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## Newsletter – Autumn Term 2022

### Introduction

The fifteen weeks of the autumn term have been a busy and productive time. Throughout the term I have been extremely pleased with the high quality of behaviour and the calm, purposeful atmosphere within school. Highlights of this term, for me, have included a very successful Year 6 residential visit to the Pioneer Centre, a large number of successful sporting fixtures, our great Christmas performances and the wide variety of educational visits taking place. The feedback we receive on visits out of school remains of the highest quality and has been replicated on the visits this term. I hope this letter gives you a flavour of the hard work, progress, fun and enjoyment of school life over the course of this term.

### Staff Changes

- Very sadly, Mrs Molin will be retiring at the end of this term. She started work at Oxon in September 2002, a year after my appointment. Over two decades she has supported the smooth running of our school with exceptional professionalism. She is incredibly hard working, unbelievably accurate, endlessly calm and exceptionally patient. Her kindness, thoughtfulness and professionalism will be hugely missed. Mrs Molin has agreed to provide some ongoing support to the office on a casual basis so may be in school on some days after Christmas. On behalf of our entire school community I would like to thank Mrs Molin and wish her well for her well-earned retirement.
- Mrs Angelova started work as a Teaching Assistant in Year 1 in September.

### Clubs

Throughout the term the following clubs have been running:

Art Journaling – Y6  
Board Games – Y2  
Choir – Y5,Y6  
Football – Y2

Mr Beal and Mrs Beeson  
Mrs Aitken and Miss Lee  
Mrs Houghton and Miss Hollis  
Mr Braddock and Mrs Quan

Football – Y3  
Football – Y4 Boys  
Football – Y4, Y5, Y6 Girls  
Football – Y5, Y6 Boys  
Gym – Y3  
Gym – Y4  
MyMaths – Y2, Y3, Y4  
MyMaths –Y5, Y6  
Multi-skills (Sport) – Y1  
Multi-skills (Sport) – Y2  
Paper Crafts – Y3  
Reflections Prayer Group – Y5  
Tennis – Y3  
Tennis – Y4

Mr Braddock and Mrs Quan  
Mr Braddock and Mrs Semple  
Mr Braddock and Miss Brechunec  
Mr Jones  
Mrs Luther  
Mrs Luther and Mrs Sear  
Miss Jewsbury and Mr Beal  
Miss Jewsbury and Mr Beal  
Mr Braddock and Miss Lee  
Mr Braddock and Miss Lee  
Mrs Rayment and Mrs Quan  
Mrs Shirra and Mrs Bowyer  
Mr Creffield and Mrs Manterfield  
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## **Music**

The following music lessons have been taking place in school:

- Keyboard
- Guitar
- Violin

## **Visits out of school**

- Year R visited the church to talk about 'Special Places'.
- Year 2 have visited Think Tank in Birmingham as part of their science work.
- Year 2 have visited the town library as part of their English work.
- Year 2 have visited Gains Park shops as part of their geography work about the local area.
- Year 3 have visited Chester to view some of the archaeological remains and take part in a number of interactive workshops to support their work on the Romans.
- Year 4 have visited the old Oxon School and the current church hall as part of their local history work about the Oxon area in Victorian times.
- Year 4 have carried out research, using primary sources, at the Shropshire Archives to further their studies about the history of the local area.
- Year 4 have visited Blists Hill Museum to experience a day as Victorian school children. The children enjoyed spending time in costume.
- Year 5 have visited the National Memorial Arboretum as part of their history work about the two world wars.
- Year 6 took part in a residential visit to the Pioneer Centre at Cleobury Mortimer. Their activities included climbing, abseiling, high ropes course, archery and raft building.
- Year 6 visited the Shropshire Archives as part of their history work studying 'Architecture through the ages in Shrewsbury' to find out more about life for children working at the Ditherington Flaxmill. (The Shrewsbury Flaxmill has not yet started the education provision.)

- The whole school are looking forward to visiting Theatre Severn to watch a performance of 'Beauty and the Beast'.
- Unfortunately, the Year 1 visit to Acton Scott Farm was unable to go ahead due to the farm being closed throughout the autumn term.

