

Overleigh St Mary's CE Primary School

MESSENGER

Thursday 24th October 2024



Dear Overleigh Family,

Thank you to all the children and staff for all their amazing hard work this half term. It has been a long 8 weeks but we have packed lots in. We hope you enjoy sharing a flavour of our learning in the newsletter and wish everyone a very enjoyable half term.

Attendance is showing a marked increase on this time last year although penalty notices are still being required for those taking term time holidays. We do hope the extra Inset days either side of the half term will help families to take a break out of term time.

Punctuality has slipped a little in the last 2 weeks of term which is a bit frustrating as we had several days and nearly a whole week previously, with no lates. We understand the roadworks are causing delay and we have had a lot of rain but delays are to be expected under these circumstances. Thank you to everyone who has allowed extra time and ensured their children are able to come into school with their classmates through the normal classroom doors in the morning. We have not given an individual award to children with 96%+ attendance this half term, as we normally would, but have congratulated classes as a whole. This is due to the high number of cases of chicken pox, foot and mouth and vomiting bugs that have been doing the rounds. We have regularly reminded children to use soap and water, and not just hand gel, to clean their hands regularly through the school day. It would be great families could also remind children over the break.



CHESHIRE DIOCESE ACADEMY TRUST (CDAT)

Our conversion has been further delayed by dispute over the road between the LA and CDAT. Consequently at the earliest, we will convert on 01.12.24. Regular meetings are being held with DfE and we hope progress is secured quickly to resolve the matter. In the mean time we continue to be a maintained setting although CDAT teams have been working closely with us for support.



OFSTED

As we did not convert to an academy on 01.10.24 we were visited by Ofsted. It was a full inspection as expected and there were 3 inspectors for 2 full days. We are awaiting the draft and then final reports which should be with us after half term and will be shared with you as soon as we are able. Thank you for all the kind wishes of support during the process and all those who contributed to their questionnaires. We do not get to see the findings from these but a summary was verbally shared.

Many thanks to all the children who represented themselves and the school so brilliantly and to all the staff for all the extra special hard work during the inspection period.

As ever we continue now on our journey of ensuring our school is the very best place it can be for all children, staff and families.

Winter Clothing

We are very lucky to have such a big school but as it is surrounded by windows it is almost always too hot in the summer and too cold in the winter. Do please make sure your child has a school jumper or cardigan and a warm coat to wear. Please name these items!

PE kits can contain black jogging bottoms and an extra sweatshirt as most classes will continue with outside PE as long as the weather allows i.e. it isn't



bucketing down!! Where at all possible, please leave PE and Forest School kits in for the half term. This saves remembering each week. Please remember to label it with your child's name and ensure they are in school for Tuesday 5th November. Thank you.

Head Pupil Election

Well done to all the children who entered the challenge to become head Pupil. As ever competition was tight, but this year especially, we were impressed with the quality of entry from across the school. Consequently, we have made a change to the election process for the first time in many years. This year we will have 6 rather than 4 candidates i.e. party leaders for the position of Head Pupil. In addition, we will also have 6 further candidates for the position of Deputy Head Pupil (from our earlier aged year groups). This means there will be 2 elections on the same day, one for Head Pupil and one for Deputy Head Pupil with 6 candidates for each role. All the children who entered the challenge have willingly agreed to become party members to support the Head and Deputy head candidates. We were especially impressed with how our Y5 & Y6 children who were not chosen to be party leaders but have welcomed the opportunity to support younger members of the school with their campaign. A wonderful example of showing love and respect towards each other.

After half term, the various party leaders and party members will be campaigning to gain voters in the election. As part of this they will make speeches to the rest of school about why they should be chosen. All children and staff in school will have the opportunity to register to vote in the election.

Here are the candidates, party name and colour for each election:

Head Pupil

Ruby L-P – Mindfulness party – Pink

Leila N – Sunflower Party – Black and White

Orla S – Royal Party – Purple and Yellow

Jack C – Peace Party – White

Charles S-W – Parliament Party – Purple

Clara B – Ruby Party - Red



Deputy Head Pupil

Orla R – Value Party – Royal Blue

Matteo G – Clover Party – Green

Ben C – Art Party – Lilac

Bodhi F – Fierce Party - Yellow and Blue

Ettie N – Helper Party – Gold

Lyra R – Wellbeing Party - Yellow

Thank you to Mr Longworth for co-ordinating and to Mr Flynn and Mrs Norbury who took part alongside me in the panel process. It was an extremely tricky decision to make!

