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Oxley Primary School

A celebration of learning at our wonderful school



Be Kind

Be Brilliant

Have an I can Attitude

Friday 18th October

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the half-term break, I am delighted to reflect on 8 fantastic weeks we have experienced here at Oxley. Our children have consistently demonstrated a remarkable 'I can' attitude, tackling challenges with enthusiasm and determination. Their resilience and positive approach to learning have been truly inspiring.

We concluded this half term on a high note with an exceptional assembly featuring Olympian Sam Oldham. His presence and words of wisdom left a real buzz across the school, with a clear message for our children to pursue their dreams with unwavering dedication.

I would like to give a very special thank you to our House Captains, who played a special role during this week's parents' evening. Their assistance in serving refreshments and ensuring the smooth running of the event was exemplary. Their commitment to the school and leadership sets a wonderful example for their peers.

I would also like to express my heartfelt appreciation to our dedicated staff. Their unwavering commitment and hard work have been vital in making this half term so successful. Their efforts in nurturing our children's potential and creating a vibrant learning environment is wonderful to see.

As we embark on our half-term break, I would like to wish you all a pleasant and restful half-term break. Your continued support and engagement with our school community is invaluable, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting chapter on Monday 28th October.

Kindest Regards

Mr Caldwell



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GO TEAM!

PGL

Some of our Year 6s enjoyed a fabulous few days away in Lincolnshire last week by pushing themselves out of their comfort zones, scaling climbing walls, canoeing, archery, orienteering and zip wires to name just a few! The children represented the school wonderfully and enjoyed spending time together in nature.

A HUGE thank you to Miss Milner, Mr Burton and Mrs Taylor who gave up their time to give the children the very best kind of adventures.

Dog's Trust visits





Throughout this week, Sarah has been visiting every class in the school to talk about dog safety and how to respect these precious animals. The interactive workshops have helped our children understand how to be more aware of approaching dogs.



Olympic Bronze Medalist visit - Sam Oldham

On Wednesday 16th October, Oxley Primary School was visited by an absolute superstar in the form of a real Olympic Bronze Medalist! He told us about how he began gymnastics at the age of 7 and how hard work and dedication meant he achieved his dream of representing Great Britain at the London 2012 Olympics! He demonstrated some of his skills including walking on his hands and backflips! The children (and staff) were thoroughly captivated throughout his assembly and rushed to gain answers to their burning questions and signatures! What a Wednesday!



Year 3 & 4 music





Across Year 3/4 children have loved beginning their music lessons. The year 3 have perfected the note b and already have two pieces in their repertoire and the year 4s have been rocking out to Smoke on the Water .



Harvest Kindness

A huge thank you to all our wonderful pupils, families, and staff for your incredible support with our recent harvest collection.

We're thrilled to celebrate the incredible food parcel nominations from our amazing pupils! Their kindness is truly inspiring.

This is just another example of the wonderful community spirit we have here at Oxley Primary. Thank you again, everyone. Your support is hugely appreciated.



Halloween Disco fun!

Don't forget tickets to our annual Halloween disco are still available!



Great Growers (and Gobblers!)





A big well done and 'bon appetit' to all the children who visited our tasting station again this half term. Grown in our very own polytunnel, the station was very busy with children enjoying an abundance of tomatoes and cucumbers.

A big thank you also to Mr Bill Burton who has, again this term, been busy delivering workshops to different classes, as well as children in our Busy Bees after-school club, teaching them about the variety of fruit and vegetables we are currently growing.



Stand up to Racism!

"It's so important to understand that everyone is different but no one is more important than anyone else"
Year 4

Bike Ability



Throughout this half term, our Year 5 and 6 children have had the opportunity to learn all about road safety with Leicestershire County Council's Road Safety Awareness team. Throughout their 4-day courses, the children learnt many skills and applied these to navigate our local roads safely. Thank you to Roo and the team for their encouraging support and patience. The children, as always, were kind and considerate.

Bikeability Level 1 & 2 Training Courses



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Penguins



In Maths, the children have been exploring the numbers 1 to 3 and deepening their understanding of their composition. They have thoroughly enjoyed this hands-on learning experience. In English, the children have immersed themselves in some wonderful stories, including 'The Colour Monster', 'Rosie's Walk', and 'Handa's Surprise'. The children were particularly excited to taste the delicious fruits from 'Handa's Surprise', which sparked their curiosity and imagination.

