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## Newsletter – Autumn Term 2024

### Introduction

During the first four weeks of term, we faced considerable challenges waiting for our hall to be completed. At the start of October, school life changed dramatically for the better as our new hall came into use! The additional space for worship (assemblies), lunches, PE and drama productions has been an astonishing enhancement to school life at Oxon. In November, it was wonderful to have an official opening with Joe Hart. Other highlights of this term, for me, have included a very successful Year 6 residential visit to the Pioneer Centre, our sporting competitions, 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

- Mrs Wright (teaching assistant) left for maternity leave at the start of December.
- Miss Veitch and Miss Weston started work as teaching assistants in December.
- Mrs Cubbin (school office) left at half term, I would like to thank her for all her hard work.
- Mrs Hassan and Mrs Ainsworth started work as lunchtime supervisors in November.

### Visits out of school

- Year R visited the Oxon Church and spent time with Rev Charlotte.
- Year 1 have visited Home Farm at Attingham Park as part of their history work about historic farms.
- Year 2 have visited the town library as part of their English work.



- Year 2 have visited the Shrewsbury Museum and the town as part of their history work about the Great Fire of London. ('Tudor Shrewsbury' looks very similar to London before it was burnt down in 1666!)
- 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 churchyard 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 and exploring the Victorian town.
- 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 caving.
- Year 6 visited the Shropshire Archives in order to use primary sources to find about the Shrewsbury Flaxmill and life as a child working there.
- Year 6 visited the Shrewsbury Flaxmill as part of their history work studying 'Architecture through the ages in Shrewsbury'.
- The whole school are looking forward to visiting Theatre Severn to watch a performance of 'Sleeping Beauty'.

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

- On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November, it was wonderful to officially open our new hall. All the children, staff and many of our governors gathered for this celebration. It was wonderful to have ex-pupil Joe Hart with us that morning. In addition to an incredible football career, at both a national and international level, Joe is now appearing regularly on television as a pundit and presenter. We had 41 questions prepared for Joe that were delivered by individual children covering the full age range from Reception to Year 6. Joe was incredibly sensitive with the children, picking up on names and answering the children in a very genuine and age-appropriate way. Joe's memories of Oxon were great to hear as were his continued friendships with a number of our current parents who shared his journey through Oxon or growing up in Shrewsbury. I think we will all remember that morning for a very long time!
- Rev. Charlotte has visited school regularly to lead worship.
- On Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September, we held our Harvest Festival. Children in Years 3 and 4 took part in the service, which was held at Oxon Church. The event supported the Shrewsbury Food Bank and the children were asked to bring non-perishable produce. The quantity of produce brought to school was once again amazing.
- Year R had a visit from the school nurse to talk about washing hands and keeping clean.
- Year 1 enjoyed a visit from Copthorne Vets as part of their science work.
- Year 2 had a visit from a nurse to talk about hygiene.
- Year 3 had a visit from Rev. Charlotte to talk about Christian Baptism in RE.
- Year 3 had a visit from the Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service.
- Year 4 had a visit from Rev. Charlotte to talk about the Trinity in RE.
- Egyptian workshop – children in Year 5 enjoyed a day spent working with Egyptian

artefacts that was led by Shrewsbury Museum and Art Gallery.

- Key Stage 1 Performance – this year’s performance entitled ‘A Miracle in Town’ took place on 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<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 13<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.

## **Clubs**

Throughout the term the following clubs have been running:

Choir – Y5, Y6	Mrs Houghton and Miss Hellin
Computer – Y1	Mrs Palin and Miss Jones
Football – Y2	Mr McDougal and Miss Brechunec
Football – Y3	Mr McDougal and Miss Brechunec
Football – Y4, Y5, Y6 Girls	Mr McDougal and Mrs Asterley
Football – Y5, Y6 Boys	Mr Truscott and Miss Lee
Gym – Y1	Mr McDougal and Mrs Asterley
Kwik Cricket Y5,Y6	Mr Truscott and Miss Lee
MyMaths – Y2, Y3, Y4	Miss Jewsbury and Mrs Yapp
MyMaths –Y5, Y6	Miss Jewsbury and Mrs Yapp
Multi-skills (Sport) – Y1	Mr McDougal and Mrs Angelova
Multi-skills (Sport) – Y2	Mr McDougal and Mrs Angelova
Paper Crafts – Y3	Mrs Wyke and Mrs Quan
Tennis – Y3	Mr Creffield and Miss Preston
Tennis – Y4	Mr Creffield and Miss Preston

## **Music**

The following music lessons have been taking place in school:

- Keyboard
- Guitar
- Violin

## **Sporting Achievements**

Miss Cadwallader writes:

It has been a busy autumn term for Oxon sports teams and individuals, with many clubs taking place and three teams sent to tournaments to represent the school. Unfortunately, the Year 5/6 Tag Rugby event which was due to be held in October had to be postponed due to the horrendous weather at the time – we look forward to seeing how the team gets on later this academic year. We also hope that our pupils will be inspired to follow their sporting dreams as a result of the excellent visit from former pupil and former England Goalkeeper, Joe Hart!

