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Newsletter – Summer Term 2022

Introduction

As we reach the end of this term, I am absolutely delighted with all we have achieved during the last twelve weeks. The following section details our Year 6 SAT results that overall exceeded our previous best scores achieved in 2019 and did not dip, as results nationally did. A massive highlight of the term was the outstanding performance of our athletics team that won the Shrewsbury Area Sports competition. We were also delighted to see our Year 5 football team win the Shrewsbury and District U10 Boys Phil Lewis Cup.

Our fantastic arts week, with the theme of 'The Queen's Platinum Jubilee', was extremely well received by children and parents. It included an event where we reflected on the oak tree planted in 1977 for the Silver Jubilee and planted another oak tree to mark the Platinum Jubilee. It has also been great to see the return of sports days, induction for new Reception children and leavers assemblies. I hope this newsletter gives you a flavour of school life this term.



Year 6 Results

We were delighted with the performance of our Year 6 children in the national assessments. Nationally, most results fell by around 5%, presumably as a result of the pandemic and lockdowns. At Oxon we did not see this drop and our results overall were higher than in 2019. The headline accountability measure of children achieving 'expected standard+' in reading, writing and maths is the highest we have ever achieved, surpassing our previous best in 2019. We are absolutely delighted with these outcomes which reflect very well on our remote learning provision during lockdown, our keyworker provision, our 'catch up' provision and the high quality of teaching and learning taking place throughout the school year.

Subject	Percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard: Oxon	Percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard: nationally	Difference
Reading, writing and maths	78%	59%	+19%
English reading	88%	74%	+14%
English grammar, punctuation and spelling	88%	72%	+16%
Mathematics	88%	71%	+17%
English writing	81%	69%	+12%
Science	93%	79%	+14%

Subject	Percentage of pupils achieving the higher standard (Greater Depth): Oxon
English reading	40%
English grammar, punctuation and spelling	48%
Mathematics	36%
English writing	10%

No data currently available for the higher standard nationally in 2022.

Staff Changes

- Mrs Watson, who works in the school office, will leave us at the end of this term to work in a school closer to her home. I would like to thank her for her hard work during her time with us.
- Ms Biggs, Year 3 Teaching Assistant, and Mrs Nolan, Year 1 Teaching Assistant, will leave us at the end of this term. I would like to thank them for their hard work during their time with us.

Clubs

Art Journaling Club – Y6
Athletics Club – Y3
Athletics Club – Y4
Book Club – Y5,6
Choir – Y2 (Shropshire Sings)
Choir – KS2 (Shropshire Sings)
Cricket Club – Y3,4
Cricket Club – Y5,6
Dance Club – Y3
Maths Club – Y5
Mindfulness Club – Y5
My Maths Homework Club
Reflection Prayer Group Y5
Rounders Club – Y6
Rounders Club – Y5
Science Club – Y1
Tennis Club – Y1
Tennis Club – Y2
Tri Golf Club – Y4
Tri Golf Club – Y5,6

Mr Beal, Miss Jones and Mrs Roach
Mr Braddock and Mrs Palin
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Mrs Roach and Mr Beal
Mrs Houghton and Miss Hollis
Mrs Burgess
Mr Braddock and Miss Lee
Mr Braddock and Miss Lee
Mrs Rayment
Miss Eaton
Miss Eaton
Miss Jewsbury and Mr Beal
Mrs Shirra and Mrs Bowyer
Mrs Wright and Ms Biggs
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Miss Barber-Jones and Mrs Nolan
Mr Creffield and Mrs Manterfield
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Mr Braddock and Mrs Wright
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Visits out of school

- Year R have visited Park Hall Farm.
- Year 1 have visited the Severn Valley Railway as part of their history work.
- Year 1 have visited the parish church to explore the church as a place of worship.
- Year 3 have visited Telford as part of their geography work.
- Year 3 have visited Llangollen as part of their geography work.
- Year 5 have visited Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre to carry out a river study as part of their geography work.
- Year 6 have taken part in 'Crucial Crew' at Nesscliffe Camp.

Reception at Park Hall Farm



Year 1 at the Severn Valley Railway



Year 3 on a canal barge at Llangollen



Year 5 River study



Year 6 – after returning from Crucial Crew



Assemblies and Visitors to school

- We were pleased to welcome Bishop Sarah, the Bishop of Shrewsbury, to school in May. She spoke in whole school worship and toured the school.
- Rev Charlotte has visited regularly to lead worship.
- Year 6 have undertaken cycle training courses.
- Year 2 enjoyed a day finding out about Florence Nightingale with a member of staff from the Shropshire Museum Service.
- The Shrewsbury Youth for Christ team have visited to lead an assembly and workshop for Year 6 about transition to secondary school.

