



## OXLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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**Be Kind.**

**Be Brilliant.**

**Have an "I can" attitude.**

28th November 2018

Dear Parents / Carers

### Headteacher's Newsletter 6

The first signs of Christmas are starting to be seen in school! I normally send out newsletters on a Friday, but as there is so much to share, and we have exciting events to look forward to this week, I thought I would send this one out mid-week. As you will see in this newsletter, one of the main themes that links so much of our news is kindness. There has been an incredible amount of generosity shown by the whole school community recently.

#### Children in Need

Without doubt, this year's Children in Need activities have been the most successful that anyone can remember! Inspired by the Rickshaw Challenge, all children and staff took part in a sponsored indoor cycling challenge using exercise bikes. From the start of Breakfast Club in the morning, through lessons, playtime and lunchtime, the bikes were continually in motion. With all that pedalling, we could probably have generated enough electricity to power the whole of Shepshed for the day! I have been truly humbled by the sheer generosity you have shown in supporting this fundraising event. Some children brought in more than £100 in sponsorship, which is incredible!

Children also made a fantastic effort with their dressing up. The support for the cake sale and then the giant face of Pudsey Bear made out of coins added to the buzz of the day. There really was a great community atmosphere in school.

The sheer number of coins filled several bags and have taken days to count up! The total raised so far is:  
£52.50 from merchandise sold  
£250 from the cake sale  
£133.77 from Pudsey's face of coins  
£1408.78 from sponsorship forms; more forms are still coming in!  
Total: **£1845.05**, although we expect the final total to be even higher.

A huge thank you for your amazing support!

#### Tri Golf Competitions

Last Monday, 19th November, a team of children from Year 3 and 4 took part in the North Charnwood Tri Golf competition. This was a large event, involving more than 10 schools, and for many of these children, it was the first time they had represented the school as part of a team.

*Evie said, "It was a bit hard because we had to do multiple tasks at the same time. In one of the games we had to do chipping as well as putting. It was a bit tricky but we made it."*

*Elizabeth told me, "I thought it was a bit terrifying because I've never played Tri Golf before. Sometimes you feel like you can't do it. But I tried my best and I did it!"*

*Jayden said, "I remember it being really fun. Ethan thought it was really hard but I helped him and we ended up coming second!"*



Abi told me, "I thought it was quite tricky because we tried to do our best to try and win. I kept supporting myself with an 'I can attitude' and all the other girls in my team, because the girls and boys were on different teams. I found it hard on the putting and chipping but I tried my best to try and win for Oxley."

The children were amazing and came **second** place, which is a great achievement, considering how many other schools were in the competition! We have shared this achievement together in assembly and the children have been presented with certificates and medals.

Well done to:

Ethan M	Zachary M	Jayden H	Max A
Evie S	Millie M	Jasmine S	Elizabeth B
Abigail J			

Earlier this week, on Monday, the Year 5 and 6 team took part in their stage of the North Charnwood Tri Golf competition. They also came **second!**, I am certainly very proud of them all for representing the school so brilliantly.

Well done to:

Owen M	Dillion M	Harry M	Sam H
Charlie T	Jessica H	Angeline A	April S
Beau B	Latasha S		

### **Poppy Appeal**

In another sign of generosity, I am delighted to tell you that, this year, we raised a fantastic **£317.84** for the Poppy Appeal, through the sale of merchandise. Once again, this is more than last year. Thank you to everyone who supported this important cause.

### **Cancer Research UK**

Finally, you might also be pleased to learn that the school photographer has donated some money to Cancer Research UK, based on the number of photos ordered earlier this term. In total, this was **£46.50**.

### **Shepherd Christmas Tree Festival**

This week, we are busy decorating our Christmas tree with decorations made by children from every class in the school. It will be on display in **St Botolph's Church**, where you can come along and see all the trees on display:

- Friday 30th November from 3:15 - 7:00
- Saturday 1st December from 10:00 - 5:00
- Sunday 2nd December from 2:00 - 5:00

Entrance is £2, but it is free for children. Please vote for the Oxley tree - let's see if we can win this year!

### **Christmas Fair**

We are really looking forward to this year's Christmas Fair, which takes place tomorrow after school. In a change to previous years:

- Please collect children as normal from the playground.
- Use the **main school entrance** to come into the Fair. It is £1 at the door. We will offer you a free hot drink to take with you.
- If you have bought a FastTrack ticket, please come straight to the entrance (along the right hand side of the queue) with your ticket(s).

-If children bring their green flyer with them, they can put them into a box and they will be entered into a free prize draw!

-If anyone requires assistance or wheelchair access, please contact the school and we will make the necessary arrangements. Thank you.

### **Dates for your diary**

- Monday 10th December, 2-3pm - drop-in sessions for parents, with the School Nurse.
- Wednesday 12th December + Thursday 13th December, 2:00pm - Reception + KS1 Christmas Production.
- Friday 14th December - Christmas Jumper Day.
- Friday 14th December, 1:45pm - KS2 Christmas Celebration, St Botolph's Church.
- Tuesday 18th December, 2:00 - Young at Heart Christmas Party
- Thursday 20th December, 1:50-2:50 - children singing Christmas songs at Westroyd Care Home
- Friday 21st December - Special Recognition assemblies
- Friday 21st December - Christmas Dinner in school.
- Friday 21st December - last day of term.
- Monday 7th January 2019 - First day of the new term.

### **INSET Days**

Monday 25th February 2019, Friday 24th May 2019

I hope you have a great weekend.

Yours sincerely

Jason Gilman  
Headteacher