



FEBRUARY 2022

I can't believe it's February half term already! This term seems to have gone so fast! I guess it's true what they say ***'Time flies when you're having fun!'***. We've had another really busy term—it feels much more like 'business as usual' now. The children have enjoyed trips and visitors to the school as well as celebrating Children's' Mental Health Week with Express Yourself Day today! There are some amazing outfits across the school and the children have clearly enjoyed choosing their favourite clothes.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a lovely half term break! I hope the weather is kind to us.

I would also like to thank my team, once again, for their relentless hard work.

Have fun!

Mrs K Steward, Principal

Year 1 Science trip



This term in Science we have been learning all about plants. As part of our topic we went on a walk to Boulevard Park, and also visited the flower garden. We had lots of fun looking for wild plants and found many different ones.

Chinese New Year and the year of the tiger

At OOSC, we celebrated Chinese new year by trying some different Chinese food. The children also enjoyed making some Chinese new year crafts, especially making dragon masks. We learnt that 2022 is the year of the tiger and watched some traditional dragon dancing on YouTube.



Children in Reception have enjoyed learning about Chinese New Year which began on February 1st. We have discussed how it is celebrated such as wearing red and gold, receiving envelopes of money and having meals with their families. 2022 is the Year of the Tiger according to the Chinese zodiac, consisting of 12 animals from The Great Race, which the children got to watch. The children also tried different Chinese foods such as prawn crackers, sweet and sour sauce, noodles and rice.

Drama workshop

Year 5 enjoyed taking part in a drama workshop, exploring Anglo-Saxon Britain and the



figure of Hilda of Whitby. The children revisited their history learning of Anglo-Saxon jobs, battles and leisure time through discussion and freeze frame, eventually moving on to creating their own character from Anglo-Saxon Britain. Through their knowledge and imagination, they came up with some amazing characters, such as 'Blood Bear the warrior'. Finally, year 5 designed their own streets, describing where they would take Hilda and their characters if they time travelled to modern day Britain. We had some fantastic responses such as 'The bank to show them how we use money.' and 'My house so I can make them feel welcome because they would be scared and nervous.' Well done year 5!

Camille, the workshop leader, said 'On behalf of the whole team at Hilda and the Northern Powerhouse, we wanted to let you know how much we enjoyed our time with South Parade's Year 5 last Friday. They are such a creative and welcoming year group and we had so much fun playing and workshoping with them. They are an absolute credit to you.'

Children's Mental Health Week

All year groups took part in their own assemblies to learn and discuss mental health and what this means, creating ways in which they could improve their own mental health. All pupils took part in activities such as: mindfulness colouring, yoga and meditation as types of relaxation for the brain.

Pupil voice

This week, years 4 and 5 have been campaigning to be a part of OATs Regional Pupil Voice to represent OSPA. They will deliver speeches to their classes this week to see if they make it through to the final rounds were, after half term, they will present themselves for the final ballot votes.

Good luck to all candidates!

Internet safety day and competition

Safer Internet Day is a global event which aims to raise awareness of internet safety amongst children, their parents and everyone else.



Last week, we celebrated with some special assemblies and lessons based on this year's theme, '**Exploring Respect Online**'. We considered all the great things about being online and then reminded ourselves about how we can stay safe whilst using the internet. Once again, staff have been very impressed with the children's fantastic e-safety knowledge. I was particularly proud of the children when questioning them and asking for their responses in the assembly.

We also launched our competition which will run until Friday the 4th March (entries to go to the class teacher or the front office). The children will have the chance to talk to their parents and families about what they know about E-safety and work together to design and produce a poster that reflects an aspect of staying safe online.

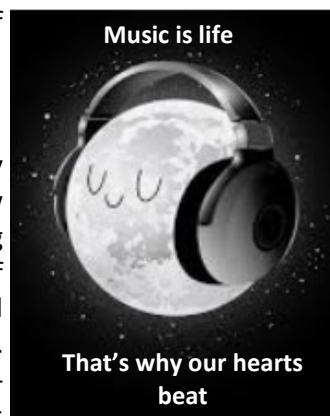
There are various themes that the children can focus upon when producing their E-Safety poster. Please see the full details that have been forwarded to you via the MyEd app for more information. Remember that there will be prizes for each of these themes. Mrs Steward will choose some examples to be displayed on the OSPA Facebook page.