Year 4 at Blists Hill:



Year 2 at Think Tank:



Year 2 at the library:





Year 3 at Chester:



Year 5 at NMA



Year 1 with the vet



Year R at the church





## Year 6 at the Shropshire Archives:



## Year 6 at Pioneer:



## **Performances, Worship (Assemblies) and Visitors to School**

- 'Beat the Street' – thank you for your support with this initiative that ran at the end of last term and into the summer holiday. We were delighted to be awarded second place in this competition that included all of the Shrewsbury area.
- Year 3 to Year 6 enjoyed a live music performance by a 'Folk' group of Shropshire Music Service staff.
- Award-winning author Patrice Lawrence MBE visited the children in Years 5 and 6 to talk about her writing and her latest book, 'The Elemental Detectives'.
- Rev. Charlotte has visited school regularly to lead worship.
- On Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September, we held our Harvest Festival. Children in years 3 and 4 took part in the service, which due to very heavy rain, was moved from the church to school. The event went well and details of the charitable collection is listed in the section below.
- Year R worked with the Bikeability team developing their skills on balance bikes.
- Year 1 enjoyed a visit from a vet from Copthorne Vets as part of their science work.
- Year 3 had a visit from Rev. Charlotte to talk about Christian Baptism in RE.
- 'Stepping Out' – We were delighted that our Year 3 children took part in a local authority initiative related to pedestrian safety. The project involved children being trained and then assessed on how to cross roads safely.
- Egyptian workshop – children in Year 5 enjoyed a day spent working with Egyptian artefacts that was led by the museum service.
- Key Stage 1 Performance – this year's performance entitled 'The angel who nearly missed it all' took place on 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> December. It was, once again, great to see a performance of such quality taking place.
- Carol service – Year 6 led a traditional carol service at the church on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December. As always, the reading and instrumental contributions were of a high standard and the singing (supported by Year 5) was fantastic.

## **Charity Fundraising**

- Our **Harvest Festival** supported a local debt relief charity called 'Shrewsbury Food Bank' and the children were asked to bring non-perishable produce. The quantity of produce brought to school was once again amazing.
- **Poppy Appeal** – We raised £179 in support of this important national appeal.
- **PTA Events** – In December we held our 'Christmas Market'. The event was a great success and raised a fantastic £2,121. The children designed Christmas cards again and this raised over £357. My thanks go to Mrs Gill and her team for all their hard work in organising these events that are enjoyed so much by the children. This term money raised by the PTA has been used to provide a generous subsidy of over £3,400 for the 'Beauty and the Beast' pantomime visit and also bought all the food for the children's Christmas parties at just over £350.

## **Sporting Achievements**

Mr Jones writes:

### **Football**

#### **U11 Boys Shropshire F.A. – E.S.F.A. 7 A Side County Cup**

Oxon 5-0 Radbrook – through to final.

#### **Final**

Oxon 1-8 St Georges

#### **U11 Girls Shropshire F.A. – E.S.F.A. 7 A Side County Cup**

Oxon 1-0 Greenfields

Oxon 1-2 Harlescott

#### **U10 Boys Shropshire F.A. – E.S.F.A. 7 A Side County Shield**

Oxon 3-5 Belvidere

#### **U10 Girls Shropshire F.A. – E.S.F.A. 7 A Side County Shield**

Oxon 3-6 Mereside

### **KS2 4v4 Basketball**

Two teams competed well at the Y5/6 basketball competition held at Meole Brace Secondary.

School achieved the following results:

#### **Team 1**

Oxon 1-2 Longden

Oxon 2-2 Mereside

Oxon 0-4 Harlescott (Team 1)

#### **Team 2**

Oxon 0-0 Minsterley

Oxon 4-0 Oakmeadow

Oxon 2-1 Mereside

Through to semi-final!

Oxon 1-2 Harlescott (Team 2)

#### **3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Play-off**

Oxon 1-2 Harlescott (Team 1)

We are delighted to share that Oxon were presented with a special award on the day being judged as the school that best demonstrated the 'School Games' value of respect.

### **Y4 Gymnastics Competition**

Our gymnastics team competed brilliantly at an event hosted at Shrewsbury High School. They were judged on their floor routines and a vault and can all be very pleased with their performances.

## **Y5 Tennis Festival**

Congratulations to our tennis team who enjoyed a wonderful afternoon at the Shrewsbury Club and competed well in a range of tennis themed activities against other schools.

### **Summary**

I would like to say a big thank you to all those who have helped to support the school in so many different ways throughout the term. Once again, I would like to thank our staff who have shown huge professionalism and commitment throughout the last fifteen weeks. I will write to you early next term with information about the events that are planned for the spring term which starts on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January.

I would like to wish you all a merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Rogers". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large 'M' and 'R'.

Mark Rogers