CHRISTMAS

We will share all the main Christmas event information with you after half term. However, we wanted to especially mention our fund raising plans. Previously we have made Christmas cards to sell with the children but have rested this idea, as card sending has become less popular in the spirit of being eco friendly and the expense. We have also sold T-towels previously but we felt it is probably a bit soon to revive this again.



Therefore, this year, every child will make a Christmas Bauble that features a photo of themselves and is seasonally decorated. This can be kept at home or given as a gift to wider family. All children will bring their bauble home. However, we are asking families to make a small donation if they would like, in recognition of the art work. The donations will all go towards funding the Christmas children's Jack & the Beanstalk panto. The cost of resources etc will be covered by school.

Remembrance

We are selling poppies and other related stationary from the school office to support the raising of funds by the British Legion to look after veterans and their families and those affected by war. We suggest a 20p minimum donation for a poppy in recognition of the cause. You can call in before or after school or children can pop to the office to collect.

The 11th falls on a Monday so we will be holding a service of remembrance in school and marking the silence. Y6 will join Catholic High for an outside ceremony in their school grounds.



In Love and Peace,
Miss Emma Drew

Key Dates For 24-25

Thursday 24 th Oct	Last Day Autumn 1	3.20pm Finish
Friday 25 th October	INSET DAY SCH CLOSED	
Monday 4 th Nov	INSET DAY SCH CLOSED	
Tuesday 5 th Nov	First Day Autumn 2	Values Day: Hope
14 th & 15 th Nov	Anti-Bullying & Anti-Harassment Focus Days	
Friday 20 th Dec	Last Day Autumn 2	2.15pm Finish

Class Assembly Autumn Term 1 Dates:- 2.30pm unless stated in the school hall

Tuesday 19th November Ted Hughes Class Y3 2.30pm in the school hall

All other remaining class Assemblies will now move to the Spring Term to allow EYFS and KS1 time to prepare for Christmas performances. Dates for these will follow.

Academic Year 2024-2025 continued:

Monday 6 th Jan	INSET Day for Staff	
Tuesday 7 th Jan	First Day Spring 1	Values Day: Respect
Friday 14 th Feb	Last Day Spring 1	3.20pm Finish
Monday 24 th Feb	First Day Spring 2	Values Day: Integrity
Friday 4 th April	Last Day Spring 2	2.15pm Finish
Wednesday 23 rd April	First Day Summer 1	Values Day: Service & Stewardship
Friday 23 rd May	Last Day Summer 1	3.20pm Finish
Monday 2 nd June	First Day Summer 2	Values Day: Thankfulness
Tuesday 22 nd July	Last Day Summer 2	2.15pm Finish
Wednesday 23 rd July	INSET SCHOOL CLOSED	

Secrets to Success Award 2024 - 2025

Well done to all those children who completed the challenge in Autumn 1 – ‘Don’t Give Up’.

This Half Term (Autumn 2) our focus is ‘Improve’. A copy of this can be found in your booklet.



Autumn 2 Challenge

Improve



At Overleigh St Mary's ***we improve***

Successful people are always trying to make things better. Children improve by having different opportunities to try things out and get better. They need consistency, to always try their best and never stop improving.

We would like you to develop a skill you already have started. It might be playing a musical instrument, swimming, a language, times tables or a craft. It might be something you join a club to do or something you learn at home with your family. How would you like to improve it? What target would you like to achieve? What do you need to do to achieve your target? Have five sessions on developing your skill or activity. When you have done this, ask an adult to sign to say you have completed this.

Adult Signature _____



We would love to hear about this when you have you completed it. Please email or upload on Seesaw any photographs or information from this to your class teacher.

Remember that once you have completed this challenge you will receive a certificate in Celebration Assembly.

We look forward to seeing and hearing all about all the new things you try!

Mrs Barnes and Mrs Birchall

Cross Country

Heidi recently represented Overleigh in a cross country race and came a very creditable 8th overall. She followed this up with a 3rd place finish in the Chester Mini Marathon. Well done, Heidi, for once again excelling in sport and particularly athletics.

Heidi was accompanied by Thomas and Ruby Rose in completing the Chester Mini Marathon.

If you would like to follow in their footsteps and participate on behalf of Overleigh, then the dates and details are below. You will need parent to support you as the races take place on a Saturday. School can provide you with an Overleigh running vest.

Please let Miss McFaul or Miss Morgan know in good time before the upcoming dates and they will help with contacting the organisers and ensuring a place for you.

If you do compete then let us know how you get on and we can add it into the upcoming newsletter.



West Cheshire Athletic Club Schools Cross Country Race Series 2024/25

At Ellesmere Port Sports Village, Stanney Lane,
Ellesmere Port,

Registration from 9.30am for school years 3 & 4
And from 10am for school years 5-8.
First Race Starts at 10am.

