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Be Kind.

Be Brilliant.

Have an "I can" attitude.

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Dear Parents / Carers

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The past two weeks have seen lots of activities taking place in school once again. Your generosity in support of Comic Relief was particularly notable last week!

Comic Relief

Last Friday, in spite of continuing windy and wet weather, the children were able to take part in a number of challenges and activities to help raise money for this well-known cause. As well as the sponsored challenges, there was a cake sale and children were able to dress in something red for the day. So far, the total raised is £347.73

Gymnastics Competition

Following on from their amazing success in local competition stages, our gymnastics team took part in the Leicestershire County Finals at Oakham recently, to compete against the best gymnasts in their age groups from across the county.

Once again, the Oxley children did us proud! There were 10 teams in all at the finals. The Oxley Y2 team came 4th place, but were only half a point away from 3rd position! The Y3/4 team came 6th, and the Y5/6 team achieved 4th place, too. Amazing results!

Well done to all the children who took part:

Y2:	Maia H	Lola S	Emelia-Mae C	Imogen H-K
Y3/4:	Oliver T	Caitlyn B	Jessica C	Max A
Y5/6:	Millie N	Latasha S	Paige F	Jessie M

In addition to the team results, the children enjoyed their own personal successes, achieving very well among the other competitors.

Max said, "I liked how I did on the vaults because I did really well. I didn't fall off but I was scared about falling off. I did well with Body Management (which is a strength exercise) because I didn't forget any moves like the Pike Lever. At the end I felt pleased with myself."

Millie told me, "It was amazing because of how many people were there. We did really well to get 4th place, with how many people were there. I knew everyone was quite frightened at first because the parents and spectators were watching. After the Floor and exercises, we all gave each other high 5s and hugs because we were having a great time."

We are an "I can" School.



Lola said, "It was my first time of going to a gymnastics competition. We were nervous at first because most of the Y2s had not done a competition before, like me. My favourite ones were the Body Management and Floor. At the end, I felt amazed with myself."

Multi Faith Day

Last Tuesday, we held a multi-faith day in school, to give the children an opportunity to explore some of the main beliefs of some of the major world religions. We are very lucky to have people with some real expertise about different religions among our staff. There were several workshops and activities across the school (looking at religions including Christianity, Hinduism and Islam) which children took part in during the day. They had the chance to look at real artefacts, clothing and some key ideas from these faiths. We were all amazed by how knowledgeable the children were, and about their understanding of other cultures and religions. They also impressed us with their ability to ask and discuss some very deep ideas of their own, such as "praying is important if you believe, and it can make someone feel calm and give them hope." and "Is God magic?"

We also had visiting staff from St Botolph's Primary to take a look at what we were doing, as they had heard lots about it!

Uniform / PE kit

Several parents / carers and staff have recently commented that perhaps we need to have a bit of a focus on uniform and PE kit in school. We really want the children to be as smart as they can possibly be and take pride in what they wear. We are currently putting together some ideas in time for next term to see what we can do. We will be contacting you again very soon once we have finalised our ideas.

Secret Rooms

Next Sunday is Mother's Day. It can be a lovely opportunity to say a big thank you to all the mums out there who do such an amazing job. But it's not just for mums - some children may want to say thank you to another important person in their family. The FOXes are setting up their Secret Rooms next week at two lunchtimes:

- Reception (Bears), Year 1 and Year 2 will be on Tuesday;
- Key Stage (Years 3,4,5 and 6) will be on Wednesday.

Any children who would like to choose a special gift and wrap it up will need to bring £2 per gift. Please ensure that the money is in an envelope with the child's name written on it.

Scooters and Bikes

Following an unfortunate accident where a child was hurt by another using a scooter on the playground after school, I would like to ask if you could support us in reminding the children to walk with their scooter or bike on the playground, please. We will be reminding the children about this in school as well. Thank you for your support.

Dates for your diary:

- Mother's Day Secret Rooms - Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th March
- Be Skilled Duathlon: Thursday 11th April
- Tic Tac Toe - KS1 parents and carers to share and celebrate children's work: Thursday 11th April pm
- End of Term - Friday 12th April
- First day of new term - Monday 29th April
- Y6 SATs week begins - Monday 13th May

- INSET Day - Friday 24th May (school closed to pupils)

Have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely

Jason Gilman