

Oughton Primary & Nursery School

May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term has flown by. We have been so busy with King Charles' Coronation and preparing children for SATS. Our celebration of our King's Coronation within school was lovely - decorated tables, bunting, crowns and we sang the National Anthem. I hope that the children were pleased with their commemorative coins which we bought for them; I hope that they look after this keepsake. Thank you and well done to our Choir, alongside Mrs Murray and Mrs Hibbs who sang a Coronation Song in our special Assembly on this day too.



Yours sincerely
Lisa Clayton
Headteacher

Dates will be published on our school website: www.oughton.herts.sch.uk

Dates

Thurs 25th May: Bottle donation day for our Summer Fair - non-school uniform

Year 5 Volcano Wow Day

Fri 26th May: INSET Day - no children in school.

Half term 29 May - 2nd June

Thurs 8th June: Year 6 River field trip

Wed 14th June: Year 3 trip to Whipsnade Zoo and Year 2 trip to Shuttleworth

Thurs 15th June: Nursery and Reception Wow day - Eat what we grow

Fri 16th June: Chocolate Donation Day for our Summer Fair please - non-school uniform

Sunday 18th June - Wed 21st June: Year 6 residential trip PGL.

Sat 24th June: Summer Fair 11am-2pm

Tues 27th June: Year 3 Roman Day - Dressing up as a Roman

Tues 27th June: Let's Celebrate Nursery Assembly 9:15am

Thurs 29th June: Sports Afternoon Reception to Year 6.

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Save the Children Turkey / Syria Earthquake and Red Nose Day. We raised a total of £212.00 which we split between the two charities.

Thank you to Year 6 LB who decided that they would like to raise money for The Princess Trust by completing a 15 minute sponsored run as part of their PSHE curriculum. They raised £387.50 and along with a loose coin collection in the staffroom, the total sent to The Little Princess Trust was £407.21.

Online Safety

Please ensure that you supervising children playing on games such as Roblox and apps such as TikTok. There are underlying messages portrayed within gaming sites and apps. Please be aware of what your child may be accessing on the internet and who they are talking to. Please read the attached information on Roblox.



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Attendance

Just to remind you, if your child is absent from school, you need to ring and inform us of the reason regarding absence. Please let us know using Arbor or a phone call. At the moment, we are spending a great deal of time chasing Parents regarding this which impacts on the work of our Office staff.

We aim for all children to achieve 96% attendance. Please note, holidays are not authorised and a penalty fine may be issued if your child has 15 unauthorised sessions (one day is 2 sessions). Any child with an attendance below 90% is deemed to be a persistent absentee and medical evidence is requested in order to authorise any further absences. We work closely with our HCC Attendance Improvement Officer and meetings are held to discuss any concerns that we have.

Well done to a member of Year 3 who won our family Attendance Treat - a family trip to a bowling alley.

Celebrating the Arts

This week, we have started our Art celebration. Each class are working hard to produce some pieces of art ready for our Art Exhibition which is being held on Thursday 8th June after school. You will see some pieces of work from across the curriculum as well as some work produced this week and the week after half term.

Remember, there is a home learning competition to create a piece of art around the theme of the dot. The children have looked at a book by Peter Reynolds which tells the story of a dot and how pieces of art evolve around the dot.

This month, our Artist of the Month was King Charles III, who is renowned for his watercolour paintings. We looked at a selection of his paintings in Assembly.

We have discussed how art is a form of relaxation and people develop Art into a hobby.



SATS

I am sure that you have read a lot in the media over the last few weeks about Year 6 SATS. Our Year 6 coped very well with the challenging tests. They have worked hard across the year in preparation and many of the children in Year 6 have 'gone the extra mile' by attending extra Booster sessions after school, before school and in the holidays. Well done Year 6 for showing resilience!

Our Allotment

Thank you to Mrs Woollon and her team of children who have been working hard in our allotment. Year 2 and Year 5 have been visiting the allotment and a group of children work within the allotment at lunchtime. We are growing lettuce, beetroot, leeks, rhubarb, tomatoes, raspberries, peas, courgettes, pumpkins, strawberries, runner beans, spring onions, apples and a selection of herbs. We also have some flower beds if anyone has any plants they would like to donate, please let Mrs Woollon know.

