

NEWSLETTER

Offley Endowed Primary School and Nursery
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Message from the Head

Dear parents and carers,

Sadly, since Jade and Demika have left, Dolce have struggled to find a permanent replacement in the kitchen. We have had various agency staff, but this has made ordering complicated. The meals have been slightly different to what the children have been used to but I have to admit, that I have really enjoyed the quality of the food as I have a school meal every day. There are a handful of children that have disliked the bigger portions of veg and the way things have been cooked differently. I think that this has been exaggerated by social media rumours and inflated stories being circulated. Please trust me when I say that I have been very impressed with the food and believe me ... I'm the first to have a moan if I don't like my food! Please bear with us as Dolce try to find a replacement.

If anyone would like a term time job, cooking for approximately 100 children each day, then please contact the office for more details. The hours are 25 per week and training will be given alongside a qualified chef to begin with.

I have been doing my lesson observations of staff this week. The focus has been on PSHCE (personal, social, health and citizenship education) and has been based around inclusivity, diversity, anti-bullying, racism and celebrating differences. The teacher has been exceptional and what has really blown my mind is the maturity of answers I have seen from children in years 1 through to 6. They have really impressed me with their group work and how articulate they have been with their answers. My thanks also go to Mrs Ottolangui for organising our anti-bullying week.

Have a great weekend.

Mr Edwards and Sir Bandalot

REWARDS



Nursery– William & Eli

Reception–Logan and Emilia

Year 1- Lewis and Oscar R

Year 2- Aurelia and Izzy

Year 3 - Isla and Lilly

Year 4/5 - Cooper and Kailem

Yr 5/6 - Bella, Saskia and Joshua

Birthdays– Kiana will be 4 tomorrow and Esmé Archer is 7 on Monday. The school sang happy birthday to them in our celebration assembly today.

Bandit gave an award out to Eden. He has been trying so hard to learn his times tables and his jumper is covered in badges. Bandit is trying to learn his two times table at the moment as he thinks it means double the amount of treats when he nails it!

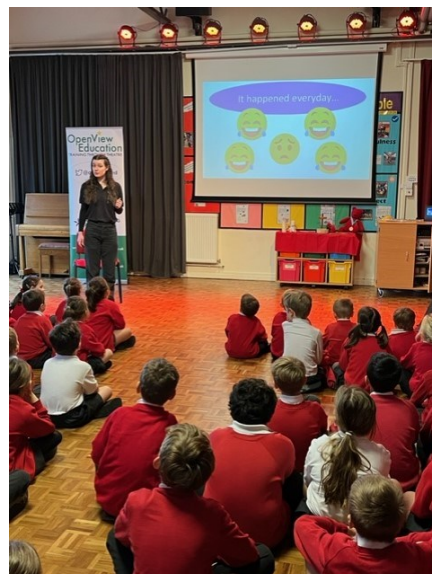


This week the school choir were involved in recording a song with Electric Umbrella. More than 10 other schools joined in with the live zoom session and it is hoped that the single 'Kindness isn't just for Christmas' will hit the singles chart this Christmas. The accompanying video should hopefully include the Offley choir. If your child wants to hear the song with lyrics and Makaton resources, the link is here. <https://www.electricumbrella.co.uk/eu-express-christmas-lesson-digital-resources> The children have learned the song and the Makaton sign language in two sessions. They are amazing.

Children in Need today has been a great success. We have raised £ 140.30 so thankyou everyone. As I write this I am hopeful that some of the choir children's parents will be in school later to join in the singing session this afternoon. (Yrs 3-6)


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Anti-Bullying Week 2023: This week we have spent time talking about bullying, how we prevent it at Offley and how we feel if we are being bullied and how we stop it. We invited Lily, from OpenView education to spend the day with our children. Lily is an actress and performed a play for the whole school, followed by age-appropriate workshops for key stage two children.



We had a busy OSA meeting last night and it was great to see so many people on Teams. The Christmas fair planning is well under way and this year will be the best one we have ever held. We would like some unused teddies donated to the school please, as this raised some good money at the summer fair and benefitted so many children.

Mrs Ottolangui did a whole school assembly on anti-bullying and provided resources for the teachers so that activities could be done in PSHCE lessons throughout the week.

Day	Date	Mth	Offley Endowed: Future Dates for your diary
Mon	20th	Nov	Just talk week
Fri	1st	Dec	Occasional day—school closed
Tues	5th	Dec	EYFS Parents—Christmas play—2 tickets per family—9:15am
Wed	6th	Dec	Additional day —EYFS Parents—Christmas play—2 tickets per family—9:15am
Thur	7th	Dec	Hearts for Herts clothing collection
Fri	8th	Dec	Panto at Gordon Craig Theatre—years R to 6—Sleeping Beauty
Wed	13th	Dec	Key Stage 1 Nativity—2pm and 5pm
Thur	14th	Dec	Christmas Fair
Fri	15th	Dec	Luton Airport singing
Mon	18th	Dec	Church Service / Christmas lunch / Christmas jumper day
Tues	19th	Dec	Key Stage 2 concert—1:30pm and 5:00pm
Wed	20th	Dec	Break up for Christmas at 1:30pm