As part of our topic work, the children have been comparing the town of Shepshed to the continent of Africa. This has led to the creation of some beautiful African-inspired artwork, which we are proud to display around the school. Throughout this half term, the children have been working hard to learn songs for our Harvest assemblies which they showcased with our school community.

Koalas

Koalas have embraced the story of 'Rosie's Walk' and showcased their talents in our Harvest assembly. Their artistic skills flourished as they created stunning African sunset art and explored colour mixing with impressive results. Science lessons have been a sensory delight, whilst English studies of 'Handa's Surprise' brought literature to life through fruit tasting. Our Year 1 children have also excelled in computing, and programming BeeBots to navigate their own maps.





Well done to the Penguins and Koalas on two fantastic harvest assemblies! Thank you to all of our families who attended the afternoon performance - it was lovely to have such a great turnout!

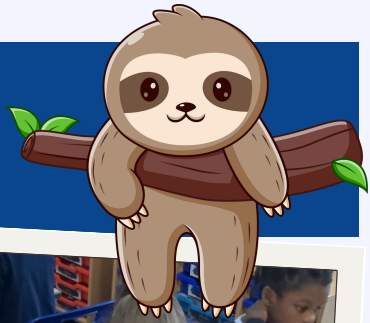


Owls



I am delighted to share the recent accomplishments of our Owls class. Their artistic talents have flourished through the completion of the "Spirals" unit, drawing inspiration from Molly Haslund and Kolam designs. In English, the children have immersed themselves in 'The Wonder', crafting vivid setting descriptions of imaginary places. Our budding musicians have explored rhythm and pulse using untuned instruments, developing their musical acumen. Science lessons have engaged all five senses, with a particular focus on taste, allowing the children to expand their sensory experiences.

Sloths







We are so proud of the learning that has been taking place in the Sloth's class this half-term. Our young mathematicians have been exploring the fascinating realm of number bonds, utilising parts and whole amounts to deepen their understanding. Meanwhile, our budding artists have embarked on an exciting journey through our 'Spirals' unit in Art. They've been honing their skills with various techniques, including creating chalk crumbs, perfecting the art of smudging, and developing their mark-making abilities. These diverse learning experiences continue to nurture our children's curiosity and creativity, fostering a rich and stimulating educational environment.

In Science, we have been learning about 'taste' and identified 5 different tastes; sour, sweet, bitter, savoury and salty by tasting different foods! We had a mixed range of tastebuds throughout the class but our favourites included sweet, sour and bitter!



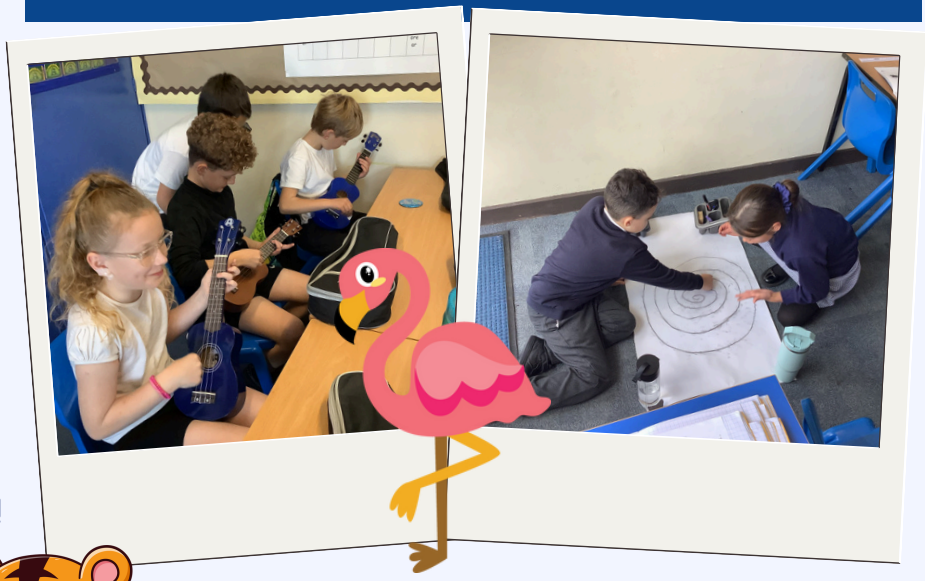
Leopards



The Leopards have shown such enthusiasm across the curriculum this half term. In Science, they've delved into the fascinating world of skeletons, identifying bones in humans and animals alike. Art lessons have been a hive of creativity, with charcoal and other mediums bringing gestural drawings to life. The children have also embarked on an exciting musical journey, learning to read notation while mastering the recorder. It's been a truly grrr-eat beginning to the Autumn term, and we couldn't be prouder of our Leopards' accomplishments.