Sporting Achievements

Mr Jones writes:

Football

Shrewsbury And District U11 Boys Kerrison Jones Cup

Oxon 0-4 Longden

Oxon 0-8 SCCS

Oxon 0-3 Coleham

Oxon 0-4 St Giles

Shrewsbury And District U11 Girls Cup

Oxon 4-0 Mount Pleasant

Oxon 1-0 Minsterley

Oxon 0-1 Trinity

Shrewsbury And District U10 Boys – Phil Lewis Cup

Friendly

Oxon 6-1 Trinity

First Round

Oxon 1-0 Harlescott

Oxon 0-0 St Giles

Oxon 1-0 Mereside

Oxon 0-1 Greenfields

Qualified for Quarter Final!

Quarter Final

Oxon 1-0 Merside

Qualified for Semi-Final!

Semi-Final

Oxon 3-0 St Giles (AET)

Qualified for Final!

Final

Oxon 2-1 Greenfields

A magnificent result played on the 3G pitches next to Montgomery Waters Meadow. What a proud day for everyone involved – a fantastic team effort!

Our Year 5 Football Team – winners of the Phil Lewis Cup:



Shrewsbury And District U11 Boys Severn Cup

Oxon 0-0 Mereside

Oxon 2-1 Longden

Oxon 1-0 Harlescott

Semi-Final

Oxon 1-2 Oakmeadow

Cricket

Cricket Festival – Meole Brace Secondary School

Oxon 44 – 14 Coleham (Red)

Oxon 63 – 43 Coleham (Yellow)

Oxon 63 – 23 Coleham (Black)

An impressive team performance in both the batting and the fielding – magnificent!

Sayak Mukherjee – Sayak is in our current Year 6 and is a very able cricket player. Sayak plays on a regular basis for the Shropshire county team. Well done Sayak – we will keep following your progress in the coming years!

Athletics

Area Sports

When you travel home from an event singing a song that begins with the lyric – ‘Oh what a night!’ then something special has taken place. That is exactly what I was doing on my way home from the Area Sports this year! The event had returned to the calendar after a Covid enforced break and Oxon took a team of 25 children from across the KS2 year groups all eager to compete... and oh, what a night it was!

I am delighted to say that Oxon secured our first ever win. We are Area Sports Champions 2022! Space precludes me from mentioning all the results from the heats and what follows is a summary of the finals - the scores from which contributed to our winning total.

Team Events

Y3/4 Boys Shuttle Relay Final – Congratulations to Kayden Acheampong, Kevin Ilesanmi, Lewis Richardson, Alfie Barnsley and Thor Philpott (Reserve) for finishing in 2nd place.

Y3/4 Girls Shuttle Relay Final – Congratulations to Chloe Chen, Eva Keenan, Heidi Keyworth and Maisy Nicholls for finishing in 3rd place.

Y5/6 Girls 4x100m Relay Final – Congratulations to Samantha Ilesanmi, Lenah Carter-Price, Phoebe Prophet and Chloe Mirceta-Jones for finishing in 4th place.

Individual Events

Girls – Long Jump – Congratulations to Milly Hall for coming 1st.

Girls – High Jump – Congratulations to Dara Ade-Phillips for coming 1st.

Girls – Turbo Javelin – Congratulations to Mayir Beaman for coming 2nd.

Girls 800m – Congratulations to Chloe Merceta-Jones for finishing in 1st place.

Boys 800m – Congratulations to Finley Hidalgo for finishing in 4th place.

The success on the night was a joy to see with every single member of the team playing their part. What was also noted was the supportive atmosphere between teammates



Other Achievements

- **Arts Week** – We took the theme of ‘The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee’ and the commonwealth. Class teachers planned a wide variety of activities to develop this theme and we invited professional artists to further enhance the week. Some of the work from the week was later displayed at the Severn Hospice. At the front of school, we have a magnificent oak tree that was planted in 1977 for the Silver Jubilee. I think it is fair to say, that most members of the school community didn’t realise this and it was great to uncover the plaque as the whole school gathered on the car park at the end of arts week. It seemed fitting to plant a new oak tree to mark the Platinum Jubilee and to give three very loud cheers to Her Majesty! My thanks 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.



- **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.
- **Beat the Street** – This is a government initiative that has run in many different areas of the country. The Shrewsbury game is underway and due to finish on 10th August. Currently we are placed first in the school leader board – great work everyone, keep going!
- **Shropshire Sings** – This initiative, run by the Shropshire Music Service, involves children from different local schools joining to perform as a huge choir. It was wonderful to see Oxon children taking part in both events that I know were thoroughly enjoyed by children and parents.

Fundraising

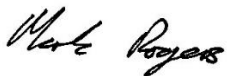
- **Summer Fayre** – We enjoyed a fantastic, well supported, summer fayre. My thanks go to Mrs Gill, her team and all those who worked so hard to make the event such a success. The Fayre raised an amazing £4286.
- **School Disco** – The PTA held two successful discos these events raised over £700.

Summary

The autumn term starts on Tuesday 6th 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 holiday and look forward to seeing you in September.

Yours sincerely,



Mark Rogers