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Newsletter – Summer Term 2018

Introduction

The 2018 summer term will be memorable for many reasons. Academically, end of year test results were strong across the school including from our current Year 6. Our fantastic arts week with a theme of 'Nature' was extremely well received by children and parents. Two choirs represented the school wonderfully at the Shropshire Sings events. We have enjoyed some great sporting successes including a superb performance at area sports, our Tri golf team representing Shrewsbury at the county finals and two of our swimmers selected to represent the town. I hope this newsletter gives you a flavour of school life this term.

Curriculum Development – A brief summary

We continue to develop our curriculum. We are determined to maintain and develop a rich and broad curriculum. Creatively designed sequences of high quality lessons, supported by high quality educational visits and excellent resources remain of the highest priority. This term we have focussed on the areas of maths, English, assessment, SEN and RE.

Year 6 Results

We were delighted with the performance of our Year 6 in the national assessments. It is very encouraging to see another strong set of results. The headline accountability measure of children achieving 'expected standard+' in reading, writing and maths is the highest we have ever achieved.

Key Stage 2 – summer 2018	Oxon 2018	National 2018	Difference
Combined Reading test, Maths test and writing teacher assessment – Expected Standard+	74%	64%	+10%

Key Stage 2 tests – summer 2018	Oxon 2018	National 2018	Difference
Reading test – Expected Standard+	84%	75%	+9%
Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling test – Expected Standard+	90%	78%	+12%
Maths test – Expected Standard+	82%	76%	+6%



Key Stage 2 teacher assessments – summer 2018	Oxon 2018	National 2018	Difference
Writing – Expected Standard+	89%	78%	+11%

Staff Changes

- Mrs Kolze-Jones will be retiring at the end of the summer term. Mrs Kolze-Jones has worked at Oxon for twenty seven years, first as a lunchtime supervisor and then as a teaching assistant. During that time she has made an exceptional contribution to our school. She has supported year 6 for many of those years, been part of countless residential visits and provided enormous quantities of support, care and encouragement to children and members of our staff. We will all miss her enormously. I would like to formally record my thanks to her for all her hard work over the years.
- Mrs Aitken has now had her baby. In September, her Year 2 class role on a Thursday and Friday will be covered by Mrs Watkin.
- Miss Eaton is expecting a baby, she will return in the autumn but plans to leave for maternity leave around the end of September. The class will be taught by Mrs Bowyer for three days a week and we have appointed Mrs Ryan to teach the other two days.
- Earlier in the term, our site manager Mr Bill left to take up a new post in Bridgnorth. He was replaced by our current site manager Mr Parker.
- Mrs Brace has been appointed as our administrative assistant following Mrs Cooper-Abbs' move to Shrewsbury Colleges Group a few weeks ago. Thank you to Mrs Taylor for returning to help in the school office for the last few weeks of term.
- Mrs Crowley, one of our teaching assistants, will be ending her time at Oxon at the end of this term.
- My thanks go to all those staff who have left us this term.
- We have appointed two new teaching assistants to start work in September – Mrs Roach and Mrs Quan.

