

Oyster Park Primary School

Newsletter 29

26th May 2017



Thank you!



On behalf of our staff we would like to take this opportunity to thank parents and carers for your continued support, especially over the last half term. As a staff team we are dedicated and committed to ensuring that the children of Oyster Park Primary School are provided with the opportunities to grow and achieve. The importance of your support is immeasurable and we hope you will continue to support us on our journey.

Parent Questionnaire Feedback

Firstly, we would like to thank you for completing and returning the parent questionnaires handed out during our last parent's consultation evening. Your responses are vital to supporting us in our pursuit for continuous improvement and to support us to provide the best learning experiences and opportunities for your child. As a result of your feedback and suggestions we will be implementing new homework procedures after half term.

Homework

In line with our multi academy trust schools, we aim to provide children with homework that supports their learning and their classwork. Homework refers to any work or activities which pupils are asked to do outside of lesson time, whether on their own or with the support of an adult. However, homework activities are of greatest value to the children if they are talked about and encouraged at home.

Our aim is to maximise the quality of our pupils' learning. Activities set for home will be reinforcement of something that has already been taught during the week. Children may be asked to do research for the next topic or produce their learning in a variety of creative ways.

Children are expected to read at home regularly whatever their age. By discussing their reading with an adult and talking about the story line or information, children are able to also develop their comprehension skills as well as their ability to read the words. Our children who read regularly at home are those who are most confident when reading in school. Homework will begin after half term. Please see details for specific year groups on the letter sent out today.



Elite Festival

On Wednesday this week, 37 children from Years 2, 3, 4 5 and 6 represented our school at the Elite Sports Festival, which took place at Lock Lane Sports Centre. All children who attended demonstrated great teamwork and sportsmanship on the day. Teachers and parents present at the event, felt extremely proud of all of the children's outstanding performances. Our dancers impressed the judges with their creativity and agility and the Rugby team beat five other teams to sail through to the final. After a 'nail biting' match, they narrowly lost to Airedale Junior school in the final. All players demonstrated high levels of fitness as they had to play four matches one after the other, which was challenging on such a warm day. Their defence was particularly impressive and was solid throughout the competition. It wasn't only the children who excelled on the day; Mr Forsyth was breaking teacher records, coming home with the fastest teacher time for the sprint competition! Well done Mr Forsyth! One day if he keeps practising, he might be fast enough to beat Miss Lochman! We would like to say a big thank you to all the parents who came to support us, especially to Mr Millington and Mrs Egley who coached the Rugby team throughout.



Bowling

It has been a very busy half term for our hard-working Year 6 children, teachers and support staff with the focus on revision and the SATS exams. So we thought they were more than deserving of a day of Bowling and drinks to relax, mingle and have some fun! Everyone had a great time, with even a few strikes scored.



New Website



We would like to inform you about our brand new school website. We have created the website to keep parents up to date with school news and notices, and to showcase some of the great things our children are achieving. The website will be updated regularly so check back for new additions.

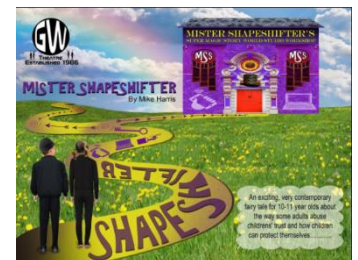
<http://www.oysterpark.co.uk/>

Safeguarding – Year 6 Mister Shapeshifter Performance

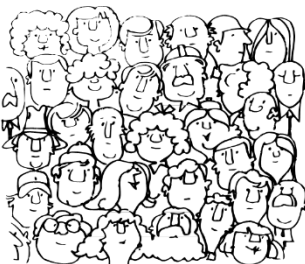


This week the children in year 6 watched an interactive theatre production delivered by GW theatre - **Mister Shapeshifter**. Mister Shapeshifter is an exciting, very contemporary fairy tale about the ways some adults abuse children's trust and how they can protect themselves. The purpose of the workshop was to entertain, inform, and safeguard our children against risk and danger in real life and online. The play is specifically designed to educate and empower children. The story line of the performance is based on **Mister Shapeshifter** as a super villain.

He can change his appearance at will. He has one aim in life: to lure children into his 'Super Story World Studio Workshop' and steal the childhood out of them so he can live forever. When he lures eleven year old Jess there, only Jack can save her. But Jack is one of Mister Shapeshifter's previous victims, and as a result is bullied and lonely and angry. To save Jess, Jack has first to save himself and then bring The Shapeshifter to justice, with the help of Jess, the audience, his teacher and the police. The sessions was invaluable to ensure that our children fully understand how they need to keep themselves safe in such situations.



Assembly Focus



Our school focus this week in our assemblies has been on Stranger Danger. Within the assemblies, the children developed a better understanding of how to keep themselves safe if they are approached by a stranger. We have also been discussing safe adults, for example a policeman or a fireman. Please discuss with your child, safe adults that they may encounter.

