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Dates for the Diary

Tues. 12th June

Parents Forum Picnic
(3.40 – 4.20p.m.)

Monday 18th June

Charity Day 1 (TBC)

Tuesday 19th June

Charity Day 2 (TBC)

Monday 25th June

SEN Coffee Morning 9.15a.m.

Wed 27th June

Sports Day

Friday 29th June

Kingswood Final Payment due
(current Yr5 only)

Tues 3rd July

Transfer Day

Friday 13th July

School closes for summer

PA events

Every Friday!

Frozen Friday
3.20p.m – 3.45

Saturday 23rd June

12.30 – 3.00p.m.
Summer Fete

Thursday 12th July

Leavers discos
Yr 2 (5.30pm) /Yr 6 (7pm)



Cut down line to detach events list

Message from Mrs Hart

May has brought with it the sunshine and it has been lovely to be able to enjoy all that our very special school environment offers. It has been really evident when showing guests around our school how much learning takes place outdoors. On any given day children are using all the space for PE, Science, Forest Schools and creative learning.

Only recently we had thirty students from Manor High School working with our Year 5s to investigate forces. After an introductory assembly, planning and making time back in class they took to the field for the launch. It was a rocketing success!

Throughout June we will be supporting the Wildlife Trust initiative: **30 Days Wild**



Edie Witcombe and Elysia Armstrong, along with former OJS pupil Isobel Oliver, have been selected as ball crew for the ATP's Loughborough Challenger event running from 19th - 27th May that sees players from the top 300 including top British tennis stars Dan Evans, Alex Ward and Marcus Willis competing for a £100k prize.

Finally I would like to say how proud I am of our Year 6 children who took their SATs during the week of 14th May. They approached this time with the same determination and dedication that they show in all they do. As we all know these tests in no way demonstrate all their many personal achievements in so many areas of school life and beyond but I was especially proud of the care and support they showed one another.

Gurdwara Trip

On Thursday 26th April, Year 3 visited a Gurdwara in Oadby and met Mr Singh. We visited the Gurdwara to celebrate the end of our RE work all about Sikhism and to find out more about our Sikh friends and their place of worship. Here are some things we did at the Gurdwara:

We had to cover up our heads and take off our shoes to show respect.

- We ate some yummy pakora's prepared by Mr Singh and his friends. The sharing of food is very important to Sikh's and is prepared in the kitchen or the 'Langhar'.
- We walked quietly along a carpet to the holy book (Guru Granth Sahib) and some of our Sikh friends bent down and bowed to it.

Mr Singh shared a Powerpoint with us that he had prepared all about Sikhism - it was very useful and interesting. He told everyone that they are always welcome at the Gurdwara. In the Powerpoint, Mr Singh told us that everyone should be treated equally no matter if they are rich, poor, BIG, small, male or female and we thought this was very interesting and important. We all had a great morning and would like to thank Mr Singh for inviting us

By Florence Davies and Tilly Witcombe 3EM

Congratulations.....and Thank you!

Huge congratulations to Mr Ellis for completing the London Marathon in April and raising money for two local young boys needing treatment and ongoing physiotherapy to help them walk.

"I would like to thank everybody who donated to my London Marathon Just Giving page. The cake sale and your kind donations meant I was able to raise £1842, an amazing amount which will help the boys with their continued physiotherapy expenses. Thank you all again". **(Mr Ellis)**

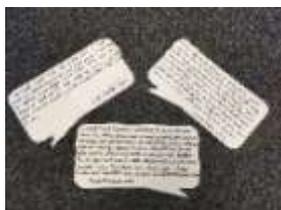
Think Tank

By Freddie and Harman 6E



Think Tank was Spectacular! There were loads of incredible things including: a remote control robot that can interact with the user, an amazing science garden with physical activities and an array of superb fossils and facts about interesting wildlife. The remote control robot was linked to an ipad and with it, you can control what the robot did [you could even make it sing opera]. There was also a drumming robot, that when the ipad connected to it

the drums in the order of which you pressed them. The science garden consisted of three parts but the best thing was an air pressured bottle that shot up and sprayed water amongst the garden. The fossils were also very interesting, and with facts beside them it made them very easy to interpret what they were. The best though, were the bones of a dolphin placed in the ground and covered by a glass panel which you could walk over. Overall, the trip was a brilliant experience and it has stimulated us to be creative in our learning.



House Points

Team Oak is currently holding a clear lead on house points. Keep going everyone else and try to catch them up!

| Elder | Hawthorn | Oak | Willow | Yew |
|--------------|-----------------|------------|---------------|------------|
| 2824 | 2591 | 3286 | 2633 | 2629 |

Notices & Reminders...

