

Newsletter 27th January 2023

Dear parents

What a busy week for children and adults! On Tuesday morning Y1 had a lovely visit to the RAF Museum as part of their topic *Splendid Skies*. Back at school they have been doing lots of work based on their visit. Meanwhile on Wednesday, Reception were treated to lunch at Kervan as part of their topic *Jobs People Do*. They have also had parents come in to talk to the children about the jobs that they do. My thanks to everyone involved.

Tuesday was also *Creators Day*: one of a series of off-timetable days where the children have opportunities for enrichment in particular curriculum areas - it was the turn of the creative arts. Using our school value superheroes as the focus, the children thought about designs for the superheroes' capes which they will then create to be displayed around the school. The children have also been composing with Mr Lewis an Osidge school song! I am excited to hear the debut single as I am sure you are too! My huge thanks to the Creators' Day staff team for all their creative input to this event.

And then there was the unexpected Ofsted visit on Tuesday and Wednesday. This was a routine nonotice inspection which focused on safeguarding and behaviour. There were two inspectors who spent time with the leadership team, observing inside and outside during lessons and breaktimes, and meeting with children, staff and governors. Many thanks for taking the time to complete the parent survey and to those of you who spoke with the inspectors on the gate. The school will receive a draft report in around 3 weeks' time and once finalised I will of course share the findings with parents. This inspection does not affect the school's grading.

Well done to the Y6 footballers who all showed great skills in the inter-school tournament. One team even made it to the guarter-finals!

School is open on Wednesday 1st February - we are NOT closed for the strike. Children should come to school as usual.

Have a lovely weekend

Jen Brodkin

Headteacher

Diary

February 2023

8th Superhero Day Year 1 8th Greek Day 2.30pm Year 3 10th Parent Support Group 13th -17th Half Term School Closed 23rd Furry & Scaly Workshop Year 2

March 2023

13th Freightliners Reception 13th-15th Lightship Year 5D 15th -17th Lightship Year 5M 20th-24th Kingswood Year 6

30th Young Shakespeare Workshop Year 6

31st Last Day of Term

April 2023

17th Start of Summer Term

May 2023

1st Bank Holiday 8th Bank Holiday 9th–12th SATS Year 6

Parent Support Group

Our next parent support group will take place on Friday 10th February at 9am in the Sanctuary. Parenting can be extremely rewarding but can also have its challenges. This group is an opportunity to discuss constructive ideas around raising children.

This time we will be having a guest speaker called Helen from Home-start. She will be discussing home support, thinking about the challenges families face. Please see the attached poster for more information about the services they offer.

The group is also a great way to meet other parents and carers for practical and emotional support. It can be helpful to share ideas with other parents and reassuring to meet other parents experiencing similar concerns or worries

Sarah Ostroff Inclusion Lead

Sharon Gordon Kaye Learning Mentor





Below is a link for the newsletter from Year 1 trip to The RAF Museum

RAF Museum blog post

https://www.osidgeschool.org/blog/year-1s-trip-to-the-raf-museum/

Boys and girls football tournament

https://www.osidgeschool.org/blog/girls-and-boysfootball-tournament/