



Overdale Junior School
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Overdale Junior School Newsletter

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Dates for the Diary

Tues. 27th February
Parents Evening/Parents
Forum (drop-in)

Wed. 28th February
Parents Evening/Parents
Forum (drop-in)

Thurs. 1st March
World Book Day

Mon. 19th March
School Photos

Friday 23rd March
School closes for Easter
break

Monday 9th April
School re-opens

PA events

Friday 16th March 7p.m.
Adult Quiz (Juniors Hall)

Thursday 22nd March
Cake Sale (Infants Hall)

Friday 18th May
Family Bingo (Juniors Hall)



Cut down line to detach events list

Message from Mrs Hart

The first half term has positively whizzed by with us all being immersed in this term's theme "Extreme environments". As I have gone around the school I have been transported from the Amazon to Deep Blue Sea. It has been great to see all the wonderful writing that the children have been inspired to produce as a consequence. Many of our Year 4 children have been published on Pobble, giving them a global audience for their work.

Also as a school we have been focusing on "Teaching for Mastery" so that children become experts in their learning and can explain their methods to others. Mr Ellis and Miss Smith have been leading training on this in maths throughout the school. This has shone through when showing guests around our school, I have been really proud of how children have been able to discuss what they have been learning and how keen they have been to share their work.

Thank you as ever for all your support and we look forward to discussing your child's progress with you after the half term break during our Parent/Carer Consultations during the week of Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th February.

NSPCC - Numbers Day

What a great success Maths day turned out to be. We raised nearly £200 for the NSPCC! Children spent the day tackling 'maths of the day' problems, trying to beat a class on TT Rockstars and worked together in groups to create a robot that could launch the furthest. We then finished the day off with who wants to be a mathionnaire where the children beat the teachers in a 10 question quiz. (It did go to a tie breaker which was; how many seconds are in a year?).

Thank you for supporting the children with their dressing up and for your kind donations.

Overdale wildlife

The OJS wildlife camera has produced some wonderful images of our nocturnal wildlife. Mrs Scott carefully positioned the camera to capture badgers and foxes which love to wander our grounds throughout the night. The pupils have enjoyed seeing the badger sett holes develop over the last few weeks and they have been very respectful of these protected creatures.

Aren't we lucky to have such fantastic grounds? Please visit the school website news section for more badger updates!



Fantastic Football results!

We took 8 girls and 8 boys to a boys and girls football tournament organised by the Premier League at Aylestone FC. The winners go into the play offs to represent LCFC in a finale at the King Power stadium against 19 other schools from across the country.

The girls went first and showed great determination and spirit. They managed to achieve 14 points from their 6 games (4 wins and 2 draws). This points total meant they qualified to the next phase of fixtures. The boys went next and just like the girls showed great determination and spirit. They also managed to match the girls with their results, 4 wins and 2 draws. They have also made it through to the next phase of fixtures. A huge congratulations to all the children who showed by having passion and playing for each other, anything can be achieved!

The next round, to take place at Wreake Valley, will be on February 21st.

Promoting Cycling

Active travel is very important for children. Not only does it help keep them healthy and happy, it also helps them to do their bit to combat air pollution and climate change. Because of this, the school is very pleased to be working with Sustrans to encourage safe cycling. Sustrans has recently run two 'Dr. Bike' sessions which were very popular. Between the two dates, over 60 bikes were checked and repaired. More 'Dr. Bike' sessions will likely be coming later in the year. Also starting soon are some cycle skills lessons for year 4 children. These will run after school and are primarily aimed at children who currently can't ride or who lack confidence. These sessions are on a 'first come, first served' basis and letters have gone out about these already.

As if that wasn't enough, Danni from Sustrans is working with the children of EcOverdale club to help encourage more cycling to school. There are going to be 'bike breakfasts' for those children who cycle on certain days as well as bike counts. EcOverdale arranged a vote and the winning name for this scheme is 'Two-wheel Tuesdays'. More details will be going out very soon. We would like to thank Danni and the Sustrans gang for their ongoing support.

Young Voices Trip

We were very proud of the 51 children that we took to the Young Voices concert in January. They showed true Overdale Values throughout the day and sang their hearts out!

They enjoyed the rehearsal and meeting all the guest stars that were singing with them. In the performance there were 5,558 children singing altogether and the sound they produced was absolutely incredible! Well done to all the children involved, you are all superstars! Your hard work and dedication to the choir was evident in your fantastic singing!

Notices & Reminders...

Bike Found!

If you are missing a silver 'Scoot' balance bike please see the Junior school office.



Lunch Boxes

Please remember to collect your lunch box at the end of the day, we still find some left in the dining hall!
Thank you!



Headlice!

Please take the time to check your child for headlice. We are experiencing recurring cases in particular classes. It is important to keep checking regularly therefore. Many thanks.



House Points

Team Oak are enjoying a non-school uniform day to celebrate their achievement of having the most house points so far. Keep going everyone else and try to catch them up!

Elder 1846 **Hawthorn** 1669
Oak 2078 **Willow** 1772
Yew 1579



Enjoy a wonderful Half-Term break everyone!