

OVERSTONE NEWSLETTER



May 2024

Welcome to our May newsletter. We cannot believe we are now into the summer term. The children are still continuing to work hard and thoroughly enjoying the range of curriculum activities they are undertaking.

Fir Class

Year 3 have been very busy this half term. As historians, the children have been learning about Ancient Egypt. So the term began with a great day out on the train to London and the British Museum to look at Egyptian artefacts.



Beech Class

We have had a very busy month in Year 1, the children have enjoyed learning about Plants in Science, learning about deciduous and evergreen trees and learning to recognise some of them by looking at their leaves.



In English, the children have loved our story 'The Secret of Black Rock' by Joe Todd-Stanton. They have immersed themselves completely, making great predictions, coming up with super noun phrases and alliterations and writing beautiful stories.



Redwood Class

We've had a super creative half term in Year 5! Our units of learning have been so interesting, and we can't wait for our Dinner and a Show extravaganza on the last day of half term, where we will not only get to debut our custom soup recipes to some lucky family members, but also premiere our stop-motion animation films! We've worked extremely hard on these throughout the last few weeks and have loved every second of it.



Acorn Class

Pre-school have been reading The Very Hungry Caterpillar. We have looked at the life cycle of a butterfly, a frog and plants.

We have painted some caterpillars and butterflies. We have grown our own caterpillars and watched them change into a chrysalis and hopefully soon they will emerge into painted lady butterflies.

We have planted cress, sunflower and broad beans seeds.

We have some very exciting news that Miss Seaman is getting married in the half term and will be the new Mrs Caste.



PTA

The staff and children would like to thank the PTA for all their hard work organising the School Disco and serving refreshments at Sports Day. We are all looking forward to the D-Day Bake Off on Thursday 6th June and the Wing Village Festival on Saturday 6th July. There is a huge amount of work that goes into organising events and we all appreciate everything the PTA does to raise money for the school and to all those who support these events.



Ash Class

During April and May, we have been learning about teamwork and perseverance, to help us continue to try hard. In music, we have explored playing a beat on the drum and some children have been performing their own songs.



In Maths, we have been learning about teen numbers and adding groups of objects to find out how many there are altogether.

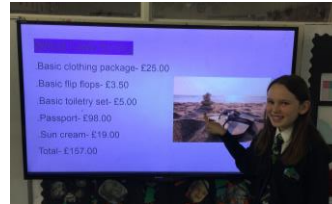


In Literacy, we have been writing instructions and planting our own seeds based upon them. We have also been looking at non-fiction books to find facts.



Willow and Yew Classes

After a long gruelling week of SATs tests last week; Year 6 have been planning a well-earned holiday in Maths. They had to find suitable flights, hotels, activities and insurance for a holiday to a destination of their choice, calculating the costs and then presenting it to the class. Here is Lois presenting her holiday to Rome.



We had some visitors who joined us this half term – two beautiful and fluffy chicks! The children have been really mature about looking after these chicks, taking turns to sit with them, feed them and even cleaning out their cage!

We had lots of fun with our visitors (Police) who came to chat with Year 6 about what makes a good citizen and where we could go to seek help should we need it. The children loved asking questions about police equipment and having the opportunity to sit in the Police car.



Year 6 also had visitors from the Leighton Buzzard Canoe Club (LBCC). The children were treated to a talk and video, explaining what happens at the club. LBCC are based at Tiddenfoot Leisure Centre and have achieved the Sport England Club Mark and BCU Top Gold Accreditation. They spoke to the children about how canoeing offers a range of disciplines from sprint racing to canoe polo, slalom and wild water. The children were so excited to try out the 'rowing machine'. LBCC have said that if anyone is interested in taking up this sport, to contact them for a free taster session.



Elm Class

Elm class have been busy this half term. They have been exploring plants in Science and discovering just how tall a plant can grow in a dark cupboard! In Computing they have been making stop motion videos using different backgrounds and space objects. They enjoyed a whole Art day during which they made wonderful pinch pots and tiles. They also had a very special visit from The History Man who arrived in full costume and armed with weapons, armour, castles and medieval games. They learnt so much and we are all very grateful to The History Man for bringing so much knowledge and excitement to Overstone!



Oak class

This month, Year 4 were the first class in Overstone to do a forest school session off site! The children went to the Long Spinney and looked at the human and physical features of the river. The children have been studying rivers in their Geography unit and this was a great final lesson for them!



Sports Report

Sports Day - Thankyou to all parents that attended and supported Sports Day. The children showed some great sportsmanship and competitiveness to complete the various activities and races on the day. Congratulations to Ascott House who were the winners of the Year 1, 2 and 3 Sports Day and Mentmore House who were the winners of the Year 4, 5 and 6 Sports Day.



Football - The boys won the league jointly with Bierton and also reached the QF of the cup this season. Well done boys a great season. The girls have one more game remaining and if they win they will finish 2nd. The girls have been amazing this season getting quickly as a team of predominately players that are new to the game.

What is coming up in **June**

- **Monday 3rd June** - Term starts and 'open classroom' from 3:30pm-4:15pm
- **Thursday 6th June** - 'Beacons of Peace' art installation 3:30pm in school hall
- **Thursday 6th June** - D-Day Bake Off Sale from 3:30pm onwards
- **Tuesday 18th June** - EYFS Sports Day 9am-9:45am
- **Wednesday 19th June** - Y6 Residential to Hudnall Park
- **Saturday 6th July** - Wing Family Festival and Colour Run

And finally, have a relaxing half term.