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Newsletter – Spring Term 2023

Introduction

The spring term has once again been packed with different activities which I am pleased to report about in this letter. A particular highlight of the term was our fantastic production of 'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang'. Our sports teams have once again been active in a wide range of competitions. Of particular note were performances in football (Shrewsbury District Champions), netball, swimming and cross country. It was also wonderful to have our choir performing again at 'Young Voices' in Birmingham. As ever, it has been great to hear fantastic feedback about the quality of the children's behaviour particularly when working with visitors, or on the many school visits that have taken place this term. I hope this letter gives a flavour of school life over the last few months.

Staffing Update

- Miss Barber-Jones left for maternity leave at the end of January and Miss Hellin is now teaching in Year 1.
- Miss Laurel joined our busy office team at the end of January.

Clubs

Throughout the term the following clubs have been running:

Art Journaling – Y6
Basketball – Y3
Choir – KS2 (Young Voices)
First Aid – Y6
Football – Y1
Football – Y2

Football – Y4, Y5, Y6 Girls
Football – Y4 Boys
Football – Y4, Y5 Boys
Hockey – Y4
My Maths Homework Club
Netball – Y5
Netball – Y6
Reflections Prayer Group – Y5

Mr Beale and Mrs Beeson
Mr Braddock and Miss Brechunec
Mrs Houghton and Miss Hollis
Mrs Sear and Mr Reynolds
Mr Braddock and Miss Lee
Mr Braddock, Mrs Quan, Miss Lee and Miss Brechunec
Mr Braddock and Mrs Semple
Mr Braddock and Mrs Semple
Mr Jones
Mr Braddock and Mrs Cork
Miss Jewsbury and Mr Beal
Mrs Quan and Mrs Roach
Mrs Wright and Mrs Roach
Mrs Shirra and Mrs Bowyer

Tennis – Y5
Tennis – Y6

Mr Creffield and Mrs Manterfield
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Music

The following whole class instrumental lessons have been taking place:

- Year 6 – Ukuleles
- Year 5 – Ukuleles
- Year 4 – Recorders
- Year 3 – Recorders

The following individual/small group music lessons have been taking place in school:

- Violin
- Keyboard
- Guitar

Visits out of school

- Year 1 have visited the local area to support their geography topic on this theme with a focus on houses and homes. Their planned visit to Attingham Park was postponed due to the snow and will take place after Easter.
- Year 2 have visited Liverpool to support their '1960s' history work and their geography focus.
- Year 2 have visited Theatre Severn for a front of house and backstage tour.
- Year 2 have visited the church and worked with Rev Charlotte on an 'Easter adventure' project.
- Year 3 have visited Shrewsbury to work with the museum service as 'rock detectives'.
- Year 4 have visited Cosford RAF museum to support their science work.
- Year 5 have visited the World War II experience at Weston Park to support their study of this area.
- Year 6 have visited Green Acres Farm, near Shifnal, to support their geography study of farming.

Year R at forest school



Year 2 at Liverpool



Year 3 at Shrewsbury Museum – Rock Detectives



Year 4 at RAF Cosford



Year 5 at Weston Park



Year 6 at Green Acres Farm



Choir at Young Voices



Assemblies, Performances and Visitors to School

- **'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang'** – The performance by Years 3, 4 and 5 was a great success, with fantastic singing and acting. It was of a very high standard and contained some wonderful dramatic and musical moments. Photos on the 'gallery' section of the website capture some of the exceptional quality of this event. Once again, my thanks go to all involved for delivering a production of such quality.



- **‘Young Voices’** – The choir, once again, took part in a major national music event called ‘Young Voices’ which was held at the Resorts World Arena in Birmingham. This involved them performing as part of a huge, six thousand strong choir, to an audience of thousands!
- **World Book Day** – We celebrated the day with a ‘dress as a book character’ event. Both children and staff came wonderfully dressed for the event! Thank you for your help in providing such great costumes.
- **Author Visit** – The author Sarah Todd Taylor visited to talk to children in Years 4, 5 and 6 about her books and the writing process.
- **Bookfest** – Year 6 have had two visits from Mrs Prosser as part of the Bookfest Shropshire 2023 ‘Readers to Writers’ project. The children have read and responded to the Bookfest books. Two authors have visited school to deliver creative writing workshops. The children have worked either with the former Children’s Laureate Wales, Eloise Williams or the bestselling author, presenter, podcaster and award winning digital producer, Sam Sedgman. Following the writing workshops, the children have written their own stories and have entered the ‘Readers to Writers’ Bookfest Shropshire 2023 project competition.
- **Reading the Game** – Year 4 have enjoyed working on a project combining reading and football delivered by Neil Homer from Shrewsbury Town Football Club.
- **Stranger Danger** – Sergeant Simon Lewis from West Mercia Police talked to Year 2 about this issue.
- **Street Pastors** – Two of the Shrewsbury Street Pastors talked to Year 2 about some of their work.
- **Fire Safety** - Year 3 had a visit from a crew from Shrewsbury fire station to learn about fire safety.
- **Children’s Mental Health Awareness Week** – During the week we held assemblies for Key Stage 1 and 2 based on the theme ‘Let’s Connect’. Supporting activities were then undertaken in classes.
- Rev. Charlotte has visited school regularly to lead worship.
- Mr McMichael spoke to Year 2 and Year 6 about the Jewish faith.
- Imam Sohayb spoke to Year 1, Year 3 and Year 5 about the Muslim faith.

