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Oyster Park Primary Academy

Newsletter

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Issue 7

National Careers Week

Across school, we took part in National Careers Week 2022. Throughout the week our pupils were considering their ambitions for the future. Pupils discussed what their ambition is and what career they would like to do when they are older. We shared ideas about the different skills and attributes you need to fulfil different roles and how these roles contribute to our society.



Key Dates

School Opens for Summer Term

Monday 25th April 2022

*SCHOOL is CLOSED Monday 2nd May 2022
in lieu of the May Bank Holiday.*

Polling Station- Nursery Closed

Thursday 5th May 2022

School closes for Half Term

Friday 27th May 2022

Red Nose Day

Across the school we celebrated Comic Relief's Red Nose Day. This year the theme was all about 'you'. We joined in the national celebrations by inviting both pupils and staff to come to school dressed in something red and have a red nose painted on their face for a small donation. As a school we are proud to announce that we raised £283. Comic relief partner with amazing projects and organisations to make a difference to lives of millions of people across the UK around the world.



World Book Day

This half term we celebrated the 25th Anniversary of World Book Day. To celebrate we all came to school dressed as our favourite children's book character. World Book Day is all about inspiring children to read and so our pupils were able to enjoy discussing literature and take part in fun reading activities. We are so proud of the amazing characters that we saw come to life!





Eggciting Visitors!

The Nursery children have had the wonderful opportunity to experience the hatching of some living eggs for their Spring topic. This kind of experience is very significant, as not only is it fantastically exciting and awe inspiring, but it also enables the children to understand the importance of living things and how we must be kind and take care of them. The children were able to handle the chicks, this reinforced our rules of kind hands and also through this the children developed their awareness of health and safety as we reinforced the importance of hand washing routines. Both our Am and PM session children were extremely lucky to have had the opportunity to observe the chicks hatch from the eggs during both the AM and PM session!

Year 1 Yorkshire Air Museum Visit

This term Year 1 have learnt about aviation pioneers (The Wright Brothers/ Amelia Earhart/Amy Johnson). This half term they visited the Yorkshire Air Museum to support their learning. They learnt about flight and created their own helicopter out of paper. They enjoyed looking the aeroplanes and learnt what it was like for paratroopers in WW2.



Upper Foundation Easter Festival Visit

The children in UFS have taken part in the Easter Festival at the local Methodist Church. The children went to the church to visit the Easter Festival and see their creations. We were lucky enough that Reverend Andrew came to tell us the Easter story and gave us a tour of the church. The children created some beautiful patterned Easter eggs which were used to decorate the altar.

Minnie- 'I enjoyed looking at all of the Easter displays.'
 Bentley- ' We got to see the eggs that we had painted on the altar.'
 Hope- ' We listened to the Easter story and we learnt about how Jesus died on the cross but he came back to life on Easter Sunday.'



Past Productions

History brought to life!

This half term we invited the historical theatre specialists Past Productions into school to run some history workshops with our pupils. Their team brought significant historical individuals to life within the classroom and transport our pupils back in time.

The Great Fire of London!

Our Year 2 pupils spent the day with the famous Samuel Pepys, who lived over 300 years ago. Samuel Pepys was alive to witness some important events, including the Great Fire of London, which he wrote about in his diary. Our pupils were able to ask Samuel Pepys lots of questions about what he saw and get involved in some creative activities.



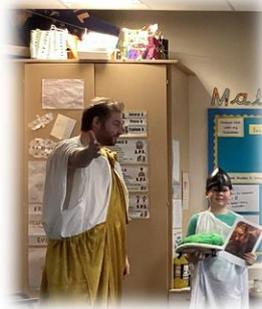
Ancient Egypt!

Our Year 3 pupils were visited by Nefertiti, Queen of Ancient Egypt. Together they discussed who the Egyptians were and what life was like in Ancient Egypt. As part of the experience our pupils were able to write their own hieroglyphs, build a pyramid and even carry out a mummification.