Dates of Fixtures:
Saturday, October 5
Saturday, November 9
Saturday, December 7
Saturday, January 18

Race Order for the following Girls and Boys year groups:
Year Three, Year Four, Year Five, Year Six, Year Seven, Year Eight.

Medals will be presented to the first three finishers in each race.

The first three finishers from each school in each race will count as a team towards a team score based on their positions, and the team event will be held over four rounds.

Awards will also be presented to the top three finishers overall in each age group after four rounds.

Each pupil from each school will be provided with a race number which should be attached to the front of their T-shirt/vest.

Each participating school should provide a representative/parent/team manager at each round. Further details from Dennis Wall at West Cheshire AC. Tel: 07968 643038. Email: dennis.wall1@ntlworld.com

This is an inside of school club which your child can attend directly from school.

Limited
availability



After school art club for school years 3 to 6

Thursdays

7th November - 19th December

7 weeks for £45.50

(payable in advance half termly)

3.20pm - 4.20pm

Spaces are limited

please email for further information

and to book your child's place.

purplepandaart.crafts@gmail.com

Chris, our brilliant Judo coach, still has some places remaining for the next half-term. Please see the details below to see if you are interested in learning some Judo skills. The form is at the bottom. This is a paid for club which takes place before school in the main school hall. Chris' booking form is attached at the bottom.



JUDO EDUCATION
www.judoeducation.co.uk

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Head Office
St.Helens
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Chorley
07738 408 731

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THE OLYMPIC SPORT OF JUDO IS COMING TO YOUR SCHOOL



What can Judo do for your child?

Self Defence • Increase Confidence • Increase Concentration
Self Discipline and Respect • Increased Health & Fitness

- The classes are taught by fully qualified coaches.
- They have extensive experience in teaching children of all ages and abilities.
- All Coaches are Fully DBS Cleared



There are multiple levels in our clubs. Each course your child can progress to their next skill level.

The Educational Judo course includes :

*All Coaching Fees • Judo Suit hire • Certificate of Achievement
One FREE introductory session at your local Judo Club*



I would like to enroll my child on the Educational Judo Course.
I understand that for safety reasons my child must not wear hard objects, jewellery, or accessories etc.
With all contact sports there may be a slight risk of injury. Please have your PE kit with you.

Overleigh St. Mary's Primary School (Years 1-6)

**COST – £36.00
For 6 weeks.**

START DATE:

Thursday 7th November 2024

TIME:

3.30 to 4.30pm

We still have room for a few more to join our Judo Club next half term.

**To book your child's place, please TEXT your interest, with your child's name and school, to 07812215937. We shall then message to confirm a place and how to pay.
Please still bring your signed permission slip to the coach on the first week.
Places are limited!**

Date of Payment:

Childs Full Name:

Class:

Telephone No.:

Medical Information:

Please list any medical conditions we should be aware of

Parent / Guardians Full Name:

Date:

Parent / Guardians Signature:

Some half-term activity notices

On the following few pages there are some possible half-term activities that we have been requested to share with you. Please remember that school has been requested to share these and school is not responsible for the content or quality of any of these activities.

West Cheshire Museums

Weaver Hall Museum

Starting Saturday 26th October Weaver Hall Museum has a Trick or Treat Trail that lasts all week.

Free drop in Spooky crafts will also be provided by the Library and Museum Teams Monday – Friday

Northwich Explorers Wednesday 30th October £5 per session – places must be booked. To book call 01606 271646.

Lion Salt Works

On Friday 1st November Lion Salt Works has Free Spooky Crafts, Haunted Stories and a Trick or Treat Trail between 11am – 4pm

Northwich Explorers runs the same day exploring spooky science £5 per session – places must be booked call 01606 275066.

Grosvenor Museum

9 October - 3 November [Deadly Museum Trail](#) -Discover the deadly things at the Grosvenor Museum this October with our special trail.

29 October @ 10.30am - 12.30pm Frankenstein's Museum. Create your own creature inspired by Frankenstein's monster using 'body parts' from the museum's collections!

Free, drop in. Donations welcome.

30 October @ 1.00pm - 4.00pm Jump Scares at the Old Time Cinema. Take part in our cinema-themed handling session from 1-2:30pm, and then join us to watch Frankenstein's Monster (1931) on the big screen of the lecture theatre. There will be popcorn. Free, drop in. Donations welcome.

29 October @ 5.30pm - 7.00pm £10 [Children's Ghost Walk](#). Join guide Ann Coward for a family friendly Children's Ghost Walk.

