

# Newsletter

## March 2024



Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Governors,

It was fantastic to see such a good turn out for our KS2 singing event today. The children sang beautifully and the readers read very confidently; it was a treat to hear a pupil reading a spring poem in Spanish. As I said after the event, it was lovely to hear the children sing so well and this is an area that we will continue to develop with our weekly Super Sing sessions. Some of the residents from Oulton Manor Retirement Home came to watch the rehearsal yesterday; they were very complementary about the children and I know that this visit really lifted the spirits of the residents who attended.

Today, Miss Cooper and I had the pleasure (and very hard task!) of judging the design an egg competition. We could have easily chosen several winners in each age group. The imagination and hard work that was put into every design was amazing. It was fantastic to see that many children had drawn inspiration from the topics that they have been doing in class. Thank you to all those who joined in. Our winners were: EYFS- Harley; KS1- Edith; LKS2- Ted; and UKS2- Ava. They each received a wooden craft set- thank you to POPS for supporting this competition.

There has been a buzz around the school this week as the children eagerly awaited the results of the 'Gunge an Adult' vote. The three finalists were announced on Tuesday with me, Miss Brown and Mr Westmoreland poised to be gunged. Thankfully, the children made the right decision in voting for Mr. Westmoreland. After all, he has gunged lots of adults in the past!

I hope that you all have an enjoyable and safe Easter break and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April. **Mr Horton.**

### **Good Luck**

Both Miss Barrett and Mrs Saville have left school today to commence their respective maternity leaves. On Monday, we presented both members of staff with a selection of baby goodies and presents which we know will come in useful. We wish both Miss Barrett and Mrs Saville the best of luck with their new arrivals and we look forward to meeting the babies.

### **Parents' evenings**

It was great to see so many parents at our recent parents' evenings. If you were unable to make it and would like to discuss your child's progress, please email their year group email or call the office and teaching staff will arrange a convenient time/method of meeting with you.

Thank you to all those parents who completed our parental survey. If you have not yet done so, you can still complete it [here](#).

### **World Autism Acceptance Week**

Last Monday, held an autism awareness assembly as next week is World Autism Acceptance Week. At Oulton, we meet the needs of a range of children and celebrate our differences; our children are supportive and accepting of each other which is fantastic. For further resources for parents of children with autism, you may wish to visit the following website: <https://www.autism.org.uk/>

### **Comic Relief Fundraising**

Thank you to Pupil Voice for coordinating our Comic Relief events. There certainly was a lot of crazy hair on display! Thank you for your support and generosity for this worthy cause. A final figure will be provided in my next newsletter.



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### Parking and road safety

Please see the separate email I sent earlier today regarding dangerous driving and parking on the local roads around school. **As stated, I implore all parents and carers to park safely and considerately before one of our pupils is injured- it could be your child who is seriously hurt or worse for the sake of a slightly shorter walk to the school gate.**

### School Trips

We have a busy term of trips and visits: Y4 went to Whitby for 3 days/2 nights. This is the first time we have taken the children to Whitby on residential and they were a credit to the school. They enjoyed a packed itinerary including a town trail, jet polishing, a boat trip, a beach visit, a storyteller and re-enacting a Viking battle. We are already looking forward to booking this trip again for next year. The Y3/4 children who are stayed at school had a Viking themed day and a workshop ran by a Viking (who was quite fierce!).

Year 1 and 2 visited a very muddy Lotherton Hall on two trips but they had a lot of fun. Miss Brown, Mrs Hoskin and Mrs Greaves and the school choir sang their hearts out at 'Young Voices'; It was a very late night but we had lots of positive feedback.

Reception pupils visited Askham Bryan Wildlife and Conservation Park. Again, they were a credit to our school and had a fantastic time.

Mr James has emailed the current Y5 pupils to inform them that unfortunately, Bradford Council have decided to sell Ingleborough Hall. We are still unsure if our October booking will go ahead at the centre. However, we will be booking a different residential for the Y5s and future year groups if Ingleborough's new owners do not continue to offer residential; I think the hope is that someone will buy the building and business and continue to provide the same experience. An update will be provided when we know more.

### Sporting Events

Today, Mrs O'Halloran and Mr Braid took a small group of children to a Pickleball event. The children were extremely keen to take part and showed fantastic determination during the event.

Sadly, the planned Leeds School's Cross-Country event was cancelled due to bad weather. However, using the qualifying times from the last heat, two of our pupils were selected to represent Leeds at the West Yorkshire School's competition. Despite not qualifying to represent the county in the next stage, they both gave impressive performances and finished ahead of many competitors in their respective races. Well done to both of these pupils.

### Opening and Bank Holidays

School reopens on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April. A reminder that school will be closed on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May for the May Day Bank Holiday.

### Upcoming Events

29 <sup>th</sup> March-14 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Break- School Closed
15 <sup>th</sup> April	School Opens
6 <sup>th</sup> May	May Day Bank Holiday – School Closed
13 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATS (Statutory)
25 <sup>th</sup> May-2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Summer Half Term- School Closed
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	School Opens
10 <sup>th</sup> - 14 <sup>th</sup> June	KS1 Phonic Checks (Statutory)