Be prepared for the weather!

Please make sure your child is prepared for those sunny days. Apply sun-cream before school and bring a cap/sun-hat for outdoor lessons/play times. And not forgetting those extra bottles of water too!



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 still experiencing recurring cases in particular classes. It is important to keep checking regularly therefore. Many thanks.



**Enjoy a wonderful
Half-Term break everyone!**



Pets as Therapy - Introducing Bella!

We have recently been lucky enough to be asked to take part in the Reading to Dogs programme. Thanks to all the parent/carers that have returned permission slips for children to read with our reading dog Bella. It has been lovely to see how positively the children have reacted to Bella being in school. We are hoping that she will be able to hear many of these children reading over the coming term. Thank you to Afra Kelsall for bringing Bella into school and providing the children with this opportunity.

Poetry Slam



On Tuesday 22nd May, 4CDL and 4 children from other Year 4 classes spent the day at the Y Theatre for the 'Powerful Words Poetry Slam' as part of the Spark Arts Festival. This was a celebration event following a teweek project, where poet Owen Craven-Griffiths has been working with the children on poetry.

At the Poetry Slam, the children all performed their poems in groups on stage in a friendly competition with children from 3 other schools. Overdale were delighted to win the Performance Award and brought back a trophy to display. The children's poems were also published in an anthology and all children completed an Arts Award Qualification.

Huge congratulations to Scarlett Tannahill who was awarded the position of school Poet Laureate for showing a variety of skills, knowledge and passion throughout the project. Scarlett was invited to take part in 'Poems to Go' at the Curve theatre with Owen as part of their Family Day and Owen will also be returning to the school in the Autumn Term, to support Scarlett in writing a poem for National Poetry Day. Well done to all of our young poets!

Wildlife Update



We have sad news. Our wildlife camera has been stolen over the last weekend.

Since we bought it in January, the children have enjoyed seeing video and photos of the wildlife within the school grounds: badgers, foxes, squirrels and birds. We have set the camera up in the spinney, in various locations, and observed the variety of animals which live in and visit our environment. Sadly, whilst the camera was set up next to the brook to record the next chapter in the life of the badgers, the camera was taken. If anyone knows anything about this, or hears rumours of new wildlife camera acquisitions, please do let us know!



Overdale Sports Update – May 2018

Fantastic Football results!

The Year 5/6 football team finished second in division 1 meaning we go into a playoff at the LCFC training dome, with the winners playing at the King Power. We have also made it through to the third round of the Leicestershire Schools FA cup, beating Launde 3-0 in the previous round.

Having only lost 2 games this season, the team has shown a real togetherness and it has been a pleasure to see them all develop as leaders and players. Thanks for your continued support.

(Mr Ellis and Mr Cross)

Netball

2 Netball teams took part in the city schools league throughout March at Sir Jonathon North Community college. Both teams played extremely well showing how much their netball skills have developed over the last year. One team finished 2nd in the group stages and qualified for the finals day at Soar Valley Community college.

Their performance was great, they scored plenty of goals and captain Edie Witcombe led the team to a very respectable 8th place out of the original 42 teams that entered. Well done to all involved!

A further netball article Written by Frank Hinsley 6W

This spring, Overdale Junior School entered Leicestershire Schools netball competition.

OJS brought two netball teams one lead by Edie and one by Annabelle.

Edie led the team to seventh place competing against forty two teams representing east and west Leicestershire Schools. Annabelle, who was captain, helped the team to win one game.

We all played extremely well considering what stage we were at last year and how far we have come in the past year. We have developed our team and netball skills and we are ready to pass on our knowledge to the year five and fours.

(Frank) I have been doing netball for 2 years now and it has been an amazing experience and I have been taught a lot by Chloe and Mrs Chalk; who have been amazing throughout.

Edie's team: Frank, James, Edie, Sarah, Elysia, Grace, Sophie, Elsa

Annabelle's team: Nyah, Annie, Isla, Ariana, Nancy, Bani, Annabelle.

Cricket

Our mixed cricket team took part in the west city Kwik cricket competition at Wyggeston and QE college. They had an excellent day in the sunshine, narrowly missing out on a place in the final and eventually finishing 4th overall. Well done cricket team – you did us proud.

Tennis

Our Year 3/4 mixed mini Tennis teams put on Wimbledon style performances at the west city competition last Thursday afternoon. Two teams of 4 children, 2 girls and 2 boys, participated, both teams hardly dropping a point. One of our teams didn't lose a single game and progressed to the finals where they had a nail biting finish. In the end they comfortably won the final and now will represent west Leicester at the county championships taking place in June – We can't wait!

Well done all, Andy Murray would be proud!



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