



# 'A happy place to learn and grow' Oxhey First School

11/03/2022



Visit our Twitter page for more pictures of this week's events

Part of the



Dear parents and carers,

It has been absolutely wonderful to see the children loving science week. The theme has been 'Growth' and we have focused on the 'pattern seeking' element within sessions. There was a real buzz in the classrooms and during outdoor learning too. Our Chair of Governors, Mrs Shenton, also joined in and was amazed by the children's scientific knowledge and all the facts they shared with her. We hope you have enjoyed following the classes on Twitter ...I am sure they have been telling you all about it.

It has also been a special week for Mrs Bibby, who enjoyed an afternoon tea and was presented with a special gift for a long service award by our MAT. Well done and thank you to Mrs Bibby for 25+ years of dedication to our children.

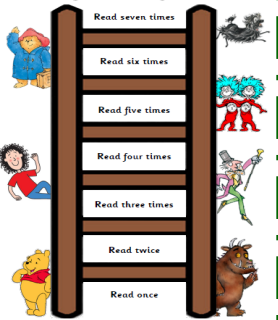
Have a great weekend from Mrs Jukes and the Oxhey Staff Team



Following the replacement of the annex roof it is now time to replace the internal ceilings. A skip is now on site. **Outstanding Owls for Monday-Wednesday will be entering and leaving via the annexe but the far door not their usual door, staff will be on hand to guide them.**



## Ready, Steady, READ!



## Ready, Steady, READ! - Results

The results are based on the number of children who have read four or more times in the week. Well done to everyone who read and took part in the challenge last week.

<b>1st place</b>	<b>Dazzling Dragonflies</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>2nd place</b>	<b>Terrific Turtles</b>	<b>74%</b>
<b>3rd place (joint)</b>	<b>Marvellous Meerkats &amp; Fabulous Foxes</b>	<b>73%</b>

## Attendance

Sparkly Spiders	96%
Dazzling Dragonflies	97%
Amazing Alligators	98%
Perfect Pandas	96%
Terrific Turtles	95%
<b>Marvellous Meerkats</b>	<b>99%</b>
Outstanding Owls	94%
<b>Fabulous Foxes</b>	<b>99%</b>

**This week's Whole School Attendance— 97%**

Whole School Target—96.5%

## House points

Gryffindor -	511
Hufflepuff -	489
Ravenclaw -	340
Slytherin -	432



The winner is  
**Gryffindor**  
With 511 points!



Your views as parents are important to us. We welcome any suggestions or ideas on how we can develop & improve as a school by emailing [office@oxhey.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@oxhey.staffs.sch.uk)



We currently have a vacancy for a **lunchtime supervisor**.

If you are interested or know someone who may be, then please call the school office on 01782 513000 for an application pack.

The position is term time only for 1 hour per day with an hourly rate of £9.60. (Grade 2 Scale point 2)

**This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people / vulnerable adults and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment**

**This position is subject to a criminal records check from the Disclosure and Barring Service (formerly CRB) which will require you to disclose details of all unspent and unfiltered spent reprimands, formal warnings, cautions and convictions in your application form.**

<http://oxhey.staffs.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/CFLP-School-SAFEGUARDING-POLICY-2021-OXHEY.doc.pdf>



### Year 2 Parents

We will be holding a SATS parent workshop on **Monday 21st March at 6pm.**

We will provide an overview of how SATs are delivered at Oxhey and you will be given an opportunity to have a look at a range of past SATs papers.

In order to keep everyone as safe as possible, we are asking if only **one** adult per child attends the meeting. This will help to limit how many of us there will be in the hall. If possible, please can you leave your child at home to further reduce numbers in the hall.

Please write a note in your child's planner to inform us if you are coming.

When you arrive, enter through the school office where Mrs Cooper, Mrs Taylor and Mrs Kane will meet you.

Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you then.

The KS1 Team



## Comic Relief Friday 18th March 2022

School council met this week to finalise plans for Comic Relief.

This year they are asking children to dress up in exchange for a donation of £1 for the charity.

### Children are able to come as a:

- Superhero
- Wear red—including noses and headbands
- Wear something funny

In addition to this we will be holding a cake sale in the hall in the afternoon for the children to come and enjoy so will also be asking for shop-bought cake donations which can be brought in on the day.

The children are hoping to raise lots of money this year for a very worthy charity so we hope you are able to support us with this.

Thank you, School Council.



