



The last 5 weeks have flown past! They have been jam packed with learning activities and everyone thoroughly deserves to rest and eat chocolate over the Easter weekend!

We have been considering Heroes this half term – who our heroes are and how we can be a hero to someone else. A hero is someone who believes in you and is there when you need them.

Curriculum

This has been a History focus half term, with the whole school taking a journey through time. Children in different year groups have been learning about different era in history, from the Stone Age to World War 1! I have loved seeing all of the amazing history homework projects coming in this week!

We remembered our fire safety behaviour during **Fire Safety Week!**

The **E-Safety group** met to discuss awareness of keeping ourselves safe online. Tips for parents can be found on our website.

Visits / Visitors

All year groups have had an interactive history experience this half term:

Year 6 visited the Imperial War Museum, Y5 and Y4 went to Butser's Ancient Farm and Y3 had a visit from some Egyptologists and spent the day being Ancient Egyptians!

Y4 took part in drama workshops led by the principal of Helen O'Grady drama academy – they all developed confidence and had fun!

We dressed up as book characters to celebrate World Book Day on March 3rd and enjoyed some writing workshops with our visiting author Josh Lacey.



Many of you joined us to **Work with Your Child** during the week of 7th March. The children enjoyed showing off their learning skills in English and Maths and I enjoyed hearing all the positive comments about our teachers and children!

Our Year 6 children spent a fun but exhausting week **at PGL in Weymouth**, last week. They experienced lots of 'firsts' and drew on their Spirit of Adventure to try new things. My huge thanks go to the Y6 teachers and Mr Ashton for enabling the trip to take place so successfully.





Y5 parents will be getting a letter early next term with details of next year's school journey.

Charity Fundraising

This term's charity was the British Heart Foundation; all the children took part in a very energetic Skipathon to see how long they could keep skipping for during an hour's PE session. Please send in your sponsor money as soon as possible, for this very worthy cause.

Our **attendance** for this term is 96.5%! An improvement on the Autumn term. Well done to classes and **3P, 4R, 5D, 6U** and **4GR x2 (100%)** who have come top of the leader board for attendance and to **6B, 4R, 4GR and 3P**, who have been recognised for having 100% punctuality during some weeks this half term.

Competitions

Our **Netball** team took part in the Borough Finals earlier this month – well done for getting there team!

Our **Year 6 football team** had a match against Bedfont Primary – it was a close match with Bedfont just scraping a win!

We participated in the **Year 5 Feltham schools football** tournament – our mixed gender team did brilliantly, winning one, drawing two and losing one!

Well done to all competitors and staff involved!

Parent Voice

Thank you to those of you who took the time to complete **our homework survey** at parents evenings this term, the results are being analysed and then the Governors will decide on whether our policy for homework needs adapting.

Our next **Parents' Forum** will be at 2pm on 12th April, we will be discussing fundraising and parental involvement in school life, amongst other things. Please come along and ask questions or just share your views!

Celebration of Achievement

The following children were awarded **Principal's Awards** for their great attitude to learning in the first half of Spring term:

Y3 – Nicolas, Mateusz, Eshal, Angela, Tiago, Grace, Muiz, Ahmed

Y4 – Riley, Nemo, Zainab, Alfie W, Joel, Ruby, Skye, Nikodem

Y5 – Leo, Portia, Paige, Felix, Alex, Matthew, Ravija, Adhaa

Y6 – Teya, Bhavneet, Arun, Amber, Harvey, Julia

Principal's Tea Party



I held an Easter tea party for the top Aspirations Points winners of each class for the Spring term.

Well done to Eshal, Demi-Leigh, Layla and Anika from Y3, Lola, Rehaan, Bailey and Joshua from Y4, Eve, Mimi, Chloe and Eloise from Y5 and Skye, Adam and Lara from Y6.

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Children appearing on our '**Achievements out of School**' board this term:

Rory Irwin - Year 3 Swimming – Rory has achieved a 20m swimming badge and completed stage 4 in swimming.

Jody-Ann Van De Pol – Year 4 Gymnastics – Jody has joined a local gymnastics club. Watch this space for Jody's medals!

Maia Anthony (Missy) & Emma Brown – Year 6 Synchronised swimming. Both girls competed within the same performance, which was held to raise money for charity. They are both members of a local synchronised swimming club.

George Dougherty - Year 3 Go Karting – George competed in a go karting competition and received a well-earned trophy.

Zuzanna Sulej – Year 3 Skiing - Zuzanna competed in a skiing competition in Austria during half term, in which she gained a fabulous 7th place.

Kayden Jennison-Piggott – Year 3 Gymnastics – Kayden is part of a gymnastics club. Kayden competed in a gymnastics competition and was part of a gym festival too.

Jake Chownsmith - Year 6 Gymnastics – Jake competed within a gymnastics competition in Hastings. A huge well done Jake for coming 1st.

Annalise Agyei-Kyem - Year 5 Athletics – Annalise competed in an athletics competition. Annalise participated in the 200m, 60m and javelin and gained a bronze. She also came 29th out of 100 overall.

Maisie Butterworth - Year 3 Swimming – Maisie successfully completed her stage 2 level in swimming.

Chanel Lovelock - Year 5 Athletics – Chanel achieved a silver in an athletics competition. Chanel competed in long jump, running, speed bounce, hurdles and throwing. Gymnastics – Chanel achieved an amazing gold within a tumbling competition. Great work.

Abigail Muiruri – Year 5 Karate (Go-Kan-Ryu) – Abigail has achieved her yellow belt within karate.

Owain Tate-Burd – Year 5 First Aid/Rugby– Owain was awarded the St John Ambulance Award and mini rugby recipient for his support within the rugby festival and for being the most polite boy.

Shooting – Owain shoots every Sunday with his grandad. As can be seen by the score sheet, Owain has an impressive aim.

Archery – Owain also partakes in archery, and again, has an impressive aim!

Chloe Creme- Year 5 Gymnastics – Chloe competed within a gymnastics competition and came 2nd overall after participating in the acrobatic team.

Well done to all the above children, it is wonderful to hear what a talented bunch of children we have at OHA!

Community / PTA

I am sad to report that the PTA have disbanded, citing lack of support as the main reason. However, we will still be holding events for the children and you to enjoy and will be asking for parents to help. If you have any ideas for this, please come to the next **Parents' Forum** on 12th April at 2pm.



I wish you all a very happy Easter weekend (fingers crossed for dry weather!) and a peaceful Spring break. I'm looking forward to seeing lots of our Y6 children at Easter Academy next week!

We welcome all the children back to school for the Summer term at **8.50am on Monday 11th April**, where we will be developing their sense of Curiosity and Creativity!

Mrs M. Lancy, Principal