We have been asked to make you aware of the upcoming event. Please be aware that this is not an Overleigh run event so participation should only take place under the guidance and supervision of an adult.

**18th Chester
Scouts**



**Admission
£4 individual
£15 family ticket
(2 adults/3
children)**

**Hot dogs/crisps/
drinks/cakes on
sale**

**Community
Bonfire and
Firework
display**
Scout Hut
Manor Rd
Westminster
Park

**Friday 8th
November
Doors
Open 6.30**

No sparklers
No personal fireworks
Cash only

The timescale has beaten us for the event below but if you would like to get involved then we are sure that the Incredible Edible team would welcome your support or attendance at future events.



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WILDLIFE
CONNECTIONS



The Big Community Garden Celebration Event!

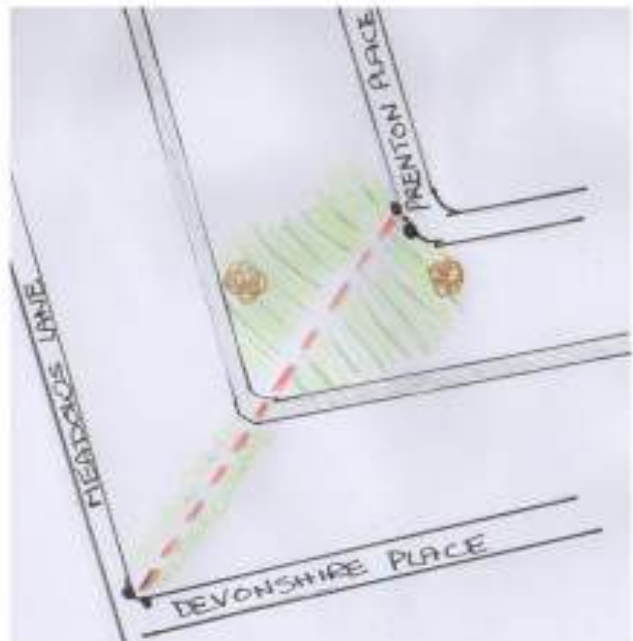
Sunday 29th September,
12 noon to 4pm at
The Arches Community Garden,
Handbridge, CH4 7DW.

Free fun activities for all the
Family - with Chester Zoo's
Networks for Nature team.

Bug Hunt! Raffle!

Food and Refreshments.

Come and explore your new
community garden. Everybody
welcome.



*"They can cut all the flowers
but they cannot keep the spring from coming"*

Pablo Neruda

BEFORE



NOW



Friday Certificates 4.10.24



Class	Value	Comment
Carle Miss Evans	Hope	Millie always tries her best in class and around the school. I can always count on Millie to do the right thing and is a role model to all children. She has been working hard learning new sounds in phonics and her number bonds to 5 in maths. Keep it up Millie you are a star!
Butterworth Miss Burns	Wisdom	William tries extremely hard at everything he does. He has impressed his teachers this week with his hard work on number bonds to 5 and exploring the part whole model. William remembers key mathematical vocabulary from previous lessons and applies it well. Well Done William, you are a superstar!
Bond Mrs Birchall Mrs Barnes	Love	Teddy for being an absolutely wonderful member of our class! Teddy has a wonderful attitude to learning, he is always fully engaged in the lesson and puts in maximum effort. Teddy has a great 'can do' mind set. Teddy is also a kind and helpful friend. Well done Teddy, we are very proud of you.
Nicoll Miss Noakes	Love	I love how Rory comes into school everyday with a big smile on his face. Rory has impressed me this week with his attitude to learning and his increased ability to work independently. Rory will now have a go at tasks without adult support and works with his learning partners to complete things he may find tricky. Well done Rory!
McKee Miss Morgan	Compassion	Maliyah is a superstar! She is always showing super listening skills and trying her very best in everything she does. She has especially been working hard on her writing and reading, and I am very proud of all her efforts to show progress in these. Well done Maliyah! :)
Gravett Miss Griffiths Mrs Jones	Wisdom	Eva S has been working really hard with her independent learning and has shown that she is able to work independently, but asks for help when she needs it. She has already made lots of progress with her writing and maths and we are so proud. Well done Eva!
Hughes Miss Hunter	Wisdom	Linette has produced some lovely writing this week in English, she wrote two lovely diary entries for her independent writing piece linking to our book 'The Stone Age Boy', both of which had beautiful handwriting! Linette, always listens intently and tries her best in everything she does. Well done Linette keep up the hard work!
Meadows Mr Mander	Wisdom	Stepan has been working really hard in all his work this week. He has developed the confidence to answer questions on the carpet and is really making some good progress in his English and Maths. Well done Stepan.
Strong Mr Skinner	Wisdom	Anna is new to our school but has already made a great start to life at Overleigh. She is confident in class and has already made many friends. She works hard in all her subjects and has made particular effort in English and handwriting since joining. She is determined to reach her pen license and always asks about how she can improve further. Well done Anna!
Morpurgo Miss McFaul	Trust	George has been working incredibly hard this week and has been showing me that he can be trusted to do the right thing throughout the school day. We have been learning about trust in Computing and PHSE and we have had some insightful conversations on how we show we can be trusted and what we look for in good trusting friendships both face to face and online. He is always keen to join discussions and share his ideas. Keep up the great work George!
Horowitz Miss Holdstock	Love	Emilia is always a kind-hearted and caring friend to everyone. She comes to school each day with a smile on her face and tries exceptionally hard in all she does. You are a star! * □
Austen Miss Axam	Love	Joaquin has been a real superstar this week, I have spotted him on many occasions being very supportive to class mates. He has gone out of his way to help others who may be finding the work a little more tricky and he has done this in a really considerate way. Thank you for your compassion Joaquin
Jeffers Miss Jones	Integrity	Thomas has really taken the start of Year 6 in his stride. He has been noticed by myself and Miss Redmayne for having such a positive attitude and always following the school rules. Well done Thomas, keep up your dedication and amazing efforts!
Blackman Mrs McGoldrick Mrs Dickson	Love	Cleo is so kind and helpful - to us and to other children. She always tries her very best - even when things are difficult, and is enthusiastic and willing to give everything her everything! So glad you're in our class, Cleo