Clubs

Art and Craft Club – Y2

Art Club – Y5

Athletics Club – Y3

Athletics Club – Y4

Cricket Club – Y3,4

Cricket Club – Y5,6

Dance Club

Gardening Club – Y1

My Maths Homework Club

Rounders Club – Y6

Rounders Club – Y5

Tennis Club – Y1

Tennis Club – Y2

Tri Golf Club – Y4

Tri Golf Club – Y5,6

Shropshire Sings – KS1

Shropshire Sings – KS2

Mr Beal and Miss Beasley

Mrs Smith

Mr Freeman and Miss Crowley

Mr Freeman and Mrs Jones

Mr Freeman and Miss Crowley

Mr Freeman and Mrs Dugan

Miss Morgan

Miss Hollis and Miss Barber-Jones

Miss Jewsbury and Mr Beal

Mrs Dugan and Miss Beasley

Mrs Dugan and Miss Beasley

Mr Creffield and Mrs Dugan

Mr Creffield and Mrs Dugan

Mr Freeman and Miss Beasley

Mr Freeman and Miss Beasley

Mrs Houghton and Mrs Sear

Mrs Burgess

Visits out of school

- Year R have visited Park Hall Farm.
- Year 1 have visited the Wildlife Survival School. The day was spent on bushcraft activities as part of their science work about trees and plants.
- Year 1 have visited the parish church to explore the church as a place of worship.
- Year 2 have visited Shrewsbury as part of their history work about famous people.
- Year 3 have visited Telford as part of their geography work.
- Year 3 have visited Llangollen as part of their geography work.
- Year 4 have visited Enginuity to support their design technology work on moving toys.
- Year 4 have visited Attingham Park to support their art work by looking at natural sculptures and their PE work by completing an orienteering session.
- Year 5 have visited Cardingmill Valley to carry out a river study. This work was led by staff from the Preston Montford Field Study Centre.
- Year 5 – twelve children visited Meole Brace Secondary School for business and maths day.
- Year 6 have taken part in ‘Crucial Crew’ at Nesscliffe Camp.

Assemblies and Visitors to school

- Year 6 have undertaken cycle training courses.
- ‘Blue Skies’ – Year 5 enjoyed taking part in a business and enterprise project run by staff from The Priory School.
- Staff and pupils from Shrewsbury High School led a drama session for our Year 5 classes.
- Year 5 have been working with cricket coach over a number of weeks.
- Year 3 and 4 enjoyed a performance by Carducci (strings).
- Year 2 enjoyed a day finding out about Florence Nightingale with a member of staff from the Shropshire Museum Service.
- Year R enjoyed a visit from staff from Argo Dental Clinic to talk about dental hygiene.
- Rev. David O’Brien has visited school regularly to lead assemblies.
- The Shrewsbury Youth for Christ team have visited to lead an assembly and workshop for Year 6 about transition to secondary school.
- Severn Trent – a speaker from the company led an assembly on issues relating to water.

Sporting Achievements

Mr Jones writes:

Shrewsbury and District Swimming Gala

Twelve schools competed at this annual event. Our team finished in a very creditable 5th position overall. The girls team consisting of Savannah Hughes, Rachel Yewbrey, Eve Carpenter and Molly Hall scored particularly well by qualifying for both relay finals. They finished in 2nd place in the Medley Relay Final and earned another 2nd place in the Freestyle Relay Final – amazing! Another mention to Molly Hall for qualifying for the Individual Freestyle Final too – finishing in 4th place and to Savannah Hughes for finishing 5th in the Back Crawl Final. A very special mention goes to Rachel Yewbrey for qualifying for two individual finals – Butterfly and Back Crawl – finishing both in 1st place! This is all the more incredible when you consider that Rachel’s win in the Back Crawl Final meant a successful defence of the title she won last year! A champion two years running no less – fantastic! As if that was not

enough, Rachel and Molly then had the honour of being selected to compete for Shrewsbury and District in the County Swimming Gala – a terrific achievement.

School Games Day

Three of our school teams competed at this event.

- Congratulations to our Year 4 cricket team who scored really well during the afternoon and competed in a 3rd/4th place play-off. A narrow defeat saw Oxon finish in 4th place overall as a result.
- The Year 4 Tri-Golf team enjoyed competing at the event and scored 458 points which was enough to secure 11th place – well done!
- The Year 5 Tri-Golf team scored over 1000 points in their competition. This was enough for them to be crowned champions! This was the same team that had won the Year 4 competition last year and it was wonderful to see them perform to a very high standard for a second year running. As a result they had the honour of representing Shrewsbury and District in the County Finals – fantastic!

