

NEWSLETTER

Offley Endowed Primary School and Nursery
Newsletter : 27th September 2024

Message from the Head

Dear parents and carers,

After a pretty miserable time with the recent rainy weather, there has been plenty of things going on for the children to enjoy these past few weeks.

As you can see in the four pages of photos, there have been visitors to the school, a residential for our year 4 and 5 children and workshops in school to boot.

One of the stories I tell when I show new parents around, is the amount of experiences the children have whilst attending Offley. Besides the usual clubs on offer, we have always strived to give the children opportunities to prepare them for life after Primary education as well as teaching them the fundamental values of care, respect and love with the activities we provide. The humbling experience of listening to Feed up Warm up, combined with the talk and demonstration from the fire brigade sums this up perfectly. Cora Wall worked with the children on a sustainability project and we will soon be off to Wembley to watch England v Greece. We welcome Bart Gee on Monday, who undoubtedly will bring a few tears to our eyes with his story and beautiful piano playing.

The older children received new guitars this week and Mrs Clark told me that their reactions as they received them was a heart warming experience for her. Our children are very lucky for sure. Have a great weekend.

Mr Edwards and Bandit.

REWARDS (last 2 weeks)

Nursery– Krew, Maisie and Ronnie

Reception– Isabella and Grace

Year 1– Cooper and Kolbie

Year 2– Jessica and Luna

Year 3/4 - Esme, Kaitlyn, Ben and Jimmy

Year 4/5 - Eleanor and Aarav

Yr 6 - Tyler

We celebrated Kaitlyn's birthday and Miss O'Connor, who turns 21 today! Have a lovely birthday weekend both of you.

Bandit gave his award out to George in assembly and Leo and Ben for their ideas to help out with some charity work, after being inspired by the feed up , warm out assembly on Wednesday.

Tess brought her swimming certificate in, Evie W shared her achievements of the reading challenge and Rainbows and Annabella showed us her new purple belt for karate.

We welcomed Shane and Jo from 'Feed up, Warm up' this week. The children were very humbled with all the great things they do for our vulnerable local people. Inspired by the visit, some of the year 3 boys including George, Leo and Ben are planning to do some fundraising to help with the charity. Perfect!



Kingswood 2024



We built dens and made fires; we made pizzas by shooting arrows; we jumped off a tall tower and zipped our way back to the ground; we scaled the highest climbing wall, knowing our team mates had our back if we fell; we competed in the mini Olympics and solved outdoor puzzles. We left our families for two nights and three days and survived. Kingswood 2024 was a brilliant experience for our year 4 and 5 children and all of them should be very proud of everything they achieved. Thanks Mrs Dent & Mrs Grieves!





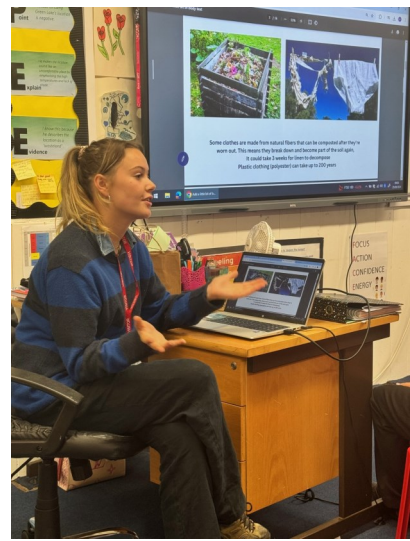
Key Stage 1 were so excited to have a visit from Hitchin Fire Service on Tuesday 17th September. They impressed the firefighters with their knowledge of the Great Fire of London before going outside to explore the fire engine. Everyone got to have a climb inside to look at the equipment and to ask questions about what they could see. Some children even got to try on the protective helmets. The highlight for everyone was when we had a go at using the hose on the fire engine. It turned into a bit of a competition as to who could shoot the water the highest and furthest...resulting in some soggy children and teachers. The children had so much fun that the engine ran out of water.



Many thanks to Mrs Fletcher for organising the cake sale today. Thank you also to everyone who made and bought cakes for such a brilliant charity.

Hopefully there will be some left at the end of the day for parents and carers to purchase.

Please feel free to make any further donations as we continue to collect during the early part of next week. I'll let you know how much we raised next Friday.



Workshops by Cora Wall MA in Sustainable Fashion—A lady called Cora came into our school & taught us about sustainable fashion, she is interested in our understanding of sustainable fashion & how we feel about nature in our school. On Monday we learnt about cordage in nettles. We needed to get the outer layer of the nettles to make the cordage. On Tuesday we wove flowers, cordage and wool, we used frames which were made out of large sticks attached together with string. On our last lesson we used naturally made paint to show how we wanted to combine our school and nature - we all had very different ideas of what we wanted to put into our school.

It was a very fascinating few days of learning and this exciting experience taught us a lot about the environment and how our actions make a difference. We all loved the workshops and thought they were very eye opening and engaging. We were very proud to be helping Cora with her research for her masters degree.



Day	Date	Mth	Offley Endowed: Future Dates for your diary
Mon	30th	Sep	School photographs : Individual and siblings
Tues	30th	Sep	Special visitor—Bart Gee—inspirational speaker; assembly and workshops
Mon	7th	Oct	9:30am Church Harvest Festival : Donations will go to Feed up Warm up charity
Thur	10th	Oct	England v Greece—Wembley trip with Mr Edwards and Mr Smylie—7.45pm
Thur	10th	Oct	World Mental Health Day—Assembly
Thur	17th	Oct	Year 6 Crucial Crew 12:
Fri	18th	Oct	Just One Tree Day - decorate a leaf; please bring in £1:00
Tue	22nd	Oct	Parent consultations 5-8pm
Thur	24th	Oct	Parent consultations 3.30pm—6.30pm

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