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Issue 5:

Updates

The Year 3 children have enjoyed the start of their 'Stone Age' topic, learning about food and homes and are looking forward to their visit from Celtic Harmony on Tuesday, 22nd November. This will be a really exciting, practical day, filled with lots of hands-on activities. In Science, the children have been studying 'Animals including humans', learning about vertebrates and invertebrates, human bones and muscles. Why not ask your child to tell you an interesting fact about the human body?

The Year 4 Geography topic about France culminated in a 'French Café' being set up in the hall. Each class visited the café in turn and had the opportunity to practise their French speaking and listening skills, by ordering a croissant or pain au chocolat and either an orange juice or chocolate milk. Some children acted as waiters and waitresses, taking orders and bringing out the food and drinks. We have now started a History topic about the Ancient Egyptians. The children have carried out some research of their own for homework and next week we will have an exciting visit from Crew Theatre.

Year 5 have really enjoyed reading 'How to Train Your Dragon' by Cressida Cowell and have produced some great pieces of writing. A piece of writing by Ananya in 5K was published on Twitter and we received a message back from Cressida Cowell herself which the children were very excited about! In history, we have started finding out about the Vikings, where they came from and why, when and how they arrived in Britain.

Rehearsals for this term's Year 6 production of 'The Amazing Adventures of Superstan' started this week—there's a lot of work ahead but it's set to be a fun-filled performance! Back in the classroom, we're loving 'The Falcon's Malteser' and have also had a tweet from the author, Anthony Horowitz. The children seem to have really captured his style in some of their writing; keep an eye on Twitter as there might be some examples of work shared on their over the next week or so. Having finished our Geography topic of 'Rivers', we're now looking forward to learning all about World War 2 in history whilst in Maths, we've been tackling some pretty complicated skills linked to 2d and 3d shapes.

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Music – Choir Reminder

Thank you for all your promptly returned slips to attend both the concert at:

St Margaret's Church, Uxbridge,

Saturday 10th December

and the year 6 production evenings.

These promise to be exciting and enjoyable events!

For the Uxbridge concerts, a letter has been returned to your child, with details of how to purchase tickets. Tickets are on sale via the school until Friday 25th November.

Please put your fee and reply slip in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and class and the words: **Carol Concert Tickets – for the attention of Mrs. Carter.**



Permission Slips

We are aware that we have not yet received data collection forms from some parents of year 3 children. This includes updated contact details, permission for photographs and other information that we need. If you haven't had a chance to return it yet, please do so.

Thank you.

HOUSE POINT

UPDATE...

(this half term)



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| Jupiter: | 799 |
| Mars: | 786 |
| Mercury: | 686 |
| Neptune: | 640 |



Each week in assembly, teachers announce the 'Star of the week' for their class. These awards celebrate the successes and efforts of the children and encourage all pupils to work hard and demonstrate a positive attitude within school.

Congratulations to the following award winners:

3A: Zaki and Sahana

5D: Dylan M and Isabella

3M: Shreyas and Revin

5K: Sumant and Aaliyah

3S: Rebecca and Nicholas

5L: Dylan K and Angeline

4A: Akaisha and Nawaf

6H: Scarlett and Demi

4B: Tejpal and Katie

6M: Kimberley and Jenna

4W: Elsie and Julia

6S: Livia and Naomi

Music: Thipishan (6S) and Tristan (6H)

Art: Amanveer (5L)

French: Ella (5K)

FANTASTIC FOOTBALLERS



Packham Tournament

On Saturday, 5th November, two Oak Farm teams took part in the annual Packham 6 a-side football tournament at Abbotsfield. In their group, our 'B' team came up against the 'A' teams from three other schools. The team played really well, picking up a draw in their opening game and narrowly losing another game 3-2, despite two excellent goals from Corey.

While the 'B' team hadn't quite done enough to get through their group, our 'A' team started superbly, putting 5 goals past St. Matthew's 'B' in their first match, including a hat-trick by Shae and a first goal for the school by Levi. A draw against Hillingdon was followed by a 6-0 victory against Highfield 'B' in the final group game.

Having progressed to the quarter-finals as group winners, we came through a tight encounter against Cherry Lane, winning 1-0. In the semi-final, the team played magnificently, brushing aside St. Bernadette 3-0 to make the final.



The final was a very evenly-contested match, with both sides creating opportunities to win. However, no goals were scored in normal time, meaning the game went to extra-time. Unfortunately for us, St. Matthew's scored a cracking goal in the extra period to finally run out 1-0 winners.

Both of our teams represented the school extremely well and should be very proud of their achievements.

Girls' Tournament

On Wednesday, 9th November, two girls' teams represented Oak Farm in the Uxbridge and District Girls' tournament at the Hillingdon Leisure Complex. Both of our teams, made up of children from years 4, 5 and 6, played really well and thoroughly enjoyed the competition.

Our 'B' team made a great start, beating St. Helen's 'B' in their first game, before suffering two narrow defeats. Our 'A' team, meanwhile, had a very tough opening match, losing 1-0 to a very strong team from Highfield. However, they bounced back to record a 1-0 victory against Hillingdon 'B', before a convincing 3-0 win against St. Bernadette 'C', with Sienna scoring a magnificent hat-trick. Unfortunately, it wasn't quite enough to get through to the semi-finals, with the Oak Farm team narrowly missing out on goals scored.



Congratulations to all of the girls for the excellent performance and attitude throughout the competition. They were all great ambassadors for our school.





With this newsletter, you will find information about Oak Farm Junior School Achievements 2015—2016. This gives an overview of some of the main areas that the school were working on last year and new initiatives and successes that were part of this. Thanks to all the pupils, parents and staff for being part of making our school community one to be proud of.



- 16th November: Year 4 Crew theatre visit
- 23rd November: Year 5 Crew theatre visit
- 18th November: Children in Need wear spots to school
- 22nd November: year 3 Celtic Harmony visit
- 22nd November—28th November: Book Fair
- 25th November: Year 6 to Bishopshalt school.
- 1st December: 4A class assembly 9:10am

SPOTACULAR

Don't forget that next Friday is 'Spotacular' Day. Wear your spots to school in aid of Children in Need. Spotty dresses, spotty ties, even spotty faces - they'll all make a massive difference to the lives of disadvantaged children across the UK.



BOOK FAIR COMING SOON!

There will be a book fair in school from Tuesday 22nd November until Monday 28th November which will be open before and after school in the Learning Zone. This is a great opportunity to support the school as we get commission on all the books we sell which we can spend on new books for the library. It's also a good chance to stock up on some early Christmas presents for friends and family. Prices start from £2.99 and there will be a wide range of books available suited to children of all ages.