



Ordsall Primary School

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FROM THE HEADTEACHER

As always, it has been an action-packed half-term at Ordsall with various exciting visitors and themed days across school.

At the start of this half term, I have introduced the children to the school's RESPECT values which will become much more prominent as the year continues. RESPECT stands for different values that we feel are representative of Ordsall Primary School. These are **respect, effort, support, passion, enrichment, compassion** and **teamwork**. We have spent some time discussing these in assemblies and will continue to do so. As the school continues to develop, the way we work, learn and behave will be based on these RESPECT values.

I hope you all have a lovely half-term break! Please remember that Monday 19th February is an INSET Day and the children **return to school on Tuesday 20th February**.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

I have included some further developments and news as the school continues to work on its school improvement priorities.

The school has committed to updating the books in each class' reading area, including year group topic books. Staff have been busy creating 'wish lists' of books with the view to purchase these later in the year. The aim is to have a collection of high-quality and diverse books that are representative of modern-day society.

This term the school has started to work with the Flying High English Hub as part of its plan to improve the teaching and learning of phonics at Ordsall.

Reading is the school's main priority due to it being the skill that unlocks all other aspects of the curriculum and we are committed to ensuring every child at Ordsall is a reader.

This year we have seen a steady increase in the number of children attending Ordsall, with us currently having 590 children on roll.

We still have available spaces so we are continuing to work hard to make the school people's first choice for those living in Ordsall and the surrounding areas.

YEAR GROUP PAGES

Stay up to date with what your child is doing by regularly visiting their year group page on the school's website. These can be found here:

<https://www.ordsallprimary.com/all-about-our-classes/>



A Roman soldier visits Year 4.

YEAR GROUP HIGHLIGHTS

NURSERY

Our big question has been, 'Do you know a bear story?'

We have been doing lots of fun activities and learned lots of information about bears. The children went on their very own bear hunt and got to explore a swirling, whirling snowstorm, thick oozy mud, long wavy grass and a narrow, gloomy cave with a big, furry bear!



RECEPTION

The children have been working incredibly hard with their maths this term, with them learning to show 6, 7 and 8 using a ten frame. They have also been matching numbers to quantities and learning to identify odd and even numbers to 10.



YEAR 1

In Year 1 we have been learning about our big question, 'What is it like at the poles?' The children have been investigating what animals live in the Arctic/North Pole and the Antarctic/South Pole as well as creating some beautiful pastel pictures of polar bears. In music, we have been listening to *The Penguin March*, exploring instruments and we even had a go at composing our own song.



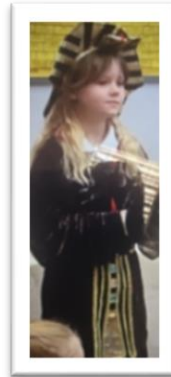
YEAR 2

It has been another exciting term in Year 2. We had a great time experiencing a range of survival skills from shelter building to safe fire lighting during our Survival Day. We have researched the inspiring lives of famous explores, Edmund Hillary and James Cook, as well as becoming musicians through listening to and creating our own rock music!



YEAR 3

We have been predominantly learning about the Egyptians, including mummification and the afterlife, the importance of the river Nile, Tutankhamun and the discovery of his tomb. We have made canopic jars using clay and painting death masks using textured paint.



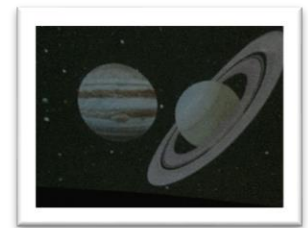
YEAR 4

Year 4 have been learning about the Romans and what happened when they came to Britain. We were fortunate to have a Roman soldier visit where we learned a lot about the daily life of a Roman soldier. We also took part in some military training which involved marching and forming the turtle (testudo), which Romans would have used in battle.



YEAR 5

Year 5 have been discovering that Earth is known as the 'Goldilocks planet' due to our surroundings being just right for many life forms to thrive. Throughout this, we have been focusing on things in our solar system, where we were fortunate enough to spend some time looking at this in incredible detail in the Space Wonderdome.



YEAR 6

This half-term, Year 6 have started our class text, *Holes* which the children have absolutely loved! It has been a fantastic stimulus for writing as we have written through the perspective of Stanley during his first few weeks at Camp Green Lake. In computing, we have also started to build Camp Green Lake using various programs. As we continue to read the book next half-term, we will look to increase our creative writing and we know the children are going to love the never-ending plot twists!





KIDS WITH BRICKS

This half term, we have launched an exciting new Kids with Bricks (LEGO) after school enrichment club starting with children in Year 5.

Each week during the club, the children complete an exciting educational challenge set by Kids with Bricks. Children can work either individually or in teams on each week's challenge and at the end of the session the children vote on the best creation and for a 'Builder of the Week' award.



As an added bit of fun, each week's best creation is entered into a weekly inter-school competition where parents can vote for their favourites and points are won for the National School Leader Board.



SPORTS HALL ATHLETICS

Over the past few weeks, some of our Year 6 children have been representing the school in the Bassetlaw District qualifier for Sports Hall Athletics. The children were rewarded for their excellent efforts in the preliminary round in January, making it through to the final on February 2nd.

At the final, the children managed to build on their performances in the previous round and finished 5th overall. A huge congratulations to all the children involved!

HALF-TERM ACTIVITIES AT BASSETLAW MUSEUM



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Events at Bassetlaw Museum

Mon 12th Feb - Exploring Electricity	Drop-in activity: 10am - 12noon & 1pm - 3pm
Tue 13th Feb - Veolia Recycling and Craft	Drop-in activity: 10am - 12noon & 1pm - 3pm
Wed 14th Feb - Trelleborg Employer STEM Activities	Events start at: 11am, 12:30pm & 1:30pm
Thu 15th Feb - Experiment with Colour	Drop-in activity: 10am - 12noon & 1pm - 3pm
Fri 16th Feb - Lego Activity	Drop-in activity: 10am - 3pm

View more FREE Bassetlaw FOSAC events and book onto activities at: nottsfosac.co.uk

Bassetlaw Museum | Bassetlaw DISTRICT COUNCIL

Please find attached some details of activities taking place at Bassetlaw Museum over the half-term break. Further details can be found at nottsfosac.co.uk.