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HEAD'S WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wednesday 26th September at 9am and 2.30pm

Headteacher's meeting to share our new School Development Plan for 2018-19

A warm invite to all parents and carers to come to a meeting to share with you our school development plan for this coming academic year. This is following our successful Ofsted inspection in which the school was graded 'Good' - our school has made remarkable progress over the last twelve months - it is extremely unusual for schools to move from the category we were in to a 'Good' in such a short amount of time - it would be lovely to share this celebration with you and to share my vision for St Oswald's over the next three years.

Our only 'area for improvement' outlined in the Ofsted report was to maintain the good work we have already started - this is particularly around pupil outcomes, especially at the end of Key Stage 2.

You may have noticed the absence of myself and the year 6 teachers last Wednesday. This is because we were attending an education conference in London about PiXL. This is new to St Oswald's and something I am extremely passionate about. In a nutshell, it tracks what it defines as our 'key marginal children' to ensure that they receive a tailor made, bespoke education package to equip them for the year 6 SATs next year.

As I have said, I am extremely passionate about this. I am on the year 6 teaching team this year, and will be teaching three afternoons per week in year 6. This week, I will be teaching three mornings in Mrs Conroy's class so that I know exactly where all of the children are in terms of their reading and writing skills. I'm looking forward to this.



Westminster Hall, London, where our conference was held.

Miss G Wilson, Headteacher.

What we are learning in Nursery

In nursery, children are settling in well with the routine. They have been learning to separate from their parents and making a friendly relationship with their key workers. They have been learning to join in during group times and singing nursery rhymes. In maths, 3-4 year olds have been learning to count up to 5 and 2 year olds have been singing number songs.

What we are learning in Reception

We have been so busy in Reception this week! In our English lessons we have been looking closely at how police officers help us. We have had so many brilliant ideas and are very excited for our visit from a police officer next Tuesday! In Maths we have been working very hard on our counting, especially our 1:1 correspondence. We are getting better and better each day at it.

We are starting to settle in really well and are really enjoying Reception! Hooray!

What we are learning in Year 1

In English this week we have been creating instructions of how to make fruit salad. We have learnt that each instruction must start with an imperative verb (cut, chop, get, pour etc) and must contain a noun (mango, knife, juice). We will be starting to write our instructions next week.

In Maths we have been learning how to find 1 more and 1 less than a number up to 10.

In Topic we have been finding out about Africa. We have located it on a world map and we have compared the weather in Africa to the weather in Bradford.

What we are learning in Year 2

In English in Year 2, we have now completed our reading phase. We have done lots of fun activities to engage with our text including playing secret sentences. We are now moving on to our grammar phase and will be learning the new sentence types expected in Year 2. In Maths, we have been continuing our work on place value. We have completed lots of reasoning and problem solving challenges to help us better understand the value of a 2 digit number. In topic, we are continuing to explore London. We have learnt some new geographical vocabulary to help us describe key landmarks.

What we are learning in Year 3

It has been a very busy week in Year 3 this week! In English, we have been reading the story of 'Giraffes can't dance' and acting out scenes from the book. We have helped Gerald the giraffe make some difficult decisions about what he should do and we will be looking at writing our own stories next week about Gerald the giraffe and how we can help. We will be using a range of grammar features to keep our writing interesting.

In Maths, we are continuing with place value and using our times table knowledge to count in 4's, 8's, 50's and 100's. Please continue to help your child with their times tables, particularly the 3's and 4's.

In topic we are making our own animal skeletons and next week we will be comparing them to the human skeleton.

What we are learning in Year 4

Year 4 are continuing with their topic about the local area. They are particularly enjoying studying the book 'The Arrival' by Shaun Tan. In English we are working on developing our writing stamina and using a range of different sentence structures to make our writing more interesting. In reading comprehension, we are working on answering retrieval questions accurately.

What we are learning in Year 5

Year 5 started the week with an amazing trip to the National Media Museum. The children enjoyed a film about the amazing planet we live on and were able to listen to first-hand accounts from astronauts who had visited space.

In literacy this week children have looked at writing P.E.E answers this involves them using evidence and explaining their answers.

In maths, children have been rounding numbers and looked at identifying and writing numbers over a million.

What we are learning in Year 6

Year 6 are settling in well to their new routines and are working extremely hard. Next week, they will be starting with PiXL – this is a targeted teaching strategy for year 6. Our children are keen to get on with this and to make as much progress as they can.

Eden Suite

In Eden this week we have continued to work on our story. We have started to develop our understanding of the story plot, the main character and the journey through it. Through our writing, we have begun to use some of the words and language that we have developed and explored the effect of choosing different words and phrases. In maths we have worked on our arithmetic and time tables whilst developing our understanding of number and place value. This is helping us to start to solve some different kinds of problems using these skills.



THIS WEEK'S STARS OF THE WEEK ARE:

RECEPTION: Ash-

YEAR 1: 1 1 Birch Chisomeje Ugwa – Trying really hard to join up her handwriting

YEAR 2: 2 Redwood – Yashfa Bashir – always giving 100% even when she finds something tricky

YEAR 3:–

YEAR 4:

YEAR 5: Ayman Khan (5 Willow)- using evidence to support her answers. Aisha Sabir (5 Rosewood)

YEAR 6:

EDEN: Hope Djama – for his excellent attitude in all his work.



SCHOOL MENU – WEEK COMMENCING DATE

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		Desserts
TUESDAY		Cheese/Panini/jacket potatoes/sandwiches & wraps Desserts
WEDNESDAY		Cheese/Panini/jacket potatoes/sandwiches & wraps Desserts
THURSDAY		Cheese/Panini/jacket potatoes/sandwiches & wraps Desserts
Friday		Cheese/Panini/jacket potatoes/sandwiches & wraps Desserts