2022 has kicked off on a musical note.



Year 2s are busy practising new songs for the long awaited return of MAPAS annual singing festival.

This hugely successful event is being held at the Grimsby Auditorium on March 8th (tickets available at the booking office).



OSPA is really excited to be the first school in Lincolnshire delivering a 10 week programme of turntablism.

Turntablism is the art of changing sounds to create music using phonograph turntables and a DJ Mixer. Ms Bacon is leading the classes involved and is really impressed with the engagement and skill the pupils are displaying!

We are very proud of 2 of our Atlas pupils, Nikita is learning the violin and Levi the piano with our peripatetic teacher Sue Baker.



Watch this space for more up-coming musical extravaganzas!

Attendance

Our whole school target for attendance is 96%

Currently we are at 93%

Please remember that early morning aches often pass, so don't keep your child at home "just in case" when he or she could be learning in class. If you are not sure, you could talk to a member of the school staff or your GP.

Is my child well enough for school?

Coughs and colds

A slight cold or cough does not stop a child from attending school. However, children with heavy colds or persistent coughs should stay at home. A child whose cough is disappearing and who is feeling better should return to school.

Minor aches and pains

A child whose only complaint is a minor headache or tummy ache does not usually need to be kept at home. A child with persistent toothache or earache should see a dentist/doctor without delay.

Vomiting and diarrhoea

If vomiting or diarrhoea occurs, your child should stay at home for no longer than 48 hours.



Medication

If your child has a headache or has signs of a fever, you can administer Calpol before school. Let a member of staff know and we will monitor them closely. If your child needs medication during the school day, you can complete a consent form for staff to administer any necessary treatment. The forms are available at the front office.

Appointments

We encourage parents to make appointments out of school times. Sometimes it is unavoidable, if your child's hospital appointment is in the morning, we ask that you send your child back to school at the earliest opportunity.

Your contact details

Reminder – It is **your responsibility** to inform school when your child is absent from school. It is important that school staff can contact you or someone you have identified on your contact list. Please keep school updated if you have a new number.

Any problems or concerns please speak to;
Mrs Jackie Allington or Mrs Sharon Unwin

Upcoming coffee morning



On **29th March 2022** we are having another coffee morning for parents/carers and friends at 9am -11am

The School Nurse, a lady from the Benefits Service and our Together for Childhood ladies, dental hygienist, Jamie Butler OSPA Learning Mentor and a member of Compass Go (Mental Health Service) are coming to offer advice around sleep routines, healthy eating, headlice, behaviour support in the home, poor mental health or anxiety and any money problems you may need help with.

Together for childhood (NSPCC)

Together for Childhood offers services and support to parents and families, helping them understand and support the children in their care.



Every Tuesday, 2 ladies from the Together for Childhood service come into our school to;

- Meet and Greet parents and children on the playground
- Parent Drop in 9am – 10am – Children's behaviour worries, health issues, mental health difficulties, financial support and much more.
- Group work – managing feelings and emotions, year 6 transition
- 1-1 work with identified children

Important dates

Week commencing **21.3.22** Year 6 mock week

29.03.22 NSPCC coffee morning—school hall 9am-11am

Week commencing **9.5.22** Year 6 SATs week

6.6.22 - 24.6.22 Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

Term dates 2021-2022

11.02.22 School closes for half term

21.02.22 School opens after half term

01.04.22 School closes for Easter break

Bank Holidays – Fri 15 April, Mon 18 April

19.04.22 School opens after Easter break

27.05.22 School closes for half term

Bank Holidays – Mon 2 May, Thurs 2nd June, Fri 3rd June

06.06.22 School opens after half term

22.07.22 School closes for the Summer break