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## Newsletter – Spring Term 2016

### Introduction

The spring term has once again been packed with different activities which I am pleased to report about in this letter. Highlights have included the excellent Key Stage 2 production of 'Oliver!' and our choir performing at 'Young Voices' in Birmingham. Sporting highlights have included our indoor athletics team becoming Shrewsbury Champions and representing Shrewsbury at the County School Games and also our boy's football team qualifying for a final in May at Greenhous Meadow. 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.

### Curriculum Development – A brief summary

- **Computing** – We have made a second wave of i-Pad purchases and now have 106 i-Pads available for the children to use. Staff have spent time completing training in their use with children. Part of this took place during the February PD Day when staff worked with an external consultant.
- **English** – You may be aware that formal grammar teaching has much greater prominence in the new National Curriculum. It is important for children to be able to write independently in a fluent, accurate and effective way **and** to be able to complete 'tests' relating to their knowledge of grammar. Getting the balance between these two areas is very important and has led to some adjustments over the last couple of years. Further staff development has taken place in relation to grammar this term.
- **Behaviour Policy** – Our behaviour policy has been reviewed and updated this term. The updated policy is available on the website. Two key principles of our behaviour management strategies are that firstly, any issues are dealt with very quickly before children start to forget what happened. Secondly, that any issues are systematically followed through and that children know that any inappropriate actions will always result in consequences. The updated policy makes some changes to our systems for doing this although the underlying principles remain unchanged. Visitors to the school frequently comment of the high levels of behaviour within school which is indicative of the success of our approaches in this area.



- **Global Learning Partnership** – Our school continues its work as a lead Global Learning Partnership ‘Expert Centre’ for this area/region. Mr Morgan has led further training for Oxon staff and additional training for other schools in this area.

### **Staff Changes**

- Mrs Luther started work as Year 2 Teacher and Key Stage 1 Co-ordinator in January.
- Mrs Houghton, who teaches in Year 2 for three days and Year 1 for one day, started her maternity leave at the end of January.
- Miss Galloway started work in February covering Mrs Houghton’s Year 2 maternity leave.
- Mrs Bowyer started work in February covering Mrs Houghton’s Year 1 maternity leave.
- Mrs Knight, Teaching Assistant in Year 4, started her maternity leave at the end of January.
- Mrs Watkinson started work in February covering Mrs Knight’s Year 4 maternity leave.
- Mrs Taylor joined our office staff in January.

### **Clubs**

Throughout the term the following clubs have been running:

Art – Y1	Mrs Lovatt, Mrs Williams
Art – Y5, Y6	Mrs Smith and Mrs Davies
Basketball – Y3	Sportsjam and Miss Lee
Dance – Y4	Miss Morgan
First Aid	Mrs Sear and Mr Reynolds
Football – Y4, Y5, Y6 Girls	Miss France and Mrs Kolze-Jones
Football – Y4, Boys	Miss France and Mrs Kolze-Jones
Football – Y5, Y6 Boys	Mr Jones
Gym – Y5	Mr O’Hagan and Mrs Lovatt
Gym – Y6	Mr O’Hagan and Miss Lee
Hockey – Y4	Sportsjam and Miss Lee
Mash up Movers – Y1	Miss France and Mrs Dugan
Mash up Movers – Y2	Miss France and Mrs Williams
My Maths Homework Club	Mrs Davies and Miss Jewsbury
Netball – Y5, Y6	Mrs Tamplin and Mrs Hayward
Reflection – Y3	Mrs Shirra
Tennis – Y5	Mr Creffield and Mrs Dugan
Tennis – Y6	Mr Creffield and Mrs Semple

### **Music**

The following music lessons have been taking place in school:

- Strings
- Keyboard
- Guitar
- Percussion

## Visits out of school

- Reception children have visited Weston Park to explore historic toys.
- Year 1 have visited Attingham Park and the local area to support their work about homes.
- Year 1 have visited the church to find out about baptisms.
- Year 2 have visited Liverpool to support their '1960s' history work and their geography focus.
- Year 2 have visited Techniquet in Wrexham to support their science work.
- 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.

