

OVERSTONE NEWS



Diary Dates

- 1st April PTA Easter biscuit sale 50p each after school
- 6th Easter PTA tombola £1 per child during school
- 8th April INSET day
- 11th- 22nd April Easter Holidays
- 25th April Return to school
- 27th April Bags to school (see paragraph) →

Well, as I write my part of the newsletter I would like to say that Spring has sprung but I have seen all manner of weather today, sunshine, snow, hail and wind, to name but a few.

This month has been really busy at school. It was lovely to welcome so many parents to meet with the teachers for parent's evening in school. We chose to do the meetings in classrooms so you could see where your child spends their day and it was great to have some really positive feedback about having the opportunity to come inside and spend time with the staff. We have been looking at ways to increase this over the rest of the year so more information will come to you soon.

We have also been able to start running local netball and football matches with other schools as well as taking part in girls football and dodgeball festivals. We had a large group of children represent the school at the Cross Country tournament held at Ascott House. The children all represented the school with pride and did amazingly well. Please enjoy the sports reports as you read through the newsletter.

We welcome our new School Business Manager, Jenny Parkins who will work alongside Andrea Toosey until she leaves at the end of April. We also want to share with you that Miss Krzeminski is expecting her second child in September, we are delighted for her.

With only one more week of this term left I would like to thank all parents and carers for your continued support, for the children and the school. Please remember that school finishes for the children on Thursday 7th April as Friday 8th April is an Inset day.

Have a good Easter break and I hope the Easter bunny delivers lots of eggs to all of our families to enjoy.

Mrs K. Eales
Headteacher

Bag2School is the UK's leading textile recycler, last year the collection raised £144 for Overstone! By getting involved in the Bag2School collection, you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles: Bag2School accept the following 'good quality' items for re-use:

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Socks
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen
- Household curtains
- Household towels
- Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

Bag2School DO NOT accept:

- Duvets and blankets
 - Pillows and cushions
 - Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
 - Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
 - School uniforms with and without logo
 - Corporate clothing and workwear
 - Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material
- Please use any bag to donate your items in and don't forget to ask family, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well!
- Please bring your bag (or bags!) when you drop your children at school on Wednesday 27th April. Unfortunately donations cannot be accepted before this date.

What's been happening in and around the school?

We hope many of you will have seen some lovely photos and updates via Class Dojo posted by their teachers. Below is a small selection of highlights from the past few weeks.

It has been wonderful to start up Gardening Club on a Friday lunchtime this half term for Years 5 and 6. As the weeks have gone on more and more have come along to take part. Seeing the difference, the children made in the first couple of weeks, encouraged others to join. The endeavours of our work in the Autumn term have certainly paid off as the plants are flourishing in the early spring sunshine. Let's hope there is more sunshine for the Summer Term as Gardening Club returns on a Monday lunchtime for Years 1 and 2.

The KS2 school choir has restarted and children are working on carnival themed songs, if your child would like to join them every Thursday from 3:20 to 4:20 please let the office know on admin@overstone-wing.org

Nursery Acorn class have been learning about some more people who help us. The children particularly enjoyed role playing being a vet or doctors and nurses. Looking after one another, checking temperatures etc. We have also been learning about Goldilocks and the Three bears. Role playing out the story using props. We have been playing with oats, discussing sizes-big, medium and small. Discussing hard, soft and just right. We have some budding actor/actresses in the making!

Reception Ash class World Book Day saw an array of book characters descend on school as well as those who came dressed ready to curl up with a book. The Year 6s visited and read stories to the children that was enjoyed as much by the Year 6 as the Reception children. The Year 6s were so kind and gentle with the little ones. As a result of 'bubbles' within school, the reception children have not been used to seeing the older children in 'their space' however they took it in their stride.

Now who needs 'MasterChef' on the television - we have our own culinary experts. Think we might need to keep an eye on some of the budding talents for the future. When they open their own restaurants, we would love to be remembered! The Bagel Pizzas had ingredients cut, sliced and grated. We hope they tasted as good as they looked. The children have now started to make bread - the waft of freshly baked bread through school is delicious.

Year 1 Beech class, we have been going technical with E.A.R.L. the robot. We have been programming our E.A.R.L.s with instructions to make them move in different directions and have started to make our own maps for them to follow. In music, we are becoming composers to explore the changes of pitch in a piece of our own music played on the recorder...outside on the field!

Year 2 Elm We went to Bletchley Park this month, the children found it fascinating and had this to say about it: "We learnt about the second world war and we had so much fun" Freddie. "We visited the mansion, it was really big and I enjoyed it" Grace. "It was brilliant, I enjoyed dressing up in WW2 clothes" Ewan. "I found out how to crack codes on the enigma machine" Lily. "We learned about the women who rode on motor bikes. Even at night they were not allowed flash lights" Hunter. "Going on the coach was exciting because we haven't been on a school trip for a while" Georgina. "I enjoyed it because it was interesting" Leo. "I liked doing the sign language with the flags" Ruby.

Year 3 Fir We have been investigating forces. We have been comparing the amount of force needed to move a toy car on different surfaces. We have talked about how magnets attract and repel, then we carried out an investigation to see which objects were magnetic.

Last weekend was a good weekend for all who took part in the Cross Country running event. Many Year 3 children entered and we are so proud of them for their enthusiasm and taking part with a big smile on their faces; well done to everyone!