### Whose responsibility is it to help endangered animals?

**We all have a voice and the right to express our opinions. This week the children have discussed how some people in influential roles choose to use their voice to help protect animals facing extinction.**

## Diary Dates For Parents

### Comic Relief

**18th March**

### Year 2 SATs parent workshop

**21st March**

### Inspire dance show

**31st March**

### Easter Holidays

**11th - 22nd April**

### May Day

**2nd May**

### Young Voices

**26th May**

### May Half Term

**30th May—6th June**

### Last day of the school year

**18th July**

**C**ollaboration  
**H**onesty  
**I**nspiration  
**L**eadership  
**D**emocracy  
**R**espect  
**E**quality  
**N**urture



# WELL DONE TO OUR 'TIGER LEARNERS' & OUR 'PUPILS OF THE WEEK'

- Little Ladybirds - Harry & Isabelle
- Dazzling Dragonflies - Charlie & Lyla
- Sparkly Spiders - Clodhna & William H
- Terrific Turtles - Sienna & Emily
- Perfect Pandas - Amber & Ellie
- Amazing Alligators - Harley & Rose
- Fabulous Foxes - Archie & Kai
- Outstanding Owls - John & Alfie
- Marvellous Meerkats - Tia & Harrison



## WELL DONE TO OUR TT ROCKSTARS

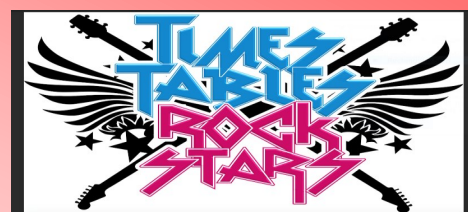
The class winner is: Fabulous Foxes

The individual winners are:

- Outstanding Owls
- 1st - Owen
- 2nd - Heidi
- 3rd - Ben
- Most improved player - Ellie
- Fabulous Foxes
- 1st - Jered
- 2nd - Jonah
- 3rd - Ben
- Most improved player - Jackson

Overall winner is:

Joshua from Marvellous Meerkats



- Marvellous Meerkats
- 1st - Joshua
- 2nd - Makari
- 3rd - Sienna
- Most improved player - Hunter

## WOW Awards.....



Reggie passed stage 2 at swimming.



Isaac competed in a ski race in Austria and won a medal & certificate.



Lottie passed lever 1 at swimming.



Ruby has achieved her purple stripe belt in Taekwondo.



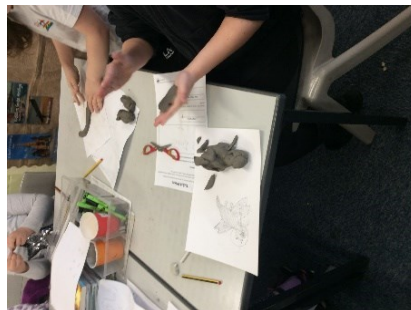
Finley was 'Parent's player of the match' at football.



Lucas has passed stage 5 at swimming and was 'Managers man of the match' at football.

# British Science Week came to Oxhey!

What a week we've had at Oxhey during science week! The theme for science week was 'Growth'. The children have loved being scientists and shared great scientific ideas throughout. Children in nursery and reception were looking at growth through the 'Enormous Turnip'. They explored through sorting and grouping and even built their own constructions using cardboard! KS1 made their own optical illusions and looked at how the brain tricks you! They even conducted an experiment with spring onions looking at how they grow and change by making observations over time! In KS2, the children designed an animal that would survive on Mars, they went digging for worms to identify the different ones we have at Oxhey and they created a habitat suitable for a Gentoo Penguin! We absolutely loved science week – sparking curiosity is what it's all about! Until next year...





## Mindfulness for Children & Families

### Seeing Eye

As a family, spend one or two minutes looking around the room, in silence. The aim is to notice things you have never seen before, this could be a detail on a picture, a chipped plate, a cool pattern on the wall. After the time is up, all share what the most interesting thing you noticed was.



### Mindful Breathing

- Hold out a hand with your fingers apart (like a star).
- Using a finger on your other hand, slowly trace around your fingers.
- As you trace up your finger, take a slow and deep breath in for 4 seconds.
- As you trace back down a finger, slowly breathe out for 4 seconds.
- Repeat for your whole hand.



Rectangular Snip

### Mindful eating

While you are eating a meal together, think about all the small details about your senses. Get each person to say one thing they notice about the food. This could be *how it smells, what it tastes like, how does it feel on your tongue, does it remind you of anything, do you feel any emotions?* Eating mindfully helps with noticing how your body changes.



### Muscle Relaxation

This activity is great for relaxing the body, especially useful in times of worry or just before bed.

Close your eyes and imagine you are trying to pick up a pencil with your feet, curl your toes and squeeze your feet tightly. Squeeze for 5 seconds before releasing. Notice & name how your feet feel as you squeeze and relax. Next, tense your legs. Pretend you are standing on your tip toes and trying to balance. Squeeze your legs for 5 seconds and release. Again notice the feelings as you go. Moving up to your hands, pretend you are holding an orange in each hand. Squeeze your hands tightly together as if you are trying to get all the juice out of the oranges. Squeeze for 5 seconds then release, noticing the difference in how your arms & hands feel. Pretend that a ladybug has landed on your nose, you want to get it off but can't use your hands. Scrunch up your face & wiggle your nose trying it off. Get scrunching for 5 seconds before it flies away and you can relax.