

OVERSTONE NEWSLETTER



June 2024

Welcome to our June newsletter. The sun is shining and everyone is enjoying their learning.

Fir Class

It has been another busy month in Fir Class. In computing, the children have been learning all about emails. They have thoroughly enjoyed composing and sending emails as well as adding attachments. They have also been discussing how to be kind when online and how to spot a fake email.



The children also undertook First Aid training learning how to administer emergency help to a person in need. They learned about DR ABC; where they first assess for danger, then try to get a response from the casualty, then open the airway by tilting the head back, then administering rescue breaths and doing chest compressions.

Hopefully they will never need to use this training in real life, however they are now in a position to help someone in an emergency.



Olympic Week

As part of our Olympic week the whole school had an assembly with Ryan Raghoo, a paralympic sprinter and long jump record holder. His story was truly inspirational having faced huge barriers in being able to participate in sport due to his cerebral palsy. His secondary school banned him from physical education for 5 years due to his condition. He was determined to achieve sporting greatness and began his journey at 18 years old and very soon after made the GB team. The children had an opportunity to meet Ryan in a class session and ask him questions about his achievements.



On Wednesday Years 1 - 6 visited Wing Tennis Club and participated in a taster tennis session. The children were amazing, in spite of the heat, and showed real enthusiasm for the game. Wing Tennis club are looking for younger members and are running coaching sessions on Wednesday evenings.



Oak Class

Year 4 have really enjoyed their science this half term where they have conducted experiments which answered the question 'Does the viscosity of a liquid affect how fast it flows?' The children worked well in groups and were able to conduct a fair and accurate test before reporting on their results and findings.



All of Year 4 really enjoyed their science lessons and discovered a lot!

Beech Class

In Year 1, June has been a very busy month. The children have had so many exciting lessons and activities. In Geography, the children have explored our local area and identified physical and human features. In Science, they have measure tree trunks and they have investigated animal footprints. In PSHE, they have learnt about banks, about saving and spending and why is it important to keep our money safe. We have learnt a lot!



Acorn Class

Pre-School have been looking at different animals and where they live. From farm animals to arctic, jungle and sea creatures. We have been learning the names of the animals and where they live and what sort of environment they live in. We have also learnt about at the differences and similarities of their habitats.

Pre-School enjoyed making their lanterns to commemorate D-Day, we hope you enjoyed them at home too.

We had great fun at sports day with the four different stations: hurdles, throwing the bean bags into hoop, kicking the ball into the goal and then the ladder run and weaving in and out of the poles. We then finished with a running race. The children enjoyed a well earned ice pop after all their efforts, well done Pre-School!



Elm Class



Year 2 have worked very hard over the last few weeks exploring Google Earth in Geography, discovering the different human and physical features found along the coast. They have also been on a very exciting virtual tour around the International Space Station during Computing and have discovered how astronauts' survival needs are met aboard the ISS. In PSHE the children have been finding out how they might earn their money when they get older – A valuable lesson for everyday life!

Ash Class



During June we have been explorers, discovering all about different environments around our world. We have been comparing features of them and thinking about how differently they might feel, look and sound for the inhabitants. In maths, we have been sharing amounts of objects to recognise which numbers are odd or even. We have also been making some repeating patterns and talking about the sequences within them. In Literacy we have been using the story book 'The Storm Whale' to talk and write about how we would help a whale washed up on the shore. As Summer is here, we have been collecting and planting tomato seeds and sunflower seeds, giving them the things they need for healthy growth. We also had our Sports' Day, which all the children thoroughly enjoyed and tried their best at. After all that exercise the children were reward with a cooling rocket lolly, kindly provided by the school's PTA.



Enterprise Week



The Year 6 children have been working hard together, during the last part of this year, to do some fundraising for their leavers treat held in school time. As a school, we do this so that every child can be involved in a fun day with their classmates before they all leave and go onto a number of different secondary schools.

The children have undertaken a variety of 'Enterprise/Promise activities' from washing cars, painting garden fences, taking out the rubbish, gardening, promising to get on with their siblings, keeping their bedroom tidy, helping parents at home, cake sales, everything for £1 stall to Ice-pop Friday!



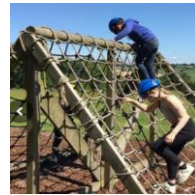
Once all the money has been collected in, the children and Year 6 staff will decide together what they will do on that day, based on the money they raise.

The Year 6 children always enjoy these challenges and would like say a big thank you for helping to support their activities.