To Ancient Greece!

Around 2,500 years ago, Greece was one of the most important places in the ancient world. The Greeks were great thinkers, warriors, writers, actors, athletes, artists, architects and politicians. This half term Year 4 were visited by Zeus, Greek God of the Sky, who took them on a journey to ancient Greece. The themes they discussed included democracy and Greek mythology.



Visited by a Viking!

Our Year 5 pupils thoroughly enjoyed their Viking workshop in which they were able to have hands on experiences with a range of Viking artefacts and discuss what life would have been like for the Vikings as raiders, settlers, farmers and traders. They re-enacted battle scenes from Viking raids as well as key events from Viking myths. The children were able to dress up and use props to fully immerse themselves into life during Viking times. The day was finished by creating our own class myth about a mythical beast using exciting language.



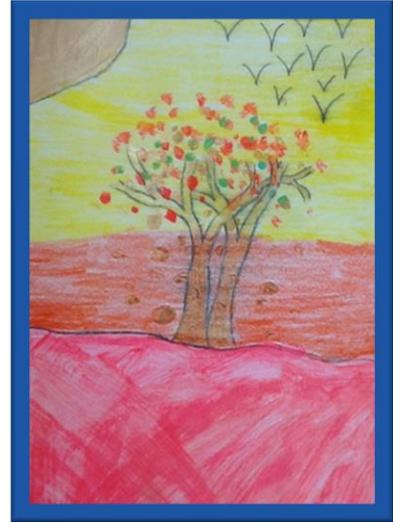
The Mayan Civilisation!

Our Year 6 pupils took a journey back in time to Mesoamerica 1800 BC, where the Mayan Civilisation began. With the help of a Mayan Warrior they explored what life was like for the ancient Mayan people.

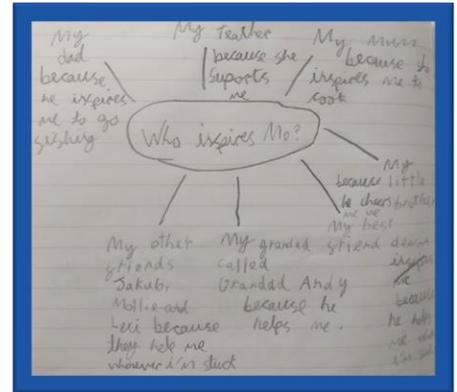
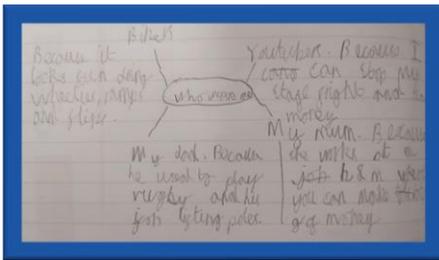


Curriculum Showcase

In Art and Design this term Year 4 explored colour, shape and tone through the work of Indian artist Jagdish Swaminathan. We explored who he was as an artist and what inspired his greatest works, as well as looking at how his work evolved through experimentation. We used his work to inspire us to experiment with new techniques and to create our final pieces, based on nature and landscapes.



In RE, we learned more about Christianity and why Jesus is inspiring to others. We looked at the events of Easter and Holy Week before exploring some of the parables taught by Jesus. We also wrote about who we find inspiring in our own lives.



In Geography, we had carried out fieldwork in the local area of Airedale and created sketch maps based on the land use we saw. We then went on to research other places in the UK before looking at the human and physical features of Greece.



In Science, we learned about electricity, making circuits with various components. We then learned about sound, looking at volume and pitch through the use of musical instruments, including pan flutes which we made ourselves. We also explored which materials are effective in blocking out sound, making our own earmuffs. We looked at how the ear works and investigated what size pinnae is the best for hearing.

Events

Elite Dodgeball Tournament

This half term some of our Year 5 pupils took part in the first Elite Dodgeball Festival in over 2 years. We are so proud of the ambition, respect and incredible sportsmanship our pupils showed throughout the day. Their determination and teamwork took us all the way to the quarter finals.



