



Overdale Junior School  
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# Overdale Junior School Newsletter

## June 2016

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### Upcoming events

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June**  
School Reopens

**Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> June**  
Year 6 to the Mosque  
**(CANCELLED)**

**Wed 15<sup>th</sup> June**  
Yr 3 Railway Children Trip

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June**  
Parents' Forum  
(school field) 3.35p.m

Final Kingswood mtg 6pm

**Tues 21<sup>st</sup> June**  
Year 4 Summer music festival  
at De Montfort Hall

**21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> June**  
Charity Week

**28<sup>th</sup> June**  
Sports Day

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June**  
Transition Day

**Weds 6<sup>th</sup> July**  
Open Lunch Invite

**Weds 13<sup>th</sup> July**  
Year 6 Leavers Assembly

### PA events

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June**  
Summer Fete  
12.30 pm – 3pm

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July**  
Leavers Discos (Y2 & Y6)



### **Message from Mrs Hart**

The end to another exciting half term has gone and there has been a real buzz around the school as the children continue to explore new learning. We are very proud of our many achievements in sport in particular the positive attitude the children always have. Likewise we are proud of the way our Year 6 children tackled the SATs tests earlier in May. They demonstrated all our Learning to Learn strategies and we know that each and every one of them did their very best.

When we return there will be just six very busy weeks before the school year draws to an end. Please make sure you get all the crucial dates in your diary including the school fete on the 25<sup>th</sup> June which provides a chance for our school community to come together and enjoy ourselves. See you there!

### **...School Fete – 25<sup>th</sup> June**

As you will have no doubt seen, work is well underway organising the Summer Fete. Many of you will know that during the run up to the day there are lots of requests for help and donations. Please keep an eye out in book bags for the various requests. This is a great time to have a bit of a sort out and pass on some of those unwanted items clogging up the cupboards!

If you can spare some time to help the day before or on the day of the fete please complete the volunteer slip that was in book bags recently. If you don't recall having one you can find it on the school website in the 'Parent's Information/Letters to Parents' section. If you have any queries or suggestions about the day please let the PA know by emailing [overdalepa@gmail.com](mailto:overdalepa@gmail.com), thank you!

### **Diversity Day**

Thank you to everyone for supporting the children to embrace the recent Diversity Day. Particular thanks to those of you who made some time to come and join us on the day for various activities. It was a wonderful day taking the time to learn about each other and share what makes you, you! All the children made a great effort to bring information and items in and even shared some wonderful culinary delights! A great day with lots learned and enjoyed by all, thank you.

### **New PA Social Media Accounts**

In an attempt to spread the word about various PA events new accounts have been set up on Facebook and Twitter. For up-to-date news on events and meetings and a route to better communication generally please follow us on Facebook (OverdalePA) or our Twitter account @Overdale\_PA.

## SATS

Such resilience, determination, great attitude to learning and motivation was shown by every child in year 6 during the recent 4 days of SATS testing. It was a pleasure for everyone involved to witness the approach to the tests the children demonstrated and what huge leaps in their learning they have made this year. You are all amazing!

## Skyride

52 children from year 6 enjoyed a fantastic day cycling to and from The Curve (a total of 9.8 miles) as a celebration for achieving their Level 2 Bikeability. They were entertained by a comedian, a European champion stunt bike rider and were presented with Certificates by the Chief Constable of the Leicestershire Constabulary. Well done to all!

## OJS Get Active!

Congratulations to all children and staff that have been involved in the many sporting events this month. We've had great fun in lots of tournaments and have filled the trophy shelf with yet more awards!

There were over 20 City school teams in the School Games Mini **Tennis** competition which took place at the Knighton Tennis Centre where we entered two teams. Both teams won their semi-finals and had to play each other in the final!

The 'A' team were crowned City Champions and will now go on to represent West Leicester in the School Games Summer Championships where they will face the top teams from the City and County in June. We wish them all the best!

Following great wins in the tennis the boys **football** team continued their run of success playing the schools finals at the King Power Stadium, where 7 other schools attended. Securing a spot in the semi finals which we drew 0-0 in a 10 minute match, but sadly lost on penalties!!

Only three weeks in and the girls football team are also going strong doing well so far on the league table and will keep you posted!

A fantastic time was also had by all at the **Tri-Golf** Competition where we entered a year 3/4 and 5/6 team. Y3/4 did brilliantly in their first competition with an overall score of 672! After some amazing play Overdale Yr 5/6 were crowned as West Leicester Tri-Golf 'Champions' putting them through to the school games championships being held in June.

Our winning streak continued in the **Cricket** Competition at Electricity Sport where 10 other schools participated! One of our teams played 5 games and won all 5, which meant we finished as winners. All children involved were amazing and their ability to work as a team no matter who they were playing against was a pleasure to watch.

All the children that took part in the events were fantastic, had a great attitude and showed fantastic team spirit. Well done!

**Remember we keep you posted of all our achievements with our Twitter account @ojsSport.**

## A Few Reminders...

### Cool Milk

If you pay for cool milk please remind your child to collect it from the office at break time. We are left with the majority of milk uncollected each day despite continued reminders to the children.

### Lunch Boxes

Please remember to collect your lunch box at the end of the day from the Browett entrance, especially on Friday as food is going off in the lunch bags. Also remember those healthy choices please, no sweets, chocolate or fizzy drinks, Thank you!

### HEADLICE

There are still a number of headlice cases being reported. Please take the time to check your child/ren and treat the **whole** family accordingly. Thank you.