Willow and Yew Classes



Year 6 recently underwent their 3-day residential to Hudnall Park which is a multi-purpose venue set in 85 acres of beautiful parkland, eight miles from Hemel Hempstead in the west of Hertfordshire. The site offered our Year 6 children a fun, challenging and safe environment in which they enjoyed a wide range of exciting outdoor activities. The children were so excited with the build-up to their stay and on day one they were keen to set-up camp and to start their first activity. The children undertook various activities from building and racing go-karts, mountain biking, zip-wire, archery, low ropes, challenge courses to the traversing wall. Everyone was willing to try these activities (some needed a little more encouraging than others!) but thoroughly enjoyed the challenge. We were lucky as the sun shone throughout our 3 days and after a busy first day, with little sleep on the first night, they children were ready to go again. Our second day was full on and, after lots of food, water and treats plus fresh air, the children were exhausted and slept well that night!



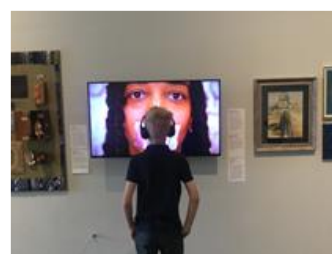
What the children thought.....

- 'We loved the zip-line, we were very nervous to begin with, but once we did it – we wanted to do it again!' Charlie & Ariana.
- Ed said he loved riding the mountain bikes and especially when we flew over the rumble strips!
- Rose & Olivia enjoyed all the activities and being with their friends. Their best meal was breakfast!



- Hattie enjoyed being away with her friends and the opportunity to camp out at night, her favourite activity was the zip-wire.
- Logan said it was great that everyone worked together (great team-work) and he overcame his fear of heights – enjoying the zip-line!
- Annie enjoyed the go-karts, especially going down the hill and also liked the mountain bikes.
- 'My favourite part was the obstacle course, where everyone worked together' - Aubrey.
- 'I really enjoyed the mountain bikes and going around the Hudnall grounds' - Nazar.
- 'I enjoyed all of it, especially the pampering session, where I got to have a ponytail!' - William M.

Redwood Class



Our last half term of Year 5 is jam-packed with creativity. So far, we've loved designing new wheels for the Mars Rover on TinkerCAD, learning what careers we might be suited to, forming our own rounders teams, electing captains and planning strategies, and of course making portraits in Art. Here are some photos of when we were lucky enough to do a workshop with a real artist on self-portraits at the Milton Keynes Art Gallery!

Beacons of Light – D-Day

At the beginning of the month we marked the eightieth anniversary of D-Day. In the classrooms, the children were taught about the event and why it is still important to remember this historic day from the past. Then, every pupil across the school created their own beacon to shine out a message of the need for peace in the modern-day world. The whole school display of beacons lit the hall for visitors to view as they walked through. Thank you to all who visited the event and for the many compliments for the displays and the children's creations.



Forest School

We have been busy this month in forest school. Nursery have been learning about tool safety, using hammers to create a Hapa Zome picture. Reception cooked marshmallows over the fire, learning about fire safety. Year 1 made a little boat using a palm drill. Year 2 have made summer crowns, having a go at naming the wild flowers. Year 3 made spinning tops using a palm drill to create a hole in the wood cookie and finding the current size stick to fit in the hole. Year 4 did a light-sensitive chemical reaction experiment using sun print paper and Year 6 have learnt how to identify elderflower safely, made a batter and then cooked elder fritters over the fire.



Numeracy Day



Thank you for joining us this morning for our National Numeracy event. I hope that you managed to see maths being taught in a variety of fun ways. The children had the opportunity to explore maths through quizzes, shape building, bingo, planning and costing a meal for 4, even to snakes & ladders with a twist! You may have even witnessed some teachers and classes rapping along with Harry Baker or getting number confidence with Strictly Come Dancing star Katya Jones.

Many of the children had a great morning, they enjoyed the various challenges and even want us to do it again! As you are aware, the children always enjoy when their parent and carers come into school – they are very proud of their work, making it a memorable morning for everyone.

Watch out for the next maths challenge coming to school ...

Mrs Willett
Maths Lead



What is coming up in July.....

- **W/C 1st July** – Transition for Year 6 children
- **Tuesday 2nd July** – Transition day for Overstone children
- **Friday 5th July** – Hudnall Park assembly for Year 6 families – 2.45pm at school
- **Saturday 6th July** – Wing Fest – 10.00am onwards
- **Wednesday 10th July** – Year 1 visitor to school from the Milton Keynes synagogue
- **Friday 12th July** – Reports out to parents and carers
- **Monday 15th July** – Year 6 treat day
- **Wednesday 17th July** – Year 6 performance dress rehearsal to the school
- **Wednesday 17th July** – Year 6 performance to parents and carers – 6.00pm in school
- **Friday 19th July** – Year 6 Leavers assembly to parents and carers – 9.15am at school
- **Monday 22nd July** – End of term – 1.30pm for Year 6 only – 3.10/3.15 for the rest of the school
- **Tuesday 23rd July** – INSET day – school closed to children

And finally

Please come and support the school at Wing Fest – Saturday 6th July. It will be lovely to see you there.

