



I hope this copy of the newsletter finds you well. We've had such an action-packed term! The children have settled really well in their new classes and have been producing some amazing work. You can see examples of this on our academy Facebook page.

This term, our year 6 pupils spent the weekend at PGL. They had the most wonderful time and made memories to last a lifetime.

One final thing from me is to thank those parents who were able to join us for our Parents' Consultation Day – we love sharing the children's successes with you.

Wishing you a 'spooky' half term and we will see you on Monday 6th November

Mrs Steward - Principal

World Mental Health day

OSPA engaged in the world mental health day by wearing yellow.

This could be clothing, headbands, scrunchies or what ever a child chose. A small donation was received from children to support a local charity. We raised £97.15 for the Sunflowers Children's Action Group. The charity supports children and families with life limiting and life-threatening illnesses. The day turned out to be a very bright and colourful day and was enjoyed by all.



PGL

Year 6 had a fantastic time on their trip to PGL. During the day, in groups, they took part in a range of activities with some of their favourites being the trapeze, zipline and canoeing. Then on an evening everyone came together for the evening events. These included ambush (a huge game of hide and seek in the dark) and a disco where the pupils impressed us with their groovy dance moves.

We were incredibly proud of the resilience, determination and bravery our pupils demonstrated when attempting new challenges.

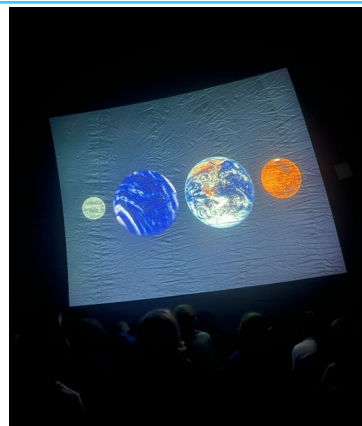
A big well done to all pupils who attended and a thank you to all of the staff who gave up their weekends to help out!



Planetarium

In year 5 and 6, we had an amazing visit from **Star Lincs Planetarium**. We took a trip into space to explore the solar system looking at all the planets we have studied this term. Lucy, our presenter, used models and lights to

demonstrate how day and night occur as well as how we see the different phases of the moon. We ended the session with the most beautiful stargazing experience. Lucy recommended downloading the app 'Stellarium' if you want to explore our constellations. She also mentioned that you can send your name to Mars by signing up on the NASA website; how cool!



Jeans for Genes



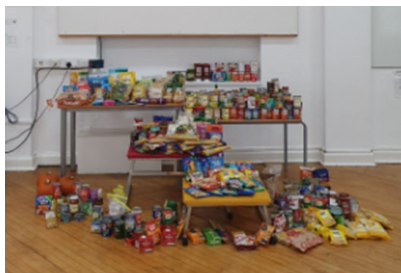
We raised an amazing **£271.10** for the charity Jeans for Genes who campaign and raise awareness of the daily challenges faced by those living with a genetic condition. The money raised helps to fund projects that make a tangible difference to the lives of those affected and celebrates the achievements of those living with a genetic condition.

School Council

A huge congratulations to Bianca and Aaron who were elected as OSPA's new Regional Student Voice representatives! They will be working alongside Mrs Miles to help support pupils within school and developing new ideas. They will also be working closely with other OAT Academies in the North to share upcoming OSPA events and enrichment based plans. Well done to all pupils who put themselves forward to elections. You were all amazing and should be very proud of yourselves.



Harvest Festival



We celebrated our annual OSPA Harvest Festivals on the 10th and 11th October. Children and staff across the school generously brought in food donations to share between our own OSPA Food Bank and the local West Marsh Community Centre Food Bank.

Thank you for all of your generous donations. Whilst Harvest Festival is over, we are continuing to accept donations for the OSPA Food Bank.

Eco-Committee Update

Over the Summer, the hard work of the Eco Committee was rewarded with the honour of earning the Green Flag award ... with Distinction!

An incredible achievement for OSPA, lots of hard work went into achieving this, starting with an environmental review to see how eco-friendly the pupils thought the school was then assessing these followed by setting different targets of how they wanted to develop eco activities at OSPA.

Keep Britain Tidy, who award the Green Flag, commented, 'We love the inclusive approach you've taken to setting up your Eco-Committee. This sets a positive and encouraging tone for your work, which supports a collaborative and community ethos, vital in maximising impacts.'

Well done to the committee for all their hard work and wonderful ideas that have enabled us to achieve the Green Flag with Distinction!

The full Green Flag report can be viewed on the Eco section of the School's website.



The year 6 pupils have done a great job completing the Bikeability program which consisted of both level 1 and 2. The pupils mastered how to safely ride their bike on the road and use hand signals to turn in and out of junctions. They also learnt how to bike check including tyre pressure, seat adjustment and handlebar positions. Well done year 6! Happy cycling!

Upcoming events

- WC 6.11.23** Italy Swimming begins
- WC 13.11.23** Anti-bullying Week
- 16.11.23** Road Safety Week
- 17.11.23** Children in Need
- 4.12.23** Cinema Trip years 1-6
- 4.12.23** Nursery concerts (Timings TBC)
- 8.12.23** Year 2 Christmas Concert (Timings TBC)
- 8.12.23** Christmas Jumper Day
- 11.12.23** Minster Visit (years 3-6)
- 11.12.23** EYFS Christmas Party
- 13.12.23** Christmas Dinner
- 14.12.23** Year 1 Christmas Play (Timings TBC)
- 15.12.23** Shining star & 100% Attendance
- 19.12.23** Reception & Year 6 Height and Weight check
- 20.12.23** End of Term- 2:30pm finish

2023-2024 term dates

- 20.10.23** Children finish for half term
- 06.11.23** Children return following half term
- 27.11.23** School closed for a Trust wide inset day
- 20.12.23** Children finish at 2.30pm for Christmas
- 03.01.24** Children return after the Christmas break
- 09.02.24** Children finish for half term
- 19.02.24** Children return after half term
- 28.03.24** Children finish at 2.30pm for Easter
- 15.04.24** Children return after the Easter break
- 06.05.24** May day bank holiday
- 24.05.24** Children finish for half term
- 03.06.24** Children return after half term