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Be Kind.

Be Brilliant.

Have an "I can" attitude.

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Dear Parents / Carers

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There has been a real buzz around the school over the past couple of weeks. The children have been taking part in a range of exciting activities, including World Book day, Cross Country competition, residential visit and more!

Cross Country

Third time lucky! After a couple of failed attempts to take part in the competition due to wet weather, the cross country competition took place last Thursday at Iveshead school. Although most of the Y3 children were away on their residential visit, those that were in school did a fantastic job of representing our school! In fact, all of the Key Stage 2 children who took part made us extremely proud. Some stand out moments included children stopping to help others who had tripped over, even if that meant losing their position in the race. Others who did finish quickly then went back to cheer on and encourage the others. Best of all, every single child managed to complete the race, nobody gave up. They really did show the Oxley values! Well done to those who also managed to win medals; the Y6 boys did particularly well, winning 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th place!

James said, "When I was running, I had one thing focused on my mind - getting in the top 10. When I was 7th, I passed 3 people at once and I got hold of 3rd place, 2nd place. Then I was tripped up, rolled over, got up again. In the end I came 4th!"

Eliza said, "When we started the race, I was in 1st place. As we followed on, there was a bunch of people in front of me but I managed to pass about 5 people. In the end, I managed to come 24th place, which was better than I thought I would come."

Reegan, told me, "When I started the race I was around 30th place. I was in that place for quite a long time. Then half way through the race, I overtook 9 people and I just kept on running. I looked behind me and there was nobody there. I knew that I wasn't going to get a higher place so I just ran the rest of the race. I felt tired by the end!"

Tia said, "When we started, I thought I would probably be last. When I was running, I was ahead of at least 3 people which was the best I had done. At the end of the race, there were two other children and we all ran the last bit together. I didn't really care where I came, I just cared that I did it and didn't give up."

Y3 Residential visit to Beaumanor

The weather could not have been better as the Y3 children set off on their residential visit to Beaumanor Hall last Wednesday. During their stay, they took part in a whole array of activities including climbing, buddy building, night line and archery. When I went to visit them, they were tucking into their evening meal and literally bursting to tell me about what they had been doing that day! The children were a credit to the school throughout the stay, particularly when it came to trying new challenges, showing a real "I can" attitude. Well done to them, and thank you to Mrs Rhodes, Mrs Roberts, Mrs Taylor and Mrs Harcourt for giving up their time to make this experience possible.



Phonics meeting

On Tuesday this week, the Key Stage 1 team held a phonics session in the afternoon. As part of this event for parents and carers, the children also took part in the activities, acting as the "experts" to help show the adults how they learn their phonic sounds. It was lovely to see so many people there, clearly enjoying the activities with the children.

Morning drop-off

Please remember that any children dropped off early at the school gate will be unsupervised until we open the gate at 8:40 am. If you need to drop off your child at school earlier, then it might be worth considering using Breakfast Club; after 8:15 am, it only costs **£1** for this childcare.

World Book Day

Yesterday was a very exciting day in school! World Book Day is a great opportunity to celebrate and promote a love of reading. The day began with everyone in the hall for a "parade", an opportunity for the children who had dressed up to show off their costumes. This year, for the first time, we had prizes for the most interesting costume in each class. One of our governors, Mrs Velien, was the main judge, and it was a very difficult job! There were so many fantastic outfits of different story characters. Back in the classrooms, children took part in a "book tasting". Classes were set out like a restaurant and children were able to "taste" different books to see what they thought of them. We also took part in the national "Live Lesson", which meant our children were able to join many thousands of others across the country! Another highlight of the day was the opportunity for the children to listen to a book. Staff, parents and governors had all chosen a favourite children's book and the children were able to choose which story to listen to. Literally every room and corner of the school was filled with groups of children, listening and enjoying books. I would like to thank all those people who gave up their time to volunteer in school yesterday, helping make the whole day a memorable experience for the children.

Tic Tac Toe

The Bears Class invited parents, carers and other family members to share and celebrate some of their work, including their tic-tac-toe projects, in school. The children were incredibly proud of the work they had done and there was a really big turnout of adults, too. You will see some pictures from the afternoon on the photo page with this newsletter.

Car park

Please remember that the school car park should only be used by school staff and authorised visitors. It is not a safe place to drop off children in the morning. It is particularly short of space at the moment while building work is taking place to repair the roof of the Foundation Stage unit. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Parents' Evenings

These are taking place next week. Late appointments are taking place on Tuesday evening. If you have any queries relating to bookings, please call the main office and we will do our best to help you.

Red Nose Day / Comic Relief

This is taking place next **Friday**. Children are welcome to dress in non uniform, wearing something red. They are also welcome to bring in a donation, eg £1, but this is not essential as there will also be other fundraising events taking place, and you may have already donated. Our theme will be based on the letters RED:

R = run!

E = eat!

D = dance!

During the day, they will get to do a sponsored fun run (with funny challenges along the way). There will also be a cake / biscuit sale and a whole school dance-athon. Sponsorship forms have already been sent out with the children. We also have a justgiving page as an alternative place to make donations. Just go to <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/oxley-primary-shepshed>.

Red noses will also be on sale from Monday morning from the office priced at £1.25 each.

Upcoming events

- FOXes (formerly known as the PFA) film night: Friday 8th March
- Parents' evenings: next week (late appointments on Tuesday)
- Tuesday 12th March - Multi-faith RE day in school:
- Friday 15th March - Red Nose Day (see above)
- 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

Have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely

Jason Gilman
Headteacher