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

Our Girls’ Under 11 Team represented us at the Shrewsbury U11s English Schools’ Football Association tournament on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September. They showed great enthusiasm, worked well as a team, and managed to keep a clean sheet throughout the whole tournament.

Oxon 0-0 St Georges  
Oxon 0-0 Prestfelde  
Oxon 0-0 Trinity  
Oxon 0-0 Meole Brace  
Oxon 0-0 Harlescott Juniors

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

Our Year 6 Boys Football Team played at the Shrewsbury U11s English Schools FA tournament on the 8<sup>th</sup> October. They won two games (with some excellent goals scored according to captain Bobby!), drew three and only lost one game. Unfortunately, they narrowly missed out on reaching the finals on this occasion. However, we are very proud of their efforts!

Oxon 1-1 Meole  
Oxon 0-0 HJS  
Oxon 4-0 St Winifreds  
Oxon 0-0 Trinity  
Oxon 0-1 St Georges  
Oxon 1-0 Oakmeadow

### **School Games Y5/6 Kwik Cricket**

Oxon's Year 5/6 Kwik Cricket Team attended an area tournament at Shrewsbury Sports Village on the 30<sup>th</sup> November. They worked well as a team to field against some strong competition and racked up some high scores through excellent batting performances and some stand-out catches made. The team won two games and drew one in the group stages to come out as winners of their group. They sailed through the quarter-finals and narrowly lost by a mere two points in the semi-final, leaving them with a very respectable third place.

Oxon 68 – 52 Minsterley  
Oxon 60 – 38 Long Mountain  
Minsterley 57 – 57 Oxon

Quarter Final: Oxon 43 – 36 Mereside

Semi Final: Oxon 46 – 44 Oakmeadow

Many congratulations to all of the children who continue to impress in their sporting endeavours outside of school – we are very proud of them all. It is fantastic to see so many children bringing in awards each week to show during our celebration worship. Particular congratulations go to Gianna Filippi, who continues to represent Shropshire Cricket and was awarded Shropshire Cricket U11's Girls' Bowler of the Year – what a fantastic achievement!

We look forward to another term of sporting events and clubs in the upcoming spring term.

### **Facebook**

Our Facebook and Instagram accounts have continued to provide updates on school life during this term. We would be very grateful if you could follow us, share posts and like posts.

Link for Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/OxonCEPrimarySchool>

Link for Instagram:

<https://www.instagram.com/oxonceprimaryschool?igsh=YW03eHF6eHl0YjNi>

Many thanks to Mrs Smith (Year 6) for all her hard work and creativity on this new development. Please see following some of the posts for this term.





Oxon CE Primary School  
24 September · 🌐



A fantastic girls football tournament last night for Oxon with great teamwork and super efforts made by all players. Well done! 🏆



Oxon CE Primary School  
25 September · 🌐



FUN AT THE FARM 🐷🐔🐄🐑

Year 1 had an exciting time at Home Farm meeting all of the animals and learning about farms in the past. 💙





Oxon CE Primary School  
1 October · 🌐



Year Five have had an amazing day with the Shropshire Museums Team, 'Unwrapping Ancient Egypt!' We have taken on the roles of various members of society, embalmed our own mummy and used artefacts to find out what life was like in Ancient Egypt.



Oxon CE Primary School  
1 October · 🌐



Year 2 enjoyed a fantastic visit to [Shrewsbury Museum and Art Gallery](#), where they learned all about The Great Fire of London. They also explored the town centre, looking for Tudor buildings and learning about the interesting street name





Oxon CE Primary School

5 October · 🌐



Year 3 have had fun this week exploring reflection. The challenge was to make the light from the torch hit the glue stick on the opposite side of the white board! 🧡



Oxon CE Primary School

8 October · 🌐



The Year 6 Boys' Football Team represented Oxon at the Shrewsbury U11s English Schools Football Association tournament. They won two games, drew three and only lost one. Unfortunately, this wasn't enough to get them through to the finals but we are very proud of their efforts. Well done boys! 🏆





Oxon CE Primary School

8 October · 🌐



Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness..... Exploring autumn with fun at Forest School 🍏🍏



