



Overdale Junior School
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Overdale Junior School Newsletter

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Dates for the Diary

**14/10/19 – Half Term
Holiday**

**21/10/19 – Children back
to school**

**22/10/19 – Y3 Stone Age
Dress up day**

**25/10/19 – Y5 WW1 Dress
up day**

**28/10/19 – 4BW/4S trip
to Botanic Gardens**

**29/10/19 – 4W/4CL to
Botanic Gardens**

**29/10/19 – Y6 SAT's
meeting for parents (time
to be confirmed)**

**31/10/19 - Individual
School photos**

**04/11/19 – Y5 Reading
meeting for parents (time
to be confirmed)**

**26/11/19 – Flu
Immunisations**

PA events

**24/10/19 – Cake sale in
Infant School hall**



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Message from Mrs Hart

It's been an absolutely exceptional start to the school year. All of our pupils have settled in to their classes really well which has been recognised during our recent Parents'/Carers' Evening meetings. These were very well attended; with so many positive comments from you all. Going around the school gave me the opportunity to hear about individual's achievements outside of school. We would love to hear more about these so we can celebrate them in our Achievement Assemblies which take place on alternate Mondays. Congratulations to all of those that have been awarded an Ambassador fleece this half term. They have embodied many of our school values. Please take the time to talk to your children about the Overdale Values and how they can demonstrate them at school.

Mrs Hart

Y6 Kingswood Residential

The Year 6 children who attended the residential had an absolutely amazing experience. They challenged themselves, pushed themselves higher and stretched their nerves beyond all expectations. We were so proud of the efforts and kindness of all the children. Being away from home, for many for the first time, is never easy but every child had fun and grasped the experience (as well as the high ropes) with both hands.

The weather was great! We spent time on the beach and paddled in the sea. leapt from ropes and platforms, discoed and partied throughout the evening, learnt trust and determination and slept, exhausted at the end of the week.

Through a lens

Our whole school theme 'Through a Lens' has provided the children with the opportunity to think deeply about their learning this term. Each year group has been excited to reveal their chosen image and use this to drive learning across the curriculum. It has been wonderful to travel around school listening to children talk so positively about geography, science, history and art (to name a few subject areas!) as well as continuing to develop a love of learning in maths and English. P4C lessons have challenged the children to think more critically this term and we look forward to further developing our enquiring minds as the school year progresses. New to school this term are our 'Use it or Lose it' sessions, which the children are enjoying - these sessions give children the chance to demonstrate their understanding of and recall any knowledge previously learnt. Watch this space for the next phase of our 'Through a Lens' journey.

Coat/waterproof

Please can every child have a waterproof coat in school every day? We do aim to get the children outside for fresh air both break time and lunch time even if it is cold or slightly drizzling. I must remind you that the school fleeces and jumpers are not waterproof despite the children try to convince us that they are.

Harvest

Thank you to everyone who made a contribution to the food collection to celebrate Harvest. We had a great Harvest Assembly with visitors Rev Gough and a representative from the Wigston Food Bank. They were overwhelmed by the amount of food donated which filled their van. It will all be put to good use over the next few weeks. It shows once again how the Overdale community care for the world we live in.