Sporting Achievements

Mr Jones writes:

Football

Shropshire F.A. – U11 Boys County Plate

Oxon 1 – 0 St Giles

Shropshire F.A. – U11 Boys County Plate - Semi-Final

Oxon 2 – 1 Oakmeadow

Shropshire F.A. – U11 Boys County Plate - Final

Belvidere 1-1 Oxon (a.e.t)

Oxon win 2-1 on penalties.

An inspiring video message from our old keeper Joe Hart did the trick with an incredible performance from our team and our current keeper - Josh Weeks who

scored twice! We now represent Shrewsbury and District against a team from North Shropshire in a District Final!

Inter House Y5/6 Football Competition – Boys

Position	House	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points
1	Green	3	3	0	12
2	Red	2	4	0	10
3	Blue	1	3	2	6
4	Red	0	2	4	2

Competitive Swimming Gala – Shrewsbury School

It was wonderful to see a team of children from Oxon compete at the gala held at Shrewsbury School. Points were awarded for being placed in the first four positions which were then totalled to give final standings. We are very proud to say that our school finished in a magnificent 2nd place!

The results for the individual races were:

25m Front Crawl

Girls: Ania Jones – 4th

Boys: Beau Jones – 3rd

25m Breaststroke

Girls: Freya Neeves – 2nd

Boys: Thor Philpott – 1st

25m Backstroke

Girls: Victoria Oni – 2nd

Boys: Josh Weeks – 2nd

25m Butterfly

Girls: Asia Hughes – 4th

Boys: Aaron Nicholls – 1st

50m Front Crawl

Girls: Elise Rogers – 4th

Boys: Ben Snade – 3rd

50m Breaststroke

Girls: Victoria Oni – 3rd

Boys: Josh Weeks – 1st

50m Backstroke

Girls: Elizabet Petkova – 3rd

Boys: Aled Houghton – 3rd

The results for the relay races were:

Front Crawl Relay

Oxon Girls – 3rd

Oxon Boys – 2nd

Medley Relay

Oxon Girls – 3rd

Oxon Boys – 1st

Mixed Medley Relay

Oxon – 2nd

Year 6 Netball Competition – Shrewsbury High School

Two mixed teams from Oxon competed at this event and enjoyed the following results:

Team 1

Oxon 0-0 Meole Brace

Oxon 0-4 Prestfelde

Oxon 3-0 Mereside 'B'

Team 2

Oxon 1-1 Shrewsbury High

Oxon 2-1 Mereside

Oxon 3-0 Shrewsbury High

Oxon 2-0 Mereside

Through to quarter finals!

Quarter Final

Oxon 3-0 Harlescott

Through to Semi!

Semi Final

Oxon 0-4 Coleham

3rd Place Play-Off

Oxon 4-0 Trinity

Finishing in third place overall was a wonderful achievement – congratulations!

Cross Country – Shrewsbury High School

Our boys and girls cross country teams did really well at this event with them both securing 3rd place. Individual placings were as follows:

Girls

Freya Neeves - 4th

Phoebe Prophet – 11th

Asia Hughes – 19th

Elise Rogers – 24th

Ania Jones – 25th

Evah Blackburn – 27th

Boys

Cooper Mileham – 8th
Ben Jones – 9th
Jalen Simister – 10th
Oliwier Kolodziej – 12th
Beau Jones – 14th
Jake Edwards – 23rd

Summary

I would like to say a big ‘thank you’ to all those who have helped to support and encourage the school in so many different ways throughout the term. I will write to you early next term with information about the events that are planned for the summer term which starts on Monday 17th April.

I trust that you will have a good Easter break.

Yours sincerely,



Mark Rogers