Year 4 Holly/Oak This month we have been so busy in Holly Class it is difficult to pick out one thing we want to share with you. We must talk about our first school trip since Covid came along. Oak and Holly Class enjoyed a really engaging and educational trip to the historic Roman town of St. Albans. We had a wonderful day learning so much more about Roman Life. We are now excited for our next trip in June when we enhance our learning about Rain Forests.

In Science we are learning all about electricity and the technical terms for things. Did you now that the technical term for a battery is a 'cell'? In DT both classes are joining forces to learn all about boats; what is the best hull type? which sail makes a boat go the fastest? We can't wait to share with you next month the boat we will have designed and made. There is a lot of cross curricular learning taking place as looking at boats leads into really well our topic in Geography about 'Water'. In one lesson we had to resort to the 'old fashioned way of learning' as one child put it, as technology was not being our friend! and use a good old paper ordnance survey map to locate a local river and where it started and ended up.

Year 5 Redwood We have recently enjoyed a big art project where we made our own crowns! Some of us made wire sculptures to go inside the clay, then we moulded and painted them. So much fun!

Year 6 Sycamore We have been looking at the benefits and the dangers of the internet. Children worked in groups to put together a presentation to present to the class. They covered various topics such as dealing with trolls, fake news and images that have been changed for an agenda.

Year 6 Willow We had fun dressing up for World Book Day, we got to dress up as our favourite book characters. In the afternoon, we went to read to the Year 3 and Reception children. During the day, we even had a visit from 'Thing 1 & Thing 2' aka Mrs Brain and Mrs Willett

Sports Report

Our football and netball teams are made up of year 5 and 6 girls and boys , we thought you'd like to read their reports from the recent matches.

Netball report: Written by Rosalie and Olivia

On Tuesday 8th March we went to play our first ever netball match at North Marston school. When we arrived we spent some time warming up with Mrs Willett. Then we went into our positions on the court, ready to start the game. We played four games of five minutes, and after each quarter we switched positions. We all enjoyed playing together as a team, and won 14-1. Person of the match was Oliver - who was a super defence - well done.

Girls football festival: Written by Grace and Annabelle

On Tuesday 8th March Annabelle, Sepe, Grace, Emma, Olivia, Megan, Sofia, Darcy, Keeley and Maisie went to The Cottlesloe School to play a 7-a-side football tournament. We won 3 matches, drew 2 and lost 1. We were placed 3rd out of 7 schools which was an amazing result. It was very good fun and we had a great time.

Netball report: Written by Megan and Olivia

On Tuesday 16th we played St Michael's School here at home. This was our second match and our opposition was a strong and competitive team. We had to work hard to defend, and as a result, Oliver was given player of the match from St Michaels, for his defensive skills! Unfortunately, we lost the match 5:3 but can say that everyone tried their very best. Player of the match from Mrs Brain and Mrs Willett goes to Roy.

Football report: written by Preston and Max

On Wednesday 3rd February we played against Eddlesbrough A team in our first league match. We all played really well together after such a long time off, winning the game 4-0. Player of the match was given to Jacob for his first game playing in goal and he didn't concede a goal!

At half time it was 1-0 after Toby had scored direct from a corner. We knew it was important to get the next goal and Henry's speed and finish put us 2-0 early in the second half. We then added two more goals, one from Preston and another from Toby. We really enjoyed it and what a great team performance.

The team was: Jacob, Grace, Max, Preston, Matthew, Toby and Henry

Football report: written by Preston and Max

We played Broughton away in a cup quarter final on Wednesday 9th February. Unfortunately we lost 2-1 however we were really unlucky coming so close to scoring so many times! After going 1-0 down Romeo scored an amazing goal in the top corner after getting behind the defence to make it 1-1 but then a last minute goal was scored by Broughton. Player of the match goes to Preston for showing great determination and positive attitude throughout and showing superb sportsmanship after the game.

Team: Jacob, Grace, Max, Preston, Toby, Henry, Romeo, Matthew.

Football report:

We played Cheddington on Tuesday 8th March. The grass was very long which made it hard to pass the ball! Max scored a great free kick, hitting the roof of the net and then Jack scored a goal to lead 2-1 at half time. Then, in the second half, we played a lot better and ending up scoring 5 more goals quickly to make the final score 7-1. A great team performance.

Football - Written by Max and Preston

On Tuesday 22nd March Overstone A team went against Bierton winning 6-1. Again we played brilliantly keeping possession for most of the game. The goals were scored by Romeo (3), Jacob (2) and Henry (1). Bierton were a strong team but we played really well using teamwork throughout the game.

We are looking forward to our next match on Tuesday 29th March.

Football - Written by Jake and Kai

The B team's match on the 22nd against Bierton school was a tough competition that ended in a 9-0 result to them. Our line-up was: Josh in goal, Dexter and Jake in defence, Freddy in centre midfield, Kai in right midfield, Leo in left midfield, and Alex as striker. Our subs were Josh and Anand.

Although we lost, we had fun and played well. In the first half we conceded 8 goals but Josh couldn't have done better against their powerful shots. Though in the second half, Mr Winyard gave us a great team talk and we improved massively. We only conceded one goal and made some great plays. As it was our first time playing together, we had to adapt to each other's playstyles and in the end we were not disappointed.

We tried our best and will improve in the next match.

Cross Country

On Saturday 19th March 36 children, across all KS2 year groups, ran in an extremely tough cross country race at Ascott House. All runners completed the course and gained points for their teams. The girls team came 6th overall out of 14 schools and the boys team came runners up!

A special mention must go to Megan Stirling who came third in a race with over 100 children and also the same for Alex Richardson who came a fantastic 7th. Well done to all that were involved.