Staff Update

Today we say goodbye and good luck to Miss Brannon in Year two, who is going on maternity leave. We would like to wish her a relaxing and restful few weeks before she welcomes her bundle of joy. I'm sure Miss Brannon will keep us updated with any baby news.

Support for Manchester

Today like many across the nation we observed a minutes silence in memory of those affected by the recent events in Manchester.

Advice for Parents

Take time to talk about terrorist attacks.

Children look to their parents for guidance and reassurance. Even if your children are reluctant to talk about it at first, take the lead. What you say matters.

Review what they understand.

As your children continue to deal with terrorist episodes, they may have misconceptions or misunderstandings about what took place, even if they have followed the news accounts. Talk about it in terms they can understand.

Identify your children's fears.

Children may have unrealistic fears that we do not anticipate. They might fear an attack on their home or loss of their parents. Take time to find out what your children are thinking about and reassure them.

Limit television exposure.

Television news presents highly disturbing images and victim accounts that can be too frightening for most children, particularly those under the age of 12.

Help your children express their feelings about the tragedy.

Share your feelings with your children, but set a good example by expressing your feelings in an appropriate and mature manner. Extreme expressions of anger and grief may not be helpful to your child's sense of security and self-control.

Express anger in an appropriate manner.

It is understandable that children feel angry, but the target of that anger should be the terrorists. Discourage stereotypes and prejudice which grow so easily from hate and fear. If a British citizen commits an act of terrorism, it does not represent all British citizens.

Further support can be found at:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-we-do/news-opinion/supporting-children-worried-about-terrorism/>

Term Dates 2016-2017

Date	Event
Friday 26th May 2017	School closes for half term
Monday 5th June 2017	School re-opens
Thursday 8th June 2017	Closure day (General Election)
Tuesday 11th July 2017	Year 5 & 6 Sports Day at 9:30 am
Tuesday 11th July 2017	Year 3 & 4 Sports Day at 1:30 pm
Wednesday 12th July 2017	Foundation Stage Sports Day at 9:30am
Wednesday 12th July 2017	Key Stage One Sports Day at 1:30pm
Thursday 20th July 2017	School Leavers Disco at 5:00pm- 7:00pm
Tuesday 25th July 2017	School closes for Summer

Term Dates 2017-2018

Date	Event
Monday 4th September 2017	School opens
Friday 20th October 2017	School closes for half term
Monday 30th October 2017	School re-opens
Friday 15th December 2017	School closes for Christmas
Tuesday 2nd January 2018	School re-opens
Friday 9th February 2018	School closes for half-term
Monday 19th February 2018	School re-opens
Thursday 29th March 2018	School closes for Easter
Monday 16th April 2018	School re-opens
Monday 7th May 2018	Closed for May Bank Holiday
Friday 25th May 2018	School closes for half term
Monday 4th June 2018	School re-opens
Wednesday 25th July 2018	School closes for Summer

We have 5 INSET days to be arranged for staff training in 2017/18

Let's Celebrate



Class	Attendance National average is 96%	Star of the Week	Hall of Fame
Morning Nursery Mrs Coomber	84%	Hunter Jayden Cook Evie Mai Addison Evie Leigh Dickinson	
Afternoon Nursery Mrs Coomber	87%	Kyla Dennington Jakub Mizgier Gracie-Lou Addle	
RW Miss Woods	86%	Tim Kokorevics Miles Cobb	Georgia Berry
RC	91%	Gracie Edwards Burns Emily Wright	Liam Welsh
1T Miss Tonks	90%	Olivia Swinson Ella Emmassi	Amaya Rogerson
1MH Mrs Marshall/Mrs Hyde	97%	Holly Kennedy Ethan Thorp	Amelia Longiesczyke
2B Miss Brannon	91%	Whole Class	Wiktor Truszczynski
2TW Miss Taylor-White	93%	Riley Carpenter Lily Addle	Brandon Jim
3A Miss Ambler	86%	Noah Benhsian Leo James Sykes	Chloe Kelly
3T Miss Tomlinson	96%	Abigail Churm Lewis Parkes	Abigail Churm
4F Mr Forsyth	94%	Kyle Heath Ruby Mountain	Leon Parkes
4C Miss Craven	93%	Zack Mackay Marine-Sue Moules	Tayla Oulton
5S Mrs Smithson	90%	Ella-Grace Smith Geveal Rogerson	Ella-Grace Smith
5G Miss Golding	92%	Dylan Whitham Libby Kerry	Cory Dennington
6BK Miss King/ Miss Bennett	92%	Chevy Johnson Charlie Johnson	Dylan Roberts
6H Mrs Hill	88%	Callum Wright Ellie Mae Armitage	Jakub Lapok