

# NEWSLETTER

**Offley Endowed Primary School and Nursery  
Newsletter : 10th May 2024**

## Message from the Head

Dear parents and carers,

When I wrote my newsletter last week, the sponsorship money for 'Empowering Ethan' had just surpassed the £1k mark. The money has been rolling in all week and Caitlyn and Evie have just been helping Claire in the office counting up all the money. The sponsored run, cake and toy sale and donations has raised a whopping ... £5,905.70p !! This is just an incredible amount and we have all been overwhelmed by your generosity. Mrs Warne has been keeping Ethan's parents, Chris and Sharon up to date and they sent in this message when informed the total was nearing the £5k mark ...

Dear Offley Primary School & Nursery,

We hope you're all doing well.  
We just wanted to say a huge thank you for everything you've done for Ethan.  
Your sponsored run and cake sale were amazing. Caitlyn and Evie, a big shoutout to you for coming up with the idea and making it happen. We saw the photos, and it looked like a blast. That 'Empowering Ethan' banner really touched us.

Ethan's still in the hospital, but he's working hard to get better and improve his mobility. Your donations will help him a lot when he comes home. We're thrilled to tell you that we have been able to buy a special vehicle for Ethan's wheelchair, so we can take him out more often.

He used to love running at school, so seeing you chose a run for him was extra special.

The generosity of your families and school community is overwhelming. What a staggering amount! Keep an eye on our Facebook updates for Ethan's progress and all the cool stuff our community is doing to help him.

Thanks again,

from Chris, Sharon, Oscar & Ethan xxxx

The money raised has paid for over half of the special vehicle mentioned in their e-mail.

Caitlyn and Evie are off to the bank this morning with Mrs Warne, to put the money in the Offley account and then we will transfer the total amount to Ethan's family.

Thank you and have a lovely weekend

Mr Edwards and Sir Bandalot.

## REWARDS

Nursery— Eva and Isabella

Reception- Marley and Charlie

Year 1- Finley and Isla

Year 2- Theo and Sylvie

Year 3 - Dexter and Connor

Year 4/5 - Abbi, Gracie and Jimmy-Dean

Yr 5/6 - Bella A, Kelsey and Jacob D

Our vending machine book winners today were Miles, Edie C T and Bella Atkinson .

We celebrated the birthday of Nefertariah who turns 8 tomorrow. Have a lovely day Nef.

Bandit gave his award out to Kelsey for having a brilliant attitude to her learning this week.



Caitlyn and Evie off to the bank to deposit some of the £5,905.70 raised for empowering Ethan !

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To reward the children for their excellent topic work on the early Islamic civilisation, the year 5 and 6 teachers organised a trip to the theatre. I borrowed Caitlyn and Evie after they had counted up the charity money and they had this to say ... 'On Wednesday, year 5 and 6 went to Milton Keynes theatre to see Aladdin. The costumes were amazing and the setting was really creative. The Geni was our favourite character because he was very funny. The songs were great and it was a fantastic experience.'



The future is looking bright ... there have been many changes to the school over recent years at Offley. It has been brilliant to see the modernisation process taking shape and this began with opening our own Nursery four years ago. The success and expertise of our Nursery team of Mrs Skeggs, Mrs Wood and Mrs Atkinson has led to pupil numbers rising year on year, giving us the foundation of a healthy budget enabling us to replace delapidated old portacabins with three new classrooms, an intervention room, a disabled toilet and the hall extension. We have seen a new staff room, a re-furbed kitchen, new boys and girls toilets, two minibuses, a running track, outdoor gym equipment, LED lights, decorating throughout the school inside and out and new furniture, interactive whiteboards, laptops and ipads, blinds and carpets; to name just a few other completed purchases.

It is down to brilliant staff, well behaved children and your kind words in the community that has led to the popularity of the school and for the first time we have a waiting list in most year groups at the moment. Thirty-four parents applied for only twenty reception places for this September!

Those that know me well enough, know that I always have a plan or two on the horizon and having just set another healthy budget for the next few years, I wanted to share some of the exciting things we can hopefully look forward to over the next school year. A freshly designed new web site should be launched after half term and outdoor canopies will provide two new learning areas for our Nursery and Reception classes during half term. The big project that I am working on will transform the outdoor play provision on the main playground. We are hoping to purchase new outdoor play equipment and put in an all weather sports pitch for the children to enjoy more outdoor space in wetter weather. I'll keep you posted on these exciting developments over the coming months. Mr Edwards

Day	Date	Mth	Offley Endowed: Future Dates for your diary
Mon	13th	May	Key Stage 2 SATs week
Mon	20th	May	On line road safety session
Tues	21st	May	Year 6 parents information meeting for the Residential trip to London 3:15pm
Thur	23rd	May	Lilley Walk followed by a Church service at St Peter's church at 2:30pm
Fri	24th	May	INSET Day
Mon	27th	May	Bank holiday and half term week
Mon	3rd	Jun	Return to school and class group photos and leavers photos