



Autumn

Key Dates

- **Anti- Bullying Week**
12.11.18 – 16.11.18
- **Children in Need Day & Odd Sock Day**
16.11.18

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Black History Day

To celebrate Black History in school we held a Black History Day. Each year group planned a series of lessons and activities designed to explore this area of the curriculum. Black History Month is marked annually, where recognising and valuing the inspirational individuals and events that have shaped the black generation is celebrated in the classroom. During Black History Day we remember and celebrate the important people from the past and also those who contribute to and help our society today. Throughout the day the children conducted research and discussed the lives, work and legacy of a number of significant black individuals from the past and the present. Inspiration was taken from people such as Mary Seacole, Rosa Parkes, Ruby Bridges, Barack Obama, Nelson Mandela and Martin Luther King Jr. The children also discussed the importance of tolerance, equality and individuality. Pupils celebrated what makes them unique and special.



Diwali Celebration

On Wednesday afternoon, children celebrated Diwali 'the festival of light'. A range of different activities were carried out throughout the day enabling them to learn about the religion and celebration. All classes began by explaining about how Diwali is a celebration of light. Foundation stage celebrated the festival of light by acting out the story of Rama and Sita and making Diwali lamps. Year 1 created a fact file of Rama and Sita relating this to the celebration of the festival. Year 2 celebrated by taking part in a traditional Diwali dance. To continue with the celebrations year 4 wrote instructions on how to create Rangoli patterns using coloured rice. Children had to draw their design using other Rangoli pattern examples as a guide. Once completed children then used coloured rice to create a bright pattern which enabled them to discuss the importance of bright colours during this festival. Year 5 wrote a non-chronological report based around the celebrations of Diwali. They then looked at lines of symmetry in different Rangoli patterns that they created.



MAT Club 100 – Attendance Half Term Success

Congratulations to the 175 children who at the end of Autumn 1 were on track to become the first members of our 'Club 100'.



Remembrance

On Thursday, Miss Ambler led a whole school assembly on Remembrance. During her assembly, she explained what happens on Remembrance Day and why we commemorate it. At 11.00am the whole school fell silent with a two minutes silence to pay respect to the fallen soldiers and those who risk their lives to keep us safe.



Year 6 Cenotaph

On Thursday, Year Six held a memorial service at Fryston cenotaph in order to honour those from our local community that bravely gave their lives in the line of service. The children's centenary celebration was led by Reverend Andrew, who began by discussing the heroes who had been honoured on the inscriptions on the cenotaph. The Sea Cadet officers – on behalf of the Royal British Legion – and residents of the village also joined us. After a reading by the reverend, the children stepped forward to pay their respects with a handcrafted wreath and began to lay down crosses for those who are no longer with us. Poems, created by the Year Six children, were read out to the public and a song, in honour of the fallen, was sang – getting rid of the last of the dry eyes in the crowd! The children acted incredibly maturely, showing great respect for the armistice tradition as well as our local community. We are very proud of you, Year Six.

Year 6 Konflux Theatre Session

On Wednesday Year Six had a fantastic day working with Konflux theatre to commemorate the First World War centenary. Through creative learning workshops, the children remembered those who gave their life for us as well as exploring the roles of women working hard on the home front. The children displayed maturity and empathy in order to create an emotionally moving play based on the renowned Christmas day truce, putting themselves into the shoes of both the German and English men of the time.



School Payments

Just a reminder to parents that payments for items such as dinner, school trips or milk can be made on the schools cashless system Scopay. If you are unable to access, this please speak to one of the admin team on Reception.



New lunchtime menu

As you may be aware, we have now changed catering provider. Our school lunch menus are now very much child led and provide a range of nutritious and filling options for the children to enjoy.



External Review

Before we broke up for half term the Multi-Academy Trust commissioned an external review of school to look at the work we have been doing since our last Ofsted visit. Throughout the day classrooms were visited, behaviour was observed, books were scrutinised and several discussions were held with both groups of children and members of the teaching team. The review team also looked at the range of documentation that the school now has in place. The review findings were very positive and we would like to share with you some of the feedback we received.

- School is a calm and orderly environment with behaviour issues significantly reduced
- Children feel safe within school and the inclusion team put in considerable resources to support families
- Our attendance policies and procedures are robust
- The initial work we have done within reading has had a positive impact which we hope will continue
- There are clear strengths in teaching across school
- Maths curriculum is effective
- The schools drive to improve outcomes is very clear
- The leadership team is a highly effective and driven group who have clearly impacted upon the progress of the school

We will continue to strive with every resource to allow Oyster Park to be the best it can possibly be!

Year Group Assemblies

This half term we are beginning our cycle of year group assemblies. All the parents and carers of pupils in the year group are invited in to join us to watch the assembly. The assembly will provide an opportunity for the children and staff to showcase and celebrate the learning they have been undertaking within school. Across the academic year, each year group will deliver an assembly and we start with Year 6 working down to Reception in the Summer Term.



Christmas Read

This year we would like to invite our parents and carers to join in with our Christmas festivities by joining us for a Christmas read morning with their child. Enjoy the sharing of classic Christmas tales whilst enjoying a warm refreshment and a mince pie. It will be a wonderful opportunity for us to get into the Christmas spirit. Please see the table below for dates of when these sessions will be taking place. We hope you can join us!



Christmas Dates

Event	Date
Children in Need Day	Friday 16 th November
Year 6 – Class Assembly	Friday 23 rd November at 2:15pm
Year 5 – Class Assembly	Thursday 29 th November at 2:15pm
Nursery Nativity Performance	Monday 10 th December at 10:30am & 2:00pm
Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity Performance	Tuesday 11 th December at 9:30am & 1:45pm
Year 3 & Year 4 Christmas Performance	Wednesday 12 th December at 9:30am & 1:45pm
Year 5 & Year 6 Christmas Carol Performance	Thursday 13 th December at The Holy Cross Church 10:00am & 1:45pm
Reception Christmas Nativity	Thursday 13 th December at 9:30am & 1:45pm
School Christmas Fair & Book Fair	Friday 14 th December at 3:30pm
Reception Christmas Read	Monday 17 th December 9:15am
Nursery Christmas Party	Monday 17 th December am & pm
Reception Christmas Party	Monday 17 th December 12:45pm
Year 5 & Year 6 Christmas Read	Tuesday 18 th December 9:15am
Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Party	Tuesday 18 th December 1:30pm
Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Read	Wednesday 19 th December 9:15am
Year 3 & Year 4 Christmas Party	Wednesday 19 th December 1:30pm
Nursery Christmas Read PM CHILDREN	Wednesday 19 th December 2:15pm
Year 3 & Year 4 Christmas Read	Thursday 20 th December 9:15am
Year 5 & Year 6 Christmas Party	Thursday 20 th December 1:30pm
Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 21 st December
Nursery Christmas Read AM CHILDREN	Friday 21 st December 9:00am