

NEWSLETTER

Offley Endowed Primary School and Nursery
Newsletter : 20th October 2023

Message from the Head

Dear parents and carers,

Another half term flies by and the windy and wet weather greets us as we re-charge our batteries after a hectic seven weeks. The children have been brilliant settling into their new year groups and the behaviour and learning has been fantastic throughout.

It was lovely to see so many of you at our two parent consultations this week and the feedback I get from satisfied parents as they leave the hall is testament to how well your children are doing under the guidance of dedicated and professional staff. The second half term, with the lead up to Christmas, is probably the busiest time of year and we are already planning trips, activities, workshops and a rich curriculum to inspire your children with their learning.

On a final note, I would like to thank you for supporting our charity efforts this term. Supporting Macmillan today, electric umbrella, Children in need and our friends at feed up, warm up gives a sense of purpose in fulfilling our Christian beliefs in helping those less fortunate than ourselves. As I watch the unfolding horrors in The Middle East, my heart goes out to those in pain and despair; I feel grateful that our community is free of such suffering.

Please enjoy your half term with your precious families.

Mr Edwards and Sir Bandalot.

REWARDS

Nursery– Niamh

Reception– Stirling and Poppy

Year 1- Isabella and Remiah

Year 2- Harris and Esme

Year 3 - Lily He and Dexter

Year 4/5 - Esme P and Florence

Yr 5/6 - Jacob D. Scarlett and Gabrielle



Birthdays.

This week we have celebrated birthdays of Rosie, Nylah and Noah W, who will be having birthdays in the holiday.

Bandit made his award to Joshua B for his mature attitude to life and we also celebrated a swimming award for Tess and a karate yellow belt for Annabella.

Well done everyone.



Saskia, Joshua & Bandit joined me for a hot chocolate today. We had a lovely 20 minutes talking about what they're looking forward to at Secondary school, their plans for the half term holiday, what they have been up to in year 6 and the plans I have for their residential trip next year. Our year 6's are 'proper growing up!'



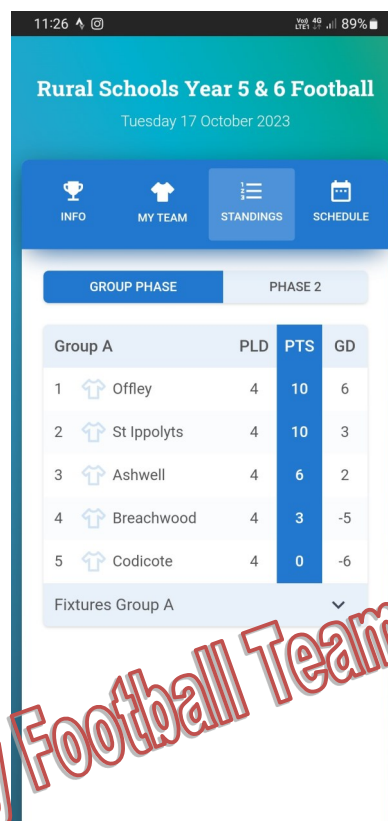
I popped into Mrs Reid's violin lesson this week and was suitably impressed with the standard of our up and coming stars. The progress they have made this term is incredible. I'm hoping they will perform in our celebration assembly sometime soon.



Many thanks to everyone for bringing in cakes today. I was thankful to Mrs Fletcher for inspiring us to do the cake sale and for her help in organising the older children selling the cakes. Each class went to the library to choose something sweet and so far we have raised £150. Hopefully we can sell a few more after school and hit the £200 mark.

We will send the money off to Macmillan when we get back to school after half term. Great effort everyone. Thank you.

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Offley Football Team

Our Year 5/6 football team did brilliantly in the football tournament this week. They were unbeaten in the group stages and won three out of the four games. JD told us in our celebration assembly today that they narrowly missed out on a place in the final with a heart-breaking defeat on penalties in the semi-final. Those of us of a certain age understand the pain of that scenario. Well done boys and girls.

There is a road closure in Lilley from 20th-30th when the bridge will be closed. This might affect access to the Cassel Hall for the film night, so please check locally for any updates.

Day	Date	Mth	Offley Endowed: Future Dates for your diary
Mon	30th	Oct	Back to school
Sun	29th	Oct	Party and Film Night at Lilley Cassel Hall—check road closures please
Tues	31st	Oct	Deadline for secondary school applications
Wed	1st	Nov	Football match
Mon	13th	Nov	Anti-bullying week
Tues	14th	Nov	Anti bullying theatre show and workshops
Wed	15th	Nov	Odd socks day