



Overdale Junior School
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Overdale Junior School Newsletter

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Message from Mrs Hart

As another school year draws to an end it is a time to reflect on all we have achieved together. It has been a year to remember having achieved so much success in sport and having more children than ever get involved in clubs, the joy of being presented our Food for Life award, the opening of our sensory garden and only this week learning that not only have we achieved our bronze and silver awards for Ecoverdale but also have been awarded the highest achievement of all The Green Flag. Well done Mrs. Scott and the team. We are so proud of the achievements of our children. It was with a tear in our eye that we watched the Year 6 performance. It was stunning. We wish all of those who move on from Overdale the best of luck and look forward to hearing about their future success.

Upcoming events

Friday 15th July

School Closes
(at end of school day)

Tuesday 30th August

School opens (Autumn Term)

Please refer to the school website for Term Dates, including updated teacher days through the school year.

PA events

Thursday 14th July

Leavers Discos (Y2 & Y6)

Thursday 15th Sept

PA Mtg/AGM



Cut down line to detach events list

Charity Week

Every year the children immerse themselves in creating and running the most imaginative stalls to raise money for Overdale

Charity Week where the proceeds go to both local and national charities (voted for by the children). This year was no different with lessons tailored to support the children to think about charitable causes, stall ideas, pricing strategies, fund-raising targets and handling money to name but a few. Thank you to everyone for supporting them to embrace charity week yet again this year. Our overall total was an amazing £1335.20 to be shared between Leicester Hospitals Charity, Cancer Research UK and Water Aid.

School Fete – 25th June

And charity week ended in style with the Summer Fete which was enjoyed by many Overdale families/friends and beyond! Huge thanks to everyone involved in the arrangements before and on the day itself, it really couldn't be achieved without this great team effort.

We were extremely lucky to avoid the heavy downpours that were forecast, which meant all planned activities went ahead unaffected. All the 'old favourite' stalls were as popular as ever with the Olympic Challenge also being enjoyed by many.

A final figure will be made available at the Parents Association AGM in September (when final ice-lolly sales and match funding figures are complete) but early figures are showing that approximately £7k has been raised, an amazing achievement!

If you have any feedback or suggestions about the day please let the PA know by emailing overdalepa@gmail.com it would be very much appreciated. Or jump on board the organising committee for next year, details will be available at the beginning of next term in readiness for the AGM on September 15th.

STEM day at Leicester High School for Girls June 2016

18 girls from Years 4 & 5 attended a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) day at Leicester High School for Girls recently. They took part in many activities during the day including making a sound sandwich, using a micro:bit (currently used in Year 7 Computing lessons) and lighting a Bunsen burner for the first time to do some experiments. The children had an amazing day and were a credit to the school in terms of their resilience, trying new things and excellent behaviour. Well done!

OJS Continued Sporting Successes!

With so many sporting successes this term a dedicated newsletter was needed to do it justice. Please see the separate Sports Newsletter that should have come home too!

Year 4 DeMontfort Summer Festival

The whole of the Year 4 had a wonderful time performing their brass instruments on the stage at De Montfort Hall. This year, the whole of Year 4 have been learning to play a brass instrument which included cornets, trumpets, French horns, baritones and pbones (trombones). The children have been taking their instruments home and enjoyed practicing with their families keenly listening in. To finish off a fabulous year, we performed in one of the music service's concerts on the grand stage at De Montfort hall with hundreds of other pupils. It was a wonderful experience playing brass instruments together in front of a huge audience. I'm sure it will be an experience none of Year 4 will ever forget and it has been great fun learning to play something different.

Transition Day – Moving on

Moving on up! Moving from the Infants to the Juniors can often be a daunting time, but also one full of excitement and wonder. This year, we have taken a new approach to transition from Yr2 to Yr3 and we hope that the year round activities offered gave the children in Yr2 a taster of life at the Juniors and helped to expel some fears about the size of the building, outdoor areas and of course the scary teachers! Some of our transition activities have included: Funtastic Club, Yr3 attending the Yr2 Christmas show, Yr2 attending Yr3 class assemblies, Yr 2 using OJS playground at playtime, Yr 2 tour of OJS (Led by Yr 3 children), Yr 2 tour of OJS with a Yr 2 teacher, Yr 3 Ambassadors and School Council visit OIS for 'question time', Yr 3 develop 'Life in Year 3' homework projects for Yr 2 children, Yr 2 spend the afternoon with their Yr 4 buddies at OIS, and visit OJS for Lower School Assembly with Mrs Hart & Mrs Collins then 'Stay and Play' and OJS children perform a musical extravaganza at OIS. Yr 2 parents have an information evening at OJS and Yr 3 teachers spent the afternoon in Yr 2 classes. Yr 3 and Yr 2 teachers met for an official handover of child specific information, Transfer day (Yr 2 children come to OJS) and finally, Yr 3 attended the Yr 2 Summer show!

We have had an incredibly busy year, but one which we hope has given the Yr 2 children a taster of Overdale life and left them feeling excited and confident about the start of their new learning journey. We cannot wait to welcome our new Yr 3 children in August and look forward to a fabulous year of learning. Thank you to all staff from Overdale Infants and Overdale Juniors who have been involved in the transition process.

(Year 3 teachers)

Well it's that time of year again when we have to bid farewell to our amazing year 6s! We are extremely proud of the way they have conducted themselves this year. They have worked with enthusiasm and creativity to meet the demands of the new curriculum. Their end of year leavers performance showcases how they have grown in confidence during their time at Overdale. We wish them all the best in Secondary School. They will be missed!

(Year 6 teachers)

Have a great Summer Break!

After an action-packed term we break for the Summer holidays on Friday 15th July. School is open for teacher days only on 24th – 26th August with the children returning after the bank holiday on Tuesday 30th. Enjoy a safe and fun-filled summer holiday whatever you are up to!

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 the last day of term!

PA Social Media details

For up-to-date news on PA events and meetings please follow us on Facebook (OverdalePA) or the Twitter account @Overdale_PA.