



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

07/10/22



Part of the



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

Dear parents and carers,

We can't believe the first half term is nearly over with only two weeks left! We hope you are all following us on Twitter to see what the children are getting up to. Key stage 2 children are making great progress in their ukulele and swimming lessons and really enjoyed learning about Harvest at St Lawrence Church yesterday. KS1 pupils have been working in teams to build bridges in forest school and in the Early Years everyone is enjoying outdoor fun under our new canopy!

On Monday it is World Mental Health Day. We will be having a special assembly delivered by Trailblazers and we will be thinking about what we have in our mental health toolkits. Please see the Social, Emotional and Mental Health section on the website for mental health resources and signposts to supportive agencies via this link [SEND - Oxhey First School | Biddulph | Staffordshire](#)

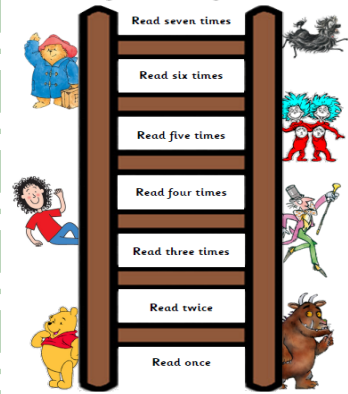
Next week is an exciting one with autumn non-uniform and disco fun on Thursday. We also have the book fair in school so please visit. Don't forget it is school photographs on Friday so HUGE smiles at the ready! (These are for Oxhey pupils only). If you haven't already sent in a request for parents' evening then please do so.

A huge thanks to Bathgate Silica Sand for their kind donations of sand, bark & compost for our play & gardening areas.



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

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.

1st place	Sparkly Spiders	100%
2nd place	Dazzling Dragonflies	91%
3rd place	Fabulous Foxes	80%

Attendance

Sparkly Spiders	94.85%
Dazzling Dragonflies	95.71%
Amazing Alligators	97.86%
Perfect Pandas	96.3%
Terrific Turtles	98.46%
Marvellous Meerkats	95.33%
Outstanding Owls	99.31%
Fabulous Foxes	95.85%

This week's Whole School Attendance

96.75%

School target — 96.5%

House Points

Gryffindor - 542
Hufflepuff - 613
Ravenclaw - 564
Slytherin - 529

The winner is
Hufflepuff
With 613 points!



Diary Dates For Parents

Oxhey Book Fair

6th-13th Oct

World Mental Health Day

10th October

Non-Uniform 'Autumn theme'

13th October

PTFA Halloween disco

13th October

School Photos

14th October

Parent's Evening

17th October

Half term

24th-28th October inclusive

EYFS Shine morning

16th November

KS1 Shine morning

17th November

KS2 Shine morning

18th November

KS2 Carol Service

8th December

EY Nativity

6th (am) & 7th (pm) December

KS1 Nativity

7th (am), 8th (pm & evening)

Autumn reports out

14th December



As part of our Harvest celebrations we are collecting donations for the food bank.

Any non-perishable goods, for example tins, packets, pasta etc. will be gratefully received. There is a collection point in the reception area of school.

Safeguarding

As a school it is important we hold the most up to date details on you and your child.

We need you to access Arbor to check your details are correct, we are making sure every child has at least 2 contacts, this is a requirement of KCSIE (Keeping Children Safe in Education). Also without them we may not have the correct details to contact parents in the case of an emergency. Medical information held also needs to be updated in order for us to complete new care plans and also ensure staff are well informed and trained to treat and managed any current medical needs of our pupils.

Thank you to everyone who has already logged in to Arbor and checked your details.

Today I have sent login details to all those who have not yet accessed Arbor, please follow the instructions on the email, any problems please contact the school office.



Collaboration
Honesty
Inspiration
Leadership
Democracy
Respect
Equality
Nurture

THE KP SNACKS' NUTS, POPCORN, CRISPS AND PRETZELS PACKET RECYCLING PROGRAMME

ACCEPTED WASTE



Waste that is NOT accepted:

- Seed packets
- Nutrient powder and topper packets
- Crisp fruit packets
- Sweet sachets and sachets



The ECO Team have started collecting crisp packets so that we can recycle them. The scheme we have joined is terra recycling.

We will earn money that we can spend on the garden area.

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

- Little Ladybirds - Lincoln & Evangelina
- Dazzling Dragonflies - Isaac & Isobel
- Sparkly Spiders - Frank & Francesca Br
- Terrific Turtles - Leo & Ayla
- Perfect Pandas - Summer & Cain
- Amazing Alligators - Hollie & Georgia
- Fabulous Foxes - Will M & Jessica
- Outstanding Owls - Jackson & Elsa
- Marvellous Meerkats - Emma & Lucas



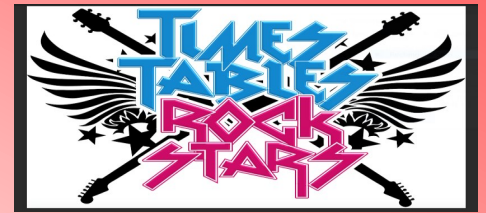
WELL DONE TO OUR TT ROCKSTARS

The individual winners are:

- Outstanding Owls
- 1st - Sam
- 2nd - Ben B
- 3rd - Seb T
- Most improved - Ellie

The class winner is:

Marvellous Meerkats



- Fabulous Foxes
- 1st - Aidan
- 2nd - Will
- 3rd - Joe
- Most improved - Flynn W

- Marvellous Meerkats
- 1st - Joshua
- 2nd - 
- 3rd - Edward
- Most improved—Hadyn

WOW Awards.....



Wow awards - All these amazing achievements have been celebrated in school. Well done everyone!





This week our spotlight is on our school leaders who have been very busy discussing various issues. Please have a read of what they have been up to.....

School Leaders

School Council

School council met to discuss plans for the Macmillan coffee morning. They also joined forces with the play leaders to discuss ways of improving playtimes and lunchtimes.



House Captains

Children met to talk about ways