Oxon CE Primary School

8 October · 🌐



Reception have been busy using materials from Forest School to create autumn-themed self-portraits. This was a lovely opportunity to discuss textures, colours and the changes we see during this season. 🍂



Year 4 enjoyed an informative visit to Shropshire Archives as part of their 'Local Victorians' History topic. Pupils searched census data on computers, handled parish registers, perused workhouse records and explored school logbooks. They were also privileged to see where archives were stored and how they are being recorded digitally. ❤️



Year 2 had fun making advertisements for Traction Man, based on our shared text. They used nouns and exciting adjectives to describe the toy using the Chatterpix app. ❤️



Creativity is contagious, pass it on." – Albert Einstein

Year 6 have been using their sketchbooks to experiment for their final perspective piece. This afternoon they enjoyed using oil pastels to draw their perspective shapes. The next step will be to create their background.

Watch this space for their final pieces before half term. 🎨



Year 3 had an excellent visit to the [Deva Roman Experience](#). They were super recruits to the Roman Army and learnt lots about life in Roman Britain. The children were pleased there were no flamingo tongues or mice in their packed lunches! 💙





Oxon CE Primary School

16 October · 🌐



Year 6 have arrived safely at [Pioneer Centre](#) and the activities have started 💙



Oxon CE Primary School

17 October · 🌐



Day 2 [Pioneer Centre](#).

The sun is shining 💙





Oxon CE Primary School

18 October · 🌐



[Pioneer Centre 2024.](#)

Well done Year 6.

Thank you to all involved in making it such a brilliant adventure 💙



Oxon CE Primary School

20 October · 🌐



Year 2 wanted more minibeasts around the school grounds, so in science they used natural materials and recycled bottles to create some exciting bug hotels. They will be checking in on them over the year to see whether or not they deserve a five star rating!





Oxon CE Primary School

21 October · 🌐



Year 3 enjoyed exploring symmetry when painting their butterflies. The body of the butterfly will be created using a photo of them creating shadows taken as part of our Science topic on Light. 💙

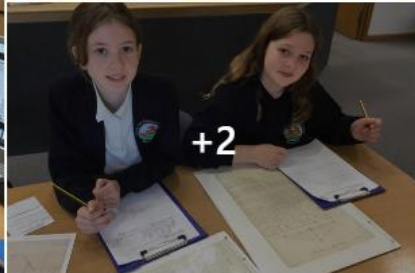


Oxon CE Primary School

22 October · 🌐



Year 6 have been excellent historians today at the Shropshire Archives handling primary resources to investigate what life would have been like as a child working at the Ditherington Flaxmill. Excellent questions asked of the staff at the archives too, well done Year 6. 💙





Oxon CE Primary School

23 October · 🌐



Year 1 have been busy designing, making and tasting their very own fruit salads as part of their D&T work. 🍎🍌🍇🍓🍓🍓



Oxon CE Primary School

7 November · 🌐



Reception children visited Oxon Church this morning. They met Reverend Charlotte, played a game of I-Spy and sang a special song. They also took along a poppy wreath they made for Remembrance day ❤️