Flamingoes

In English, the Flamingoes have been delving into 'Lost Happy Endings', honing their character and setting descriptions whilst focusing on punctuation and presentation. Mathematics has seen them mastering place value, rounding, and tackling complex addition with column methods. Our budding artists have explored the nuances of charcoal work, developing fine motor skills and experimenting with mark-making techniques. History lessons have transported us to Ancient Greece, where we've investigated democracy, the Olympics, and daily life. Well done!



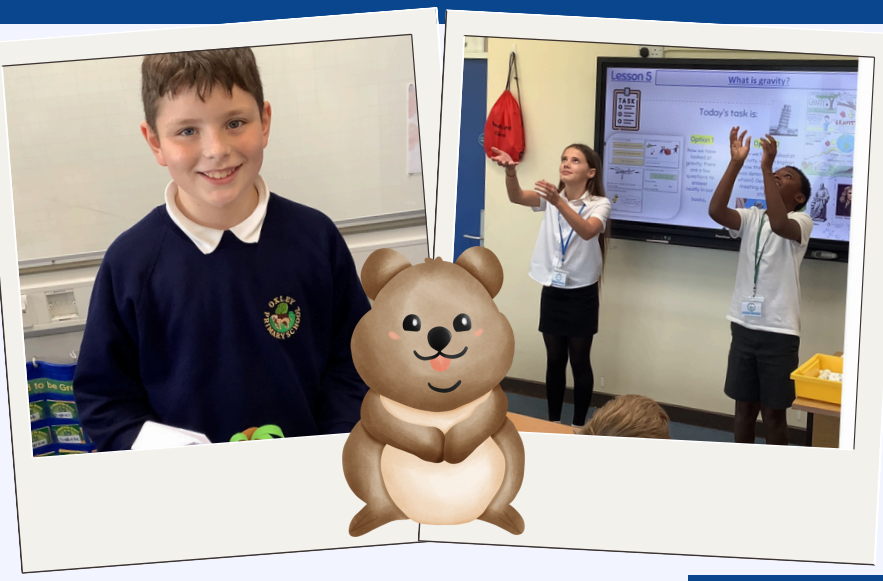
Tigers





The Tigers' mathematical journey has focussed on place value, four-digit addition and subtraction, and finished in an exploration of understanding area. In English, they have delved into the enchanting world of 'Lost Happy Endings' and worked really hard to craft echo poetry. Science lessons have consisted of human and animal skeletons, as well as human muscle movements. Our Tigers have also contemplated the creation story in RE and, in history, have time-travelled to ancient Greece, examining democracy and unravelling the origins of the Trojan Horse tale.

Quokkas



In art, the Quokkas have crafted identity maps, explored typography and 3D effects inspired by renowned artists. Science lessons saw them investigating forces, from friction to gravity, culminating in an exciting parachute experiment. Their coding skills flourished as they created interactive quizzes using Scratch. Music lessons resonated with harmony as they learned diverse songs, while French classes introduced them to fruit vocabulary and conversational phrases.

Foxes

Our Foxes have been exploring a rich and varied curriculum so far, encompassing persuasive writing to hone their communication skills, investigating forces in science to understand the world around them, and embracing the French language through the study of fruit. The children have also been expanding their global awareness by examining fair trade in geography, while simultaneously strengthening their mathematical foundations with place value concepts.



Lions



From crafting 'Deadly Menace' poetry to exploring the lives of pioneering scientists who overcame discrimination, the Lions' minds have been stretched and inspired this half-term. They've delved into the art of mystery writing, honed their mathematical skills, and investigated forces in science. Their creativity has flourished through map design and musical composition, while their understanding of community and fair trade has deepened. These diverse learning opportunities are shaping our children into well-rounded, curious individuals, ready to tackle the challenges that lie ahead and I am so proud of them!