County School Games

Our Year 5 Tri-Golf team represented Shrewsbury and District in the County School Games and can be very proud of a second place finish, again with a score of over 1000 points – a significant achievement at this level. When our points were added together with those earned by the rest of the Shrewsbury and District sides – it was enough for the district team to finish in second place overall – congratulations! To represent your school at a county final once is incredible but to do it for two years running is stunning!

Prestfelde Rounders Tournament

Well done to all the children in the rounders team who had a wonderful day competing against five other schools and worked hard to achieve the following results-

- Oxon 5 ½ – 3 Prestfelde B
- Oxon 4 – 5 Trinity
- Oxon 6 ½ – 8 Mereside
- Oxon 7 – 11 St George's
- Oxon 6 ½ - 16 Meole Brace

Area Sports

A team of 25 children enjoyed a very successful night competing at this event. There was rare success in the field events this year, to go with our usual success on the track. A special mention to Dan Mitton for finishing in an incredible 2nd place in the Turbo Javelin and to Lily Barnes O'Connell for finishing in an unprecedented 1st place in the high jump – magnificent! It was great to see Rhys Daniels come 4th in the 150m Sprint Final and Oliver Mirceta-Jones come 3rd in the 80m Sprint Final. Congratulations to Rachel Yewbrey and Savannah Hughes for both getting to the 80m sprint final and finishing in 2nd and 3rd place respectively. Well done also to the U12 Girls Relay Team of Rachel Yewbrey, Savannah Hughes, Graciél Antonio and Evie Manders who finished in a wonderful 1st place in their final – that final baton change will live long in the memory and it was a fantastic way to end proceedings with it being the final race of the night.

Other Achievements

- **Arts Week** – We took the theme of 'Nature' this year. Class teachers planned a wide variety of activities to develop this theme and we invited professional artists to further enhance the week. As part of the week, children worked with artists to produce fantastic new art for the external reflection area (mosaic) and our link corridor by the Year 5

entrance (this will be displayed after the summer). Thanks go to one of our governors, Mr Mayho, who worked with the children to produce the wonderful willow stag that is on display in our entrance hall. My thanks also go to Mrs Smith for her work in organising the week. Once again it was extremely successful and the feedback from children and adults was excellent.

- **Shropshire Sings!** – We were delighted to see two school choirs (Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2) take part in these events at The West Midlands Showground that were organised by the Shropshire Music Service. Both evenings were very well received by parents with some wonderful, uplifting singing. It was great to hear extremely positive reports about the behaviour and engagement of the Oxon children on both nights, throughout the rehearsal time and during the performance.
- **Year 6 Leavers Assemblies** – The Year 6 leavers delivered two great final assemblies. It was fascinating to look at the many photos included in the presentations showing the huge amount of different activities they have been involved in during the last twelve months. We will certainly miss them when they move to secondary school.
- **Big Pedal** – We did very well to be awarded an excellent fourth place in the West Midlands for this competition which measured the number of children cycling to school over a period of time in May. Please remember that children cycling to school should have a cycle permit, an application form is available from the school office.

Fundraising

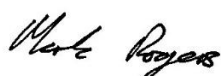
- **Summer Fayre** – We enjoyed a fantastic, well supported, summer fayre. My thanks go to Mrs Ure, her team and all those who worked to make the evening a success. I am delighted to inform you that the event raised a fantastic £3,274.
- **School Disco** – The PTA held two successful discos these events raised £750.
- **Sports Day Drinks** – The money raised by this welcome service on very hot days totalled a £264.
- **Kenya** – I have shown the children photographs, in assembly, of how money we have previously raised is currently being spent. Two classrooms have now been fully refurbished with floors, doors, windows and decoration completed. Three children have received dramatic improvement to their sight (at an unbelievably low cost of £111). I am planning an opportunity to share information about Kenya directly with parents in the autumn term.

Summary

The autumn term starts on Tuesday 4th September.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for all the support the school has received, in so many different ways, throughout the year. I trust that you and your children will have a great summer vacation and look forward to seeing you in September.

Yours sincerely,



Mark Rogers