzag lines that are outside of school, parking on pavements and on occasion blocking residents driveways. As part of a strong local community, the school asks parents and carers to consider the safety of all as well as respect the local residents, their property and access to it.



Easter Celebrations

This Easter is going to be 'Egg'citing! The School council have been really busy organising this year's Easter celebrations any proceeds that they raise, they wish to use to buy new wet playtime equipment. We hope you can support us and join us for our celebrations this year.

Design an Egg Competition

We are really looking forward to seeing what your children can create this year! All entries must be brought into school by **9am on Wednesday 3rd April**. The eggs can be decorated however you like, Easter themed, super heroes, patterned, animals etc. The eggs will be displayed in the hall and the winners will be chosen by our Governors.



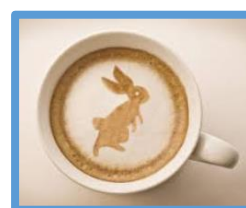
Coffee Morning

Join us for our Easter coffee and cake morning and watch the Easter bonnet parade. There will also be an opportunity to buy raffle tickets at this event for a chance to win Easter goodies.

Date: Thursday 4th April

Venue: School Hall

Time: 9am



Great Easter Staff Bake Off

An 'egg'cellent event that everyone is talking about is the 'Easter' themed bake off competition! All staff have been challenged to put their baking skills to the test to create an Easter themed masterpiece. The bake off champion will be chosen by our Governors. So if you want to sample some of the culinary delights pop down to our Easter Coffee Morning on Thursday.



Easter Bonnet Parade

Children can create their own Easter bonnet and come to school wearing it on **Thursday 4th April**. During the morning, there will be a parade for the children wearing their bonnets, and an opportunity for prizes to be won.