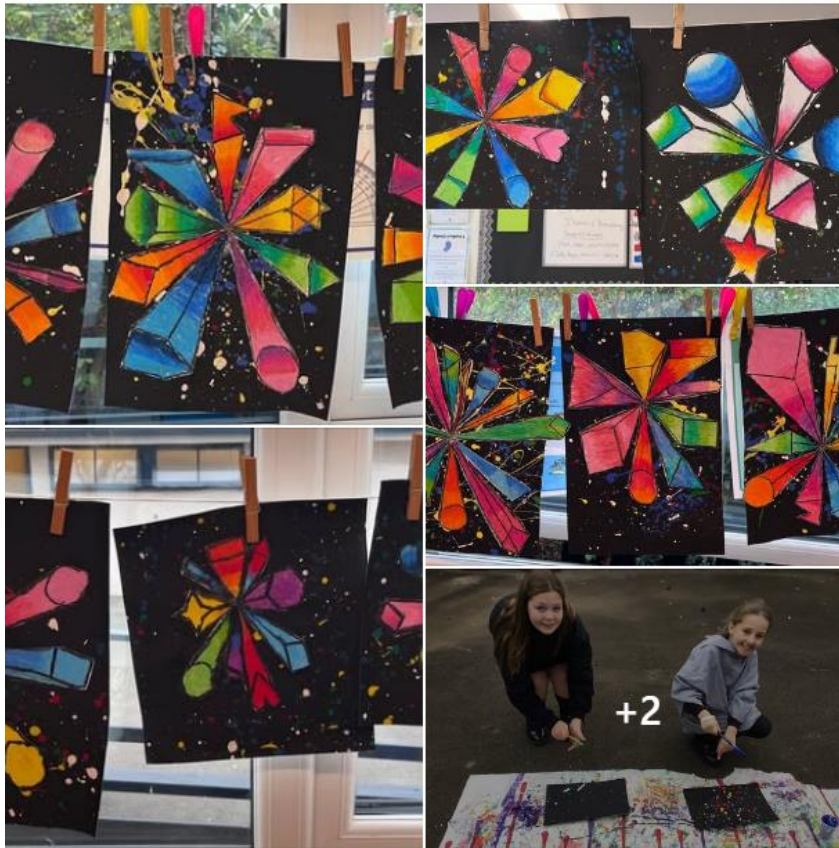




Oxon CE Primary School  
8 November · 🌐



The year 6 perspective art project is complete. ❤️



Oxon CE Primary School  
12 November at 17:15 · 🌐



We were very proud of our Year 6 historians today who visited the [Shrewsbury Flaxmill Maltings](#). Excellent behaviour, brilliant questioning, and the children are now ready to start building their Flaxmills for Design Technology. Watch this space! 🛠️





Oxon CE Primary School  
13 November at 12:26 · 🌐



It is always lovely when former pupils come to visit school. Today Stacy the school nurse visited Reception to talk about the importance of washing our hands and toothbrushing. Derek the dinosaur paid us a visit too, we enjoyed having a go at cleaning his teeth!



Oxon CE Primary School  
14 November at 12:49 · 🌐



Wow what a morning. 🌐

A huge thank you to Joe Hart for officially opening the hall and answering all of the children's fantastic questions.

A morning Oxon will remember forever 💙... See more





Oxon CE Primary School  
15 November at 16:08 · 🌐



Year 4 travelled back in time to experience the sights, sounds and smells of Victorian Life at Blists Hill Open Air Museum. They encountered the butcher, the baker, and even the candlestick maker. Of course, the Victorian School experience ensured they practised their 3 Rs!



Oxon CE Primary School  
20 November at 20:18 · 🌐



Year Five enjoyed a visit to the National Memorial Arboretum. They looked at and learned about lots of war memorials, including a tree for William Harold Coltman and the BLESMA garden for limbless soldiers. They also took part in a World War One Explorer Workshop. They had to work out who the artefacts may have belonged to by using their historical detective skills and then cracked some codes!





Oxon CE Primary School  
21 November at 14:06 · 🌐



Super scientists in year 5 today were separating mixtures using evaporation, sieving, filtering and magnetism. 🧪



Oxon CE Primary School  
28 November at 13:44 · 🌐



We were really lucky to have a fantastic visit from Green Watch from Shrewsbury Fire Service who came to teach us about fire safety at home. We learned about some of the jobs the fire service do, what we can do to help keep ourselves safe and how to call for help if needed. We learnt about the importance of working smoke alarms in our homes. 💙





Oxon CE Primary School

29 November at 13:44 · 🌐



We are very proud of our Kwik Cricket team who came third at their tournament today. They made some fantastic catches, they displayed some great individual batting and fielded well as a team. Well done team! 🏏💙



Oxon CE Primary School

29 November at 16:13 · 🌐



Year 6 have been working scientifically using pulsometers to record time taken to return to resting pulse after exercise. They will graph and analyse the data after having a rest to recover from all the running! 💙





Oxon CE Primary School  
1 December at 13:42 · 🌐



Lots of exciting things have been happening in the hall this weekend in preparation for the KS1 Christmas performance. ❤️



Oxon CE Primary School  
2 December at 17:15 · 🌐



Year 2 were visited today by nurse Mona, who talked to them about good hygiene, before giving them a masterclass in thorough hand washing. ❤️





Oxon CE Primary School

2 December at 17:16 · 🌐



Year 5 enjoyed mixing some reactants together as part of our learning about irreversible changes - the product that was created inflated the balloons! 🍷 😊



Oxon CE Primary School

4 December at 16:52 · 🌐



Christmas Paper Craft 🎄

Year 3 enjoyed making their paper chain decorations in Christmas paper Craft Club. The Christmas songs were playing and we were getting into the Christmas spirit! 🎄





Oxon CE Primary School

5 days ago · 🌐



KS2 had a treat this afternoon watching the KS1 performance. Absolutely brilliant!

We can't wait for you to watch them all next week 💙



Oxon CE Primary School

a day ago · 🌐



Year 3 have been very busy designing and making their own pizzas. There were some amazing designs and very tasty pizzas! 🍕

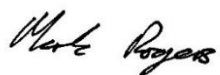


## Summary

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 Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January.

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

Yours sincerely,



Mark Rogers