Friday Certificates 11.10.24



Class	Value	Comment
Carle Miss Evans	Love	Ana for the value of love. Ana is a very caring member of the class. She always goes above and beyond to help others and makes an effort to be kind to everyone. She always puts 100% effort into all she does and loves to assist anyone she can. She displays sensible behaviour around school and knows how to behave in different situations. She is an all round superstar!
Butterworth Miss Burns	Integrity	Ezme has tried so hard this week in everything that we have learnt. She has been practicing her letter formation and has been very keen to apply her phonics into her Gingerbread man writing. Even when Ezme finds things tricky, she gives it her best go and doesn't give up.
Bond Mrs Birchall Mrs Barnes	Integrity	Maya has an amazingly positive attitude to learning. She is enthusiastic in everything she does and always brightens up our day with her lovely smile. What a wonderful role model and member of Bond class she is.
Nicoll Miss Noakes	Wisdom	Stanley has impressed me with the effort he has been making in maths and English. Stanley's worked especially hard at improving his handwriting recently and has been doing some great reading at home. Well done Stanley on working so hard!
McKee Miss Morgan	Compassion	Andrea is someone who always puts 100% in everything she does. Andrea never shines away from a challenge and is a tremendous role model towards others in school. Keep being you, Andrea! :)
Gravett Miss Griffiths Mrs Jones	Wisdom	Tyler has been really focusing on making wise choices this week. He has worked hard on his independent writing and impressed me with his ability to write at length independently. Well done!
Hughes Miss Hunter	Integrity	William always makes the right choices even if those who are around him might not. I can always count on him to be a super listener and always be ready to learn - following our school rules of ready safe and respectful. William has been working very hard on his writing and continuously tries his best each day. Keep it up William - you are a superstar!
Meadows Mr Mander	Hope	Since moving places, Elias has been really concentrating on his work fantastically. He is really showing that he is a fantastic learner and I'm really proud of his attitude. Well done Elias,
Strong Mr Skinner	Wisdom	Emma is someone who always sets a positive example for others in the class and tries her best in everything she does. I've been particularly pleased with the effort that Emma has made with her spelling this half term. She doesn't always find spelling the easiest but has been practising words that she finds difficult at home and then including them in her writing. Well done Emma!
Morpurgo Miss McFaul	Justice	Jasmine has been an absolute super star this week, doing the right thing throughout the school day and helping others to follow our school rules: ready, respectful and safe. She is always helping me and her classmates without having to be asked, setting a fantastic example for others to follow as well. She has been making sure that everyone is included outside and during group work within the classroom. She is just and fair was always tries her best. Keep up the great work Jasmine!
Horowitz Miss Holdstock	Wisdom	Ruby has been trying exceptionally hard in all her learning and has produced an excellent biography of the astronaut Chris Hadfield. She has beautiful handwriting and faultless presentation in all her work. Well done, Ruby-Kim!
Austen Miss Axam	Wisdom	Ruby has really impressed us this week with her very mature attitude to all of her learning. She listens attentively, thinks about what she is learning and responds very thoughtfully. Also her work is presented beautifully and is a shining example of what we expect from a Year 5 student.
Jeffers Miss Jones	Love	Ollie has been working super hard this week with all aspects of his learning! He has been trying really hard with his writing and his maths in particular. He has also been contributing well to our class discussion about our text in English and answering questions. Well done Ollie! Keep it up.
Blackman Mrs McGoldrick Mrs Dickson	Wisdom	Alexander for consistently sharing his inspiring ideas and for his curiosity and infectious love of learning.