## Assemblies, Performances and Visitors to School

- **'Oliver!'** – The performance by Years 3, 4 and 5 was a great success, with fantastic singing and acting. This performance was of the highest standard and contained some exceptional musical and dramatic 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 LG 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.
- **Book Fayre** - We once again held a successful book fayre with commission that will be converted into a significant number of new books for the school.
- **'Stepping Out'** – We were delighted that all our Year 3 pupils 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.
- **'Blue Skies'** – Year 5 enjoyed taking part in a business and enterprise project run by staff from The Priory School.
- **Bookquest** – Year 5 and 6 benefited from a visit by the library staff as part of the Bookquest project.
- **Jon Mayhew** – Year 5 and 6 benefitted from a visit from the children's author Jon Mayhew in February. The children listened to Jon talk about his writing and what inspires him as a writer. They asked him questions about his books. They also had the opportunity to have books signed and dedicated by Jon.
- **'Shrewsbury Bookfest'** – A number of the Year 6 children have taken part in the 'Shrewsbury Bookfest' event. The children have been involved in reading a selection of shortlisted titles. They have had the opportunity to vote for their favourites, participate in a debating workshop, and produce art work linked to the books. The 'Shrewsbury Bookfest' work, links strongly to support reading for pleasure, which is something we see as very important for all the children.
- **Blists Hill Museum** – Year 1 enjoyed working with a member of staff from Blists Hill Museum who brought a collection of Victorian artefacts.

- **Severn Trent** – a speaker from the company led an assembly and worked with Year 5 on issues relating to water.
- Rev. David has visited school each week to take assemblies.
- Mrs Yakhoul spoke to Year 1 about Muslim naming ceremonies.
- Class assemblies have taken place for all Key Stage 1 classes; reception class assemblies will take place next term.
- The school continues to benefit from the volunteer reading scheme.

## **Fundraising**

- **Easter Egg Hunt** – An Easter egg hunt, organised by the PTA, is planned for Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March.

## **Sporting Achievements**

### **Year 5 Indoor Kwik Cricket Competition**

The cricket team enjoyed competing in this brand new competition based on the continuous cricket format. They had fun playing this fast paced game and finished in 4<sup>th</sup> position.

### **Shrewsbury and District School Games Indoor Athletics Competition**

An incredibly close competition saw the athletics team crowned as ‘Shrewsbury and District Champions’ at this well attended event. Children competed in both track and field events and enjoyed success across many of the disciplines involved. It was our success in many of the running events that saw our team win the event overall.

### **County School Games – Indoor Athletics**

What an honour it was to represent our district in indoor athletics at the County School Games. The team competed magnificently against tough opposition. The points we earned were added to the Shrewsbury and District total which was enough to earn 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall - just missing out on 1<sup>st</sup> by three points!

## **Football**

### **Inter-House Y5 and Y6 Football Competition - Boys**

Position	House	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points
1	Green	4	1	1	13
2	Red	2	2	2	8
3	Blue	1	4	1	7
4	Yellow	1	1	4	4

U11 Girls SFA County Plate (2<sup>nd</sup> Round)

Oxon 0 – 1 Harlescott  
Oxon 0 – 0 Oakmeadow  
Oxon 0 – 1 Greenfields

U11 SFA Lloyd Burton County Plate (1<sup>st</sup> Round)

Oxon 0 – 0 Coleham  
Oxon 2 – 0 St Marys  
Oxon 0 – 0 Grange

U11 SFA Lloyd Burton County Plate (2<sup>nd</sup> Round)

Oxon 1 – 0 St John Baptist  
Oxon 0 – 0 Newtown  
Oxon 0 – 2 Radbrook  
Oxon 3 – 1 Meole Brace  
Qualified for final round!

U11 SFA Lloyd Burton County Plate (Final Round)

Oxon 0 – 0 Baschurch  
Oxon 2 – 0 Condoover  
Qualified for semi-final!

U11 SFA Lloyd Burton County Plate (Semi - Final)

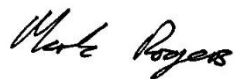
Oxon 1 – 0 Radbrook  
Qualified for the final to be played at The Greenhous Meadow Stadium - magnificent achievement!

**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. The summer term starts on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April.

I trust that you will have a good Easter break.

Yours sincerely,



Mark Rogers