Hands on Science

This half term we invited Hands on Science into school to deliver some fun and practical science workshops with our pupils. Their primary science workshops promote scientific investigation by children. This helps develop skills in planning, predicting, observation, and fair testing.



Moki Band Challenge

The pupils in KS2 have been taking part in a Moki Band Challenge. Each class received two Moki Bands to track their steps from the start of the school day to the end. Our challenge was to see how far we could travel as a school. Over the past 4 weeks we have seen the following progress:

Week 1: 490,460

Week 2: 451,384

Week 3: 492,821

Week 4: 556,575

Grand Total: 1,991,740

As a school we have walked as far as Milan, Italy and Prague, Czech Republic!



Northern Ballet- Pinocchio

Year 5

This term, our Year 5 pupils were visited by our Local MP Yvette Cooper and representatives from Burberry to discuss their upcoming trip to the Northern Ballet. The trip was generously funded by Burberry's Corporate Responsibility team. As part of the trip our pupils were given a fantastic opportunity to achieve an accredited certificate from the Discover Arts Award. To achieve this our pupils took part in a workshop as well as various other activities, including researching the Northern Ballet and producing questions for the lead choreographer.



Moving Puppets

In preparation for the Year 5 trip to the Northern Ballet, the children completed a variety of activities to research and discover more about what is involved during and behind the scenes of a ballet performance. The children created a moving puppet as part of what would be involved in creating props.



Be Inspired to Read

Afterschool Reading Cafe

This half term saw the launch of our Afterschool Reading Cafe for Y2-Y6. This session provides a calm environment every Tuesday afternoon, where children can choose their own books, listen to books being read, take part in fun, engaging activities and over all foster a love of literature.



Castleford Tigers Foundation- 'Read to Succeed'

This term the Castleford Tigers Foundation and 'JT' himself visited Year 5 to launch their 'Read to Succeed' programme. Over a month-long period, the children were visited by players from the team to share their love of reading. Children had the opportunity to read to players and share their thoughts and opinions on texts explored.



Inspire Reading Sessions

At the start of this half term we hosted a week of INSPIRE reading sessions across the school with pupils and parents. This week was all about finding a love for reading and feeling inspired by literature.

We were overwhelmed by the amazing response to this event and we can't thank parents enough for coming and getting involved with the reading sessions.

During these sessions pupils were given the Opportunity to read to their parents, take part in some creative reading activities and have inspired discussions about literature with their parents.



Celebrating Pupil Achievement

Class	Attendance National average is 96%	Star of the Week	Writer of the Week	Hall of Fame
Morning Nursery Miss Ramzan	75%	All Nursery	All Nursery	
Afternoon Nursery Miss Ramzan	87%	All Nursery	All Nursery	
RBS Mrs Bodycombe & Miss Swan	89%	All RBS	All RBS	All RBS
RA Miss Arnold	76%	All RA	All RA	All RA
1T Miss Tonks	93%	Charlea	Libby	Jaxson
1C Mrs Coomber	88%	Cooper	Hannah	All 1C
2B Miss Brannon	85%	Scarlett	Jazmin	Simon
2A Miss Ambler	88%	Lucy	Jamie	Lucy & Lilly
3G Miss Golding	95%	Emma	Isabelle	Harley
3P Mrs Palmer	88%	Emily	Junior	Nicole
4B Miss Bennett	86%	Demi	Mollie	Ibrahim
4C Mr Cording	84%	Megan	Charmaine	Eddie
5SL Mrs Smithson & Miss Lochman	83%	Jack	Mason	Lily
5A Mr Adams	87%	Lara	Jacob	Jessica
6F Mr Forsyth	77%	Amelia	Kayden	Angel
6K Miss King	82%	Renaya	Jayden	Tylor
6E Mr Eccles	90%	Jayden	Wiktor	Carmel

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