Friday Certificates 18.10.24



Class	Value	Comment
Carle Miss Evans	Thankfulness	Noah always has beautiful manners in the classroom and around school. He follows our school rules of being ready, respectful and safe and is an example to all. He plays with all children and never lets anyone play on their own. Noah is already showing great maturity in Reception already. Well done Noah.
Butterworth Miss Burns	Love	Evie displays a kind and caring nature towards all members of our class. She has been spotted on many occasions this week showing love for others and giving a helping hand to her friends when they are finding something tricky. You are a fantastic role model pupil Evie and it is a pleasure to have you in Nick Butterworth class. Well Done.
Bond Mrs Birchall Mrs Barnes	Integrity	Molly for her amazing maths. Molly worked incredibly hard to understand the fact families and could show how to represent them. Well done Molly you have a great attitude to learning and you show hard work and resilience throughout the lessons.
Nicoll Miss Noakes	Peace	Muhammad has had a fantastic start since starting at Overleigh. He's settled in quickly into the routines of our school and Year 1. Muhammad is a polite and kind member of the class and we're really happy he has joined us. Well done Muhammad on your friendly and positive attitude!
McKee Miss Morgan	Integrity	Frankie is an all-round superstar. He is always doing what is expected of him, working extremely hard and is always showing a love of learning. Keep up your hard work Frankie. You're a star!
Gravett Miss Griffiths Mrs Jones	Wisdom	Harry has been making wise choices in the classroom by showing good listening skills, helping his friends and trying his best. He really impressed Miss Griffiths when he was discussing new vocabulary in his reading group and he was even lucky enough to show off his reading skills to the special visitors last week. Well done Harry, we are so proud of you!
Hughes Miss Hunter	Integrity	Khadija has made a great start to Y3 this year. Each day, she comes in with a positive attitude and a thirst to learn. Due to her love for learning, Khadija has made huge progress across all subjects and we are very proud! She has a fab attitude, not only showing a love of learning but a love for her class family and our school. Well done Khadija - you are a superstar!!
Meadows Mr Mander	Hope	George is trying really hard to do the right thing at the right time and is starting to really show what he is capable of. Keep up the hard work George.
Strong Mr Skinner	Love	Dennis is someone who always tries his best in class and is a positive role model for his peers. He has been particularly helpful over the past few weeks in welcoming our new friend Leif and making sure that he has settled into life at Overleigh. He was also great in our class assembly acting out the part of a monster in a Greek myth. We are all very proud of Dennis and the amazing attitude he approaches all his learning with.
Morpurgo Miss McFaul	Friendship	Florence is a fantastic friend to everyone she meets. She is a patient child who is always helpful, kind and caring. She always helps those around to her to smile as she tells the funniest jokes. She makes sure that no one is left out and that everyone feels included. She has been working extremely hard during our class assembly practices to help others to remember what they have to do. Morpurgo class wouldn't be complete without her! Keep being your amazing self Flo!
Horowitz Miss Holdstock	Integrity	I nominate Thomas for the value of Integrity. Thomas is incredibly conscientious and always goes the extra mile to fully embrace school life. Thank you, Thomas!
Austen Miss Axam	Service and Stewardship	Leo has been working so hard on his learning and is making amazing progress as a result. He has showed that he is open to new ways of learning and is aceing his written methods of calculation in maths. We are really proud of the attitude he has been having over the last couple of weeks.

