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HEAD'S WEEKLY BULLETIN

Welcome back to a new half term at St Oswald's. I hope you have all had a restful half term break. Our week started with great excitement when year 5 visited Nell Bank - this visit supported their current topic 'Down the Mighty River'. I look forward to reading about this in their written reports. On Wednesday, the choir from Bradford Cathedral came into school to do some singing workshops with children from years 4 and 5. Miss Courtney Jones, a year 6 pupil, is keen to help staff establish a choir at St Oswald's and is looking forward to planning this and supporting children. Courtney is a member of the Bradford Cathedral choir and we're very proud of her. So please remind your children to watch out for our auditions - any child from years 2 to 6 are more than welcome to join.

On Friday, our children from Eden visited the Bradford Industrial Museum. They learnt all about what horses did in the past and they handled old tack, saddlery and harnesses from the museum displays. This is supporting their current topic which is all about horses. Parents are also involved with this topic and it was so lovely to see parents on the trip. Parents will be invited into Eden once a week to continue to work on the project with their child.

Please can I remind parents about the importance of the key skills homework (this is from the starters section of the homework menu) Please can parents use the Letterjoin login at home so that children can continue to improve their handwriting skills. In addition to this, we also have weekly spelling and times table tests - these are sent home weekly and it is really important that your child learns these.

Thank you also to parents who attended our celebration assembly this morning - our children really appreciate parents sharing their special moment.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Kindest regards

Miss G Wilson
Head of School

Thought for the week

What will you give up for the period of Lent?



In Collective Worship this week we have continued to explore the core Christian value- Koinonia.

We used the story from Matthew 4 about Jesus being tempted as an introduction to Lent. We talked about the meaning of Lent and how Christians mark this time.

Key thoughts:

-what does it mean to be tempted?

-what do you use to help you to make the right decisions when you are tempted?

If your child wants to write down any of their thoughts or ideas, we will display them in our reflection book.

WHAT WE ARE LEARNING IN SCHOOL

What we are learning in Nursery

Our new book is 'The Three Billy Goat's Gruff'. We will be reading different versions of the book as well as looking at non-fiction books about goats. In maths we will focus on size, especially small, medium and large. There will be lots of bridge building using various materials to help the goats escape the big bad troll. To help us become more confident with ICT we will use microphones to retell 'The Three Billy Goat's Gruff' story and then play our recordings back to each other.

What we are learning in Reception

Our topic this half term is 'Around the World.'

In English, we are learning about the Chinese story of 'The Great Race.' Children have been listening and watching the story. They have been retelling the story by ordering story pictures, reading sentences and matching it to the correct pictures and making new year cards and writing good luck/new year messages for their friends and family.

In maths, we are focusing on subtraction. Children have been practically taking away 1 or 2 objects and then worked out how many left.

In science, we have been exploring, tasting and describing the texture of different Chinese food.

We had a 'Parents Workshop' on Thursday to celebrate Chinese new year. Parents supported their children and observed the skills that their child was learning in each area of learning.

What we are learning in Year 1

In Year 1 we are starting to learn more about writing a story and are going to be learning about how to add description into our writing while still remembering the key features of a sentence (capital letter, finger spaces, full stops and checking it makes sense).

In maths, we have completed a unit of work learning about adding and subtracting numbers up to 20 using different methods. We are going to increase our knowledge of higher numbers working with numbers up to 50 and learning how to count large groups easily using our knowledge of counting in 10s and how to order and sequence numbers.

In our topic work, we have looked at many different toys and talked about the materials they are made from.

Over the next week, we will be using textiles to make a soft toy penguin.

What we are learning in Year 2

This week in Year 2 we have been learning how to represent numbers in different ways using apparatus. In English we have been checking that we have used capital letters and full stops in the correct place, especially for proper nouns. We are writing descriptions linked to the story 'The Night Pirates'. In PE we have worked with a Bradford City football coach to develop our ball skills which we will continue over the next half term. Please can children have their correct PE in school on a Monday and Thursday.

What we are learning in Year 3

In Maths, we have been looking at statistics. We have started with pictograms and understanding what symbols represent. In English, we have been working on varying our sentence types and recognising complex sentences. In topic, we have been locating UK cities on maps and learning facts about different places.

What we are learning in Year 4

We are learning about area in Maths. We are focusing on reasoning questions to help solve problems. In English we are learning about writing a narrative. We are looking at words that have a prefix and will try to include this new vocabulary in our writing. In Science we are looking at the digestive system and parts of the body.

What we are learning in Year 5

This week in Year 5, we went to Nell Bank to explore and learn more about Rivers. In Maths this week, we are learning to become fluent with multiplying fractions with integers. We will be applying this to reasoning problems.

In English this week, we have been finishing with our grammar phase, focusing on including brackets for extra information.

In Topic, we have been doing a recount of the Nell Bank trip by going through a journey and including relative clauses.

What we are learning in Year 6

We are continuing on with topics that we started before half term in both English and Maths. We are looking at a narrative book called 'The Promise', which we are using to help improve our own writing style and flair. We are looking towards using the pictures within the book to help draft our own stories. Grammar is an area we are continuing to further develop to strengthen our hot write tasks and ensure we have a solid understanding of a range of grammar features.

In Maths, we are looking at converting decimals to fractions and vice versa. We will continue to complete a range of SAT style questions to develop an understanding of how questions can be presented in a variety of ways. This week in topic, we are designing and creating our own biome. This is to help children with one of their homework tasks and allow them the opportunity to create a biome of their own.

Eden Suite

In maths, some of us are continuing to look at counting in different steps, recognising numbers that are more and less than and ordering a set of small numbers. Others have moved onto using addition and subtraction. In English, we have started our new story and are beginning to look at the different word types within the story. We are also looking forward to our trip to Bradford Industrial Museum with our parents!



THIS WEEK'S STARS OF THE WEEK ARE:

RECEPTION: Aleesha Cordos (Oak) / Ahmed Ali (Ash)

YEAR 1: Amaan Ali (Birch) Safiyullah Khan (Pine)

YEAR 2: Hafsa Butt

YEAR 3: Demids Selickis (Beech) Usman Shakeel (Sycamore)

YEAR 4: Maria Gorolova (Poplar) Marriam Berrish (Olive)

YEAR 5:

YEAR 6: Faizan Hafiz (Rowan) Natalia Lakatosova (Cherry)

Eden: Renata Gorolova



SCHOOL MENU – WEEK COMMENCING DATE 19th FEBRUARY

All main meals are accompanied with seasonal vegetables or salad and either potatoes, rice or naan bread.

Jackets, Cheese Panini, sandwiches, wraps and bread are available daily.
Fresh fruit and fruit yoghurts are available daily.

DATE	MAIN	DESSERT
MONDAY	Lamb & Mint Grill Halal Chicken Biryani Quorn Frankfurter	Marble Sponge Cocoa Buns
TUESDAY	Cornish Pie Halal Keema Roll Cheese & Onion Quiche	Mixed Fruit Crumble Frozen Smoothie
WEDNESDAY	Chilli Con Carne Halal Keema & Peas Quorn Meatballs	Rice Pudding, Peaches & Jam Chocolate & Vanilla Mousse
THURSDAY	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Eve's Pudding Fresh Fruit Salad
FRIDAY	Gluten Free Fish Fingers Quorn Sausage	Chocolate Apple Sponge Oat Cookie