



We've had another busy half term here at OSPA. I've really enjoyed being back at school after my maternity leave and it has been great to see all of the hard work that the children have been doing.

I have mostly been impressed with the excellent writing that the children have been working on – I have had lots of visits from children who have then received one of my golden coins!

Wishing you all a lovely week off as well as a Happy Valentine's Day!

We look forward to seeing you all at normal time on Monday 20th February.

Mrs Steward - Principal

WeWill Celebration!

Year 4 have worked incredibly hard on their WeWill recycle project that involved upcycling old clothes to make fresh, new styles! They finally got to celebrate their hard work in a special assembly in which they all received a fancy gold certificate and a Murray award badge as a keepsake for their commitment to youth social action. A special shout out was given to Jessika and Aliyah who had been selected by their class as someone who went above and beyond what was expected of them! We hope you enjoy your vouchers girls! Well done to all of Year 4; we are very proud of you!



Well done to year 6

Year 6 have worked extremely hard this week on their assessments. We are so proud of the effort they have put in and the progress they have made since our last assessments in November. Thank you to parents and carers for your support with attendance and ensuring pupils arrived in school on time. Well done again to the year 6 pupils!



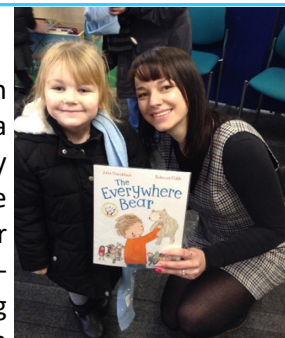
Greek Style Pots (with a twist!)

Years 5 and 6 have been sculpting Greek style pots in their Art lessons to support with their History topic- Ancient Greece.

However, they have designed and painted their pots to reflect modern day life, so that people in 2,500 years time from now can learn about our life- just like we do now with Ancient Greek pottery!

The Everywhere Bear

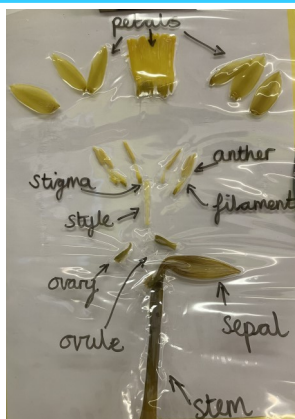
Last week the children in Reception went on a visit to the Grimsby Central Library. The visit was linked with our class story 'The Everywhere Bear'. During their visit the children



learned the purpose of a library and the role of a librarian. The children were given the opportunity to explore the children's area and look at some of their favorite books. At the end of the visit the children listened to a funny story read by the librarian.

Flower Power!

Year 5 & 6 have loved learning about living things and their habitats in science this term! They've researched and explored life cycles of different plants and animals including the mysterious egg laying mammal: the platypus. When learning about how plants reproduce, they dissected a daffodil to identify the parts; they even managed to spot the tiny ovules! They were very excited to learn about how some plants, such as potatoes, reproduce asexually by growing sprouts off them so don't be surprised if they start planting any leftover potatoes!



Athletics competition

This term, Year 3/4 pupils took part in an Athletics competition at Franklin College. They showed amazing resolve and sportsmanship throughout as well as having a fun-filled day! We didn't quite make the finals, but it was a brilliant experience that they still talk about now. Well done guys!



World Book Day!

Your child is welcome to come to school dressed as a character from a book or wear their own clothes on **Thursday 2nd March**.

In the lead up to World Book Day, we are encouraging you to take part in a range of fun activities and a chance to win some prizes.

Extreme Reading!

Take a picture of your child reading somewhere unusual. (the stranger the better)

Decorate a potato

Decorate a potato as your favourite book character and send a picture to us.

All photos can be emailed to office@osparade.co.uk or you can bring a printed copy in to school by

Thursday 2nd March. Winners will be announced on Friday 3rd March.



Attendance

Our whole school target for attendance is **96%**. We remain the same this half term at **93%**.

Mrs Walton and Mrs Allington have carried out a register check this half term and met with parents whose children have attendance below 90%. The meetings were very successful and hoping to see improvements in the next term. Reminder, we can administer Calpol/antibiotics for children that have headaches/toothaches or are well enough to return but still have medication to finish. You need to sign a consent form which are available in the front office.

If you are struggling to get your child/children into school, please let the office know and we will do our best to support you.

Upcoming events

2nd March—World Book day

14th March—Y6 SATs parents meeting

15th March—Science day— Reception Science morning 10.30am, Years 1-6 science afternoon 2pm

17th March—Comic Relief

29th March—Parents consultation day

2022-2023 term dates

10.02.23 Children finish for half term

20.02.23 Children return after half term

31.03.23 Children finish at 2.30pm for Easter

17.04.23 Children return after the Easter break

01.05.23 May day bank holiday

08.05.23 Extra May bank holiday

26.05.23 Children finish for half term

05.06.23 Children return after half term

25.07.23 Children finish for Summer break