Friday Certificates 24.10.24



Class	Value	Comment
Carle Miss Evans	Trust	Elsie consistently does the right thing. She always has great focus during teacher input, always puts her hand up to answer questions and is always helpful in class and around the school. She has beautiful manners which is noticed by all adults. I know I can trust Elsie to do the right thing and be an example to all children in Reception. She has recently been flourishing in her number bonds to 5 and knows all her phonics sounds learned so far.
Butterworth Miss Burns	Respect	From the very beginning of the term and throughout, Louis has never failed to use his kind manners and respect towards all teachers and children at our school. Not only does Louis have brilliant manners, he has great listening skills and makes sure he tries hard to get the most out of his learning. Well Done Louis you should be so proud.
Bond Mrs Birchall Mrs Barnes	Love	Jackson McManon for his amazing attitude to learning and his fantastic effort. Jackson has worked very hard this term and made lovely progress. He has produced some great work and we are very proud of him. Well done Jackson.
Nicoll Miss Noakes	Integrity	Maraya is a wonderful member of our class and she can always be seen doing the right thing. Maraya is kind and polite to children and always sits beautifully on the carpet, she is a role model to others in the class. Well done, Maraya on a fantastic half term!
McKee Miss Morgan	Integrity	Poppy since the start of Year 2 has walked into school every day with a positive, infectious smile. She always has a positive, happy mindset towards her learning and also spreads this across the classroom to people around her. She is so helpful towards everyone, including adults. Poppy you are just a delight to have in McKee Class. Keep being you!
Gravett Miss Griffiths Mrs Jones	Compassion	Isabella has settled in really well to year 2. She is a kind friend and makes good choices to ensure that she is able to learn and not distracted by others. She is already making good progress in her learning and we cannot wait to see how she grows this year. Well done!
Hughes Miss Hunter	Trust	Adonis has demonstrated great qualities of trust this term, including honesty, reliability and integrity. I can always count of Adonis to make the right choices and set a great example to those around him. This term, Adonis has shown consistent effort with his work, trying hard and not giving up even when he found things difficult at times - trusting in himself and his abilities. Keep up the great work - well done Adonis!
Meadows Mr Mander	Integrity	Since coming back to school, I have noticed that Ocean is trying really hard in all his work. He is always doing the right thing, making good choices and being a model pupil to others in the class. Keep up the hard work, Ocean.
Strong Mr Skinner	Wisdom	Gracy has had an amazing half term and been a shining star in our class. She always tries her hardest with her learning and sets a great example to others. Her work in English in particular, has been impressive to read. Gracy has enjoyed our creative writing and really flourished when writing her own Greek myth. Well done Gracy!
Morpurgo Miss McFaul	Service and Stewardship	Henri has been an absolute star since we have returned to school in September. He has come into Year 4 ready to be his best self. He takes his responsibilities within the classroom and wider school very seriously and I can always trust that he will follow the school rules: ready, respectful and safe when I send him to do an important job. He has been helping deliver the Year 1 and 2 lunchboxes quickly and safely to the canteen, helping everyone's day run a bit more smoothly. He is also helpful in class with handing out books, tidying up and making sure that everything is ready for the next day. He is a credit to our class and he should be very proud of himself, I know I am!
Horowitz Miss Holdstock	Integrity	Weston has tackled the new challenges of Year 5 with a fantastic attitude and has been working exceptionally hard in all he does. He is now working much more independently and is extremely proud of all he has achieved. You have been a pleasure to teach Weston and I can't wait to see what else you can achieve over the year! Well done!
Austen Miss Axam	Integrity	Juliette has consistently embodied our values of ready respectful safe throughout the term. She has always worked her hardest at every single task in every single lesson and has taken a full part in every lesson discussion. Juliette's work is presented beautifully and this reflects her commitment to her learning. She has also been a superstar helping others including Miss Axam with her French pronunciation!! Merci beaucoup!
Jeffers Miss Jones	Integrity	Edgar is a fantastic pupil, who is always seen by everyone for doing the right thing. He always works hard in class and listens attentively. Staff always comment on his behaviour and Edgar has had many staff this week in stitches, because of his excellent sense of humour! Well done Edgar, keep up the excellent efforts!
Blackman Mrs McGoldrick Mrs Dickson	Love	Elinor is so mature, kind and compassionate and we see these qualities in her so often in class. She is helpful to children who need help and support and welcoming to new children in our class. She always tries her best and contributes so much to Malorie Blackman class. Well done Elinor. We're all so glad you're in Year 6.



Nursery



**Pumpkin
Fun!**



Year R

Reception have been busy baking gingerbread men linking to our writing topic for this half term. We measured out the ingredients carefully, mixed them together, rolled out the dough and cut out the shapes. We had so much fun being bakers!



Year R

Willow has been busy growing vegetables in her garden. She brought them in to show her friends in class.

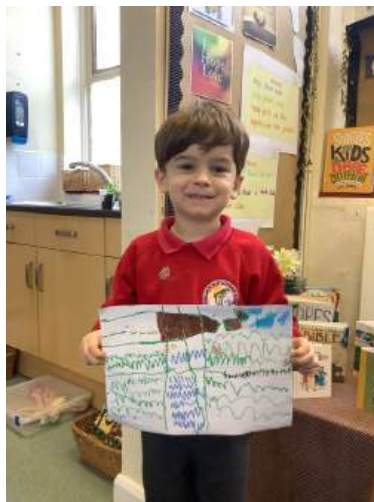


Linda has been busy in gymnastics and received star of the week. Well done Linda!



