



# Ordsall Primary School

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## FROM THE HEADTEACHER

I want to begin this term's newsletter by expressing my pride in our wonderful Year 6 children.

Last week they made everyone in school incredibly proud through the hard work, determination and resilience they showed whilst undertaking their SATs. They approached each paper with maturity and a positive, 'can do' attitude – what more can we ask for?

As a reward for their excellent effort, they were treated to an action packed afternoon of inflatable fun! The children enjoyed taking part in an assault course, riding on a helter skelter, playing 'whac-a-mole', and showing off their best theatrics and dives in the pendulum arena – I have only just recovered from all the races on the assault course!

Well done children! Seeing you all having a fantastic time was amazing and I hope it is a memory that will stay with you – you deserve it!

## SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

As we approach the end of the academic year, I would like to update you all on the improvements the school has been busy working on to make your child's experience at Ordsall Primary School the best it can possibly be.

The brand-new furniture and resources for our Early Years classrooms have been ordered and will be ready for our new cohorts starting in September 2024. We have also arranged for an Early Years expert to visit the school and advise on improving the quality of our Early Years curriculum, which we are very excited about!

This term, we have made some adjustments to our lunchtime arrangements. These changes have been made to ensure their

are fewer children inside the hall or outside on the playground at the same time. This has allowed for a much quieter and pleasant eating experience whilst giving the children more room to play outside. We have also invested in some additional toys for the children to play with outside.

We continue to invest in our phonics and early reading programme, Read, Write, Inc. with amendments being made and new resources purchased ready for September. Reading will continue to be a main focus for the school next year and we will be supporting this by drastically reducing the phonics and reading groups children are in to ensure the quality of these sessions are of the absolute best quality.

## 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/>



*Some of our girls at the Football Skills workshop at Retford Oaks Academy on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2024.*

## YEAR GROUP HIGHLIGHTS

### NURSERY

This half term in Nursery has been very exciting! We have discovered different habitats that animals live in as part of our big question, 'Where do animals live?'. We have been reading lots of stories about animals and have explored hot and cold countries. We have found that some animals sleep in the day which means they are nocturnal.



### RECEPTION

This half term, Reception took part in a community project with local trainee nurses learning about healthy eating and a balanced diet as part of their 'Food, Glorious Food' topic. The children had a great time and asked lots of interesting questions!



### YEAR 1

This half term, we have been learning about London and our big question, 'Who is king of the castle?'. We wrote our own stories imagining different landmarks in London and what it was like there. In science, we have been investigating flowers, as well as identifying and naming a variety of deciduous and evergreen trees.



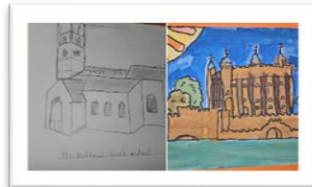
### YEAR 2

This half term, Year 2 have been exploring the history in our local area by learning about Robin Hood. We went on an amazing trip to Sherwood Forest, exploring the story of Robin Hood and using our sketching skills to draw the Major Oak. After writing about our incredible experience, we started to read the story of *The Night Gardener* and wrote our own versions of the story.



### YEAR 3

In Year 3, we have been looking at our local area and where we live in relation to the cities of Sheffield and Nottingham. This has included some super arty homework and lots of map and compass work too. In addition to this, we have been very busy writing some super descriptive list poems based on *Magic Box*.



### YEAR 4

This half term, Year 4 have been investigating the lives of rich and poor Victorians and exploring the different inventions which occurred during this time period. We were also fortunate in having a visitor from Bassetlaw Museum to share more information and artefacts from this era.



We have also been exploring electricity, making circuits and testing materials to see if they conduct or insulate the current while designing our own nightlights.

### YEAR 5

Year 5 have been learning about the Amazon Rainforest this half term, and exploring why it is such an important part of our planet. As part of our learning, we were able to meet some of the animals that live in the rainforest environment as part of our experience day.



### YEAR 6

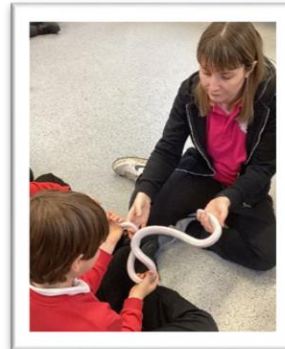
The Year 6 children have been working really hard throughout the build up to SATs. Not only have they shown perseverance and resilience, but they have shown an overwhelming positive attitude to learning. All the children have maintained great enthusiasm and we have been really proud of their work ethic. We are sure that all the hard work will pay off and we continue to tell the children that all we expect of them is to try their best and give 100% effort.



## TREEHOUSE FUN DAY

The children who regularly attend Treehouse (breakfast and afterschool club) were rewarded with an end of term Fun Day at the close of the spring term. We had an animal themed session where 90 children were lucky enough to have an animal handling visit from *Animal Ark Travelling Zoo* and learn about snakes, owls, bearded dragons and chinchillas.

The children also participated in animal arts and crafts, games, and we even had an animal themed snack with owl biscuits and snake wrap sandwiches!



## CUP FINAL AND SCHOOL GAMES MARK SILVER AWARD

After a year of developing and improving the quality of sport and PE at Ordsall Primary School, we have been awarded with the School Games Mark Silver Award. A huge congratulations to Mr Brooks, Mrs Luckhurst and Mr Ennals for their continued hard work to make the sport and PE provision the best it can be.

In other sporting news, our boys school football team have reached the final of the Parry Cup after winning 3-2 against Ramsden Primary School.

The match was end to end, with both teams taking it in turns to lead and then equalise, with Ordsall managing to snatch the victory after Sean latched onto a goal kick from Jenson to send the team to the final.

A huge congratulations and we are looking forward to finding out the details for the final!

## ROTARY ART COMPETITION

Year 5 after school Art Club worked with local artist, Cath Ray, to produce work for the annual Retford Rotary Art Competition. The children produced some fabulous work on this year's theme of *Nature and Animals*.

The children's work was exhibited for the public at St. Swithun's Church, Retford and a number of our children whose work was selected then attended the awards ceremony on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April.



A delighted Mollie-Mae Curtis scooped first prize for Ordsall Primary School, with the work of Madeleine Amendola and Reuben Lear both being commended by the judges. All three were presented with a certificate by the Mayor of Retford.

To top off the evening, Oliver Reddish had an interested buyer for a piece of his art work, which Oliver agreed to sell. Well done to all the children that took part and for representing Ordsall so incredibly well!

