



Oughton Primary & Nursery School

March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

The term appears to be flying by since half term. We have been focusing on our curriculum and adding extra experiences for the children. There have been many 'Wow' days and special events this term so far:

- Nursery Shape Day and Fairy Tale Day—both were great
- Whole School Science Day with Professor Brainworks was fantastic
- Year 5 experimented with their Volcanos as part of their Geography Wow Day
- Year 4 enjoyed their Music/Science day - showing their instruments
- Whole School Junk Orchestra Day with Assemblies and workshops was amazing!
- Reception enjoyed their Artist Day studying Renoir and his paintings.
- Year 2 enjoyed their Victorian Day looking at Victorian artefacts with our visitor from the Hitchin Museum
- Whole School World Book Day - staff and children looked great and the children enjoyed guessing our 'Masked Readers.'

Our special weeks have been successful this term. Wellbeing Week highlighted the 5 Ways to Wellbeing. The children enjoyed cooking, dance, singing and building dens in particular. Healthy Week reminded everyone of the importance of keeping fit, eating healthily and trying new sports. Thank you to everyone who took part in our Daily Mile (or more for some) after school. We raised £77.37 for the British Heart Foundation. Well done to those children and family members who also ran in the morning before the start of the school day.

We are working hard in order to catch up learning at the present time from missed education over the last 2 years. Well done to those members of Silver Birch (Year 6) who came into school over half term as part of our booster sessions, thank you to Mrs Smith and Mrs Lopez who joined me with these sessions. The children were brilliant! Look out Year 6, Easter booster information will be coming out soon! Well done to those children in Year 6, 5 and 4 who are attending extra sessions after school this term. We are seeing the benefit of these extra sessions. Thank you to the staff who are delivering and supporting these sessions.

It was fantastic to see a live Let's Celebrate Assembly this week. Year 2 performed to their family members and their siblings, showing their learning this year. It was great to hear them read out their work, show their Art work, talk about their learning in the curriculum and see their Dance performance too! Well done Year 2!

Please talk to your child each day to discuss what they have learned during the school day. Remember, our school focus is language and vocabulary so any extra discussions around their learning will support this.

Covid-19 update and changes in place

Please continue to follow the Government guidance regarding Covid. Isolation is recommended and needed if a child tests positive for Covid. Siblings can attend school as long as their Lateral Flow Tests are negative. Please continue to keep us fully informed. We have started to return to some elements of the old 'normal' but not fully. We continue to closely monitor cases within school.

Attendance

Please read our Attendance Matters newsletter. It is vital that all children attend school regularly. Our aim is for everyone to achieve 96% or higher. It is noticeable when a child's attendance drops, this has a huge impact on learning as well as friendships. When a child returns to school, the staff work to bridge gaps but as you will appreciate, it is difficult for children to catch up with missed learning.

Remember

Please ensure that you read all ParentMail messages. Please ensure that you update us with changes of phone numbers or email addresses.

Yours sincerely

Lisa Clayton

Headteacher

Please check ParentMail and read all messages sent out.

Calendar

2021 / 2022 dates are on our website.

Tuesday 8th March: Year 1 Great Fire of London Workshop

Thursday 10th March: Year 5 Science Wow Day

Week beg 14th March: Whole School Environment Week

Friday 18th March: Comic Relief Day - person as an inspiration or Superhero, details to follow.

Tuesday 22nd March: Jungle Book Theatre Performance in school.

Wednesday 23rd March: Year 3 DT day

Tuesday 29th March: Year 2 DT Puppet Wow Day

Tuesday 29th March: Year 1 Let's Celebrate Assembly

Friday 1st April: Year 1 DT Playground Day

Governor Update

Sadly, Roz Kench has resigned as our Parent Governor. She has been part of our Governing Body for many years and I would like to thank her for her hard work. We will miss her.

Do you have the skills we are looking for to fulfill this position?
Do you have skills with regard to Health and Safety and/or Finance?
Do you have a desire to work with us to continue to develop the school?

Do you have time to spare to visit and attend evening meetings?

If you would like to know more information about this role and what it entails, please make an appointment to meet with Mrs Clayton.

If you are interested in becoming a Parent Governor, please contact the Office or email admin@oughton.herts.sch.uk and let Mrs Clayton know by **Tuesday 15th March**.