Year 1

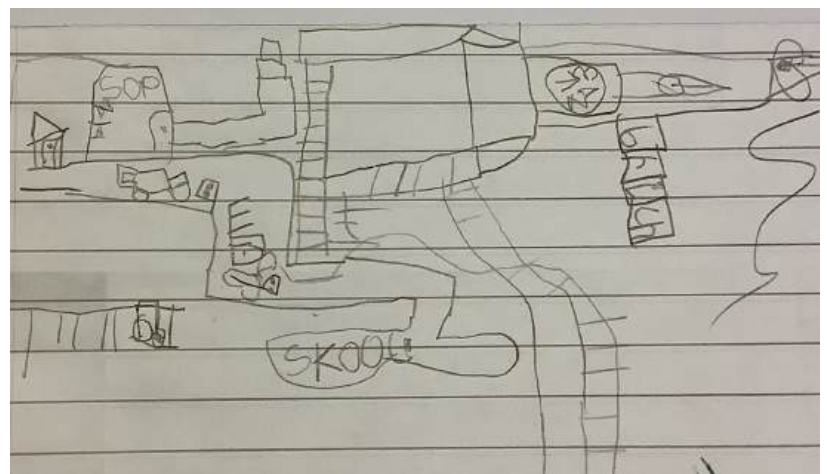
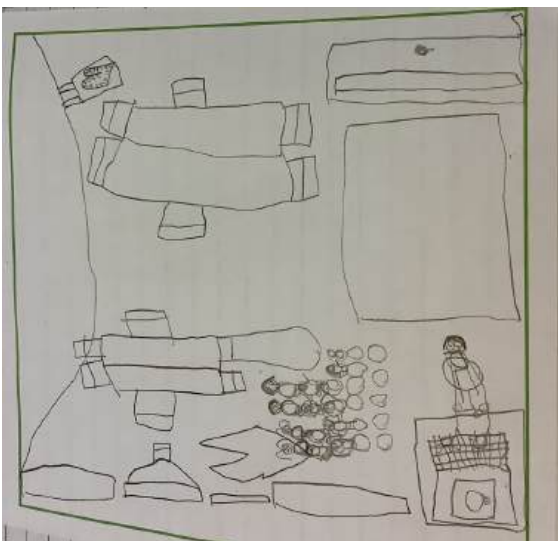
In Art we have been studying the artist David Hockney. His work focuses on colour, shape, pattern, line and texture. He uses brush strokes, lines, dashes and dabs to create patterns and effects. We channelled our inner David Hockney to create a final piece of art work.



Year 1



In Geography, we learnt how to use a compass to find north, south, east and west. We have also drawn an aerial view of our classroom and a map of our route to school.



Year 2



We had a fantastic week last week!
We went on a trip to Grosvenor Park
to identify the human and physical
features.

We also sewed our finger puppets!



Year 2



We've been super busy finally making our designed finger puppets. We think we've done an amazing job! :)

Last Thursday we also had the opportunity to visit Grosvenor Park .We did some map work, looked at physical and human features and had some deserved biscuits after all the work and walking we did.

Year 3

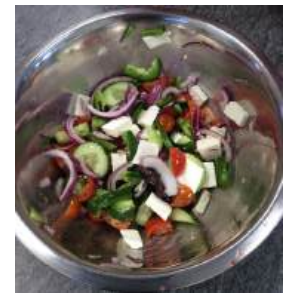
In Science, we have been looking at how fossils are made and the fact that they are imprints of creatures from long ago. We then had a go at making our own fossils.



In RE we have been looking at the story of Daniel and the Lion's Den. Children created freeze frames to retell the story in their own words.



Year 4



In Year 4 we have been looking at Instruction sheets. We created our own Greek Salad by following a set of instructions on how to do so. We then spent some time rewriting these Greek Salad instructions so that they were better.



We also have had fun sculpting our final Greek clay pot creations in art. Don't they look amazing! We used the coil and pinch technique to form the pot and then decorated them with Greek Key designs.



Year 5

To mark 'Hidden Nature Week', we have been exploring nature in unexpected places and sketching our findings.



Year 6

Year 6 have certainly had a fantastic start to the Autumn Term and it has certainly been a busy one!

We went on our residential to Barnstondale and thoroughly enjoyed it! The children completed a range of activities and made lots of memories they will remember forever! Here are some photos of our highlights.



Year 6



On our first night at Barnstondale, we all gathered around the firepit as a year group! We sang campfire songs and toasted marshmallows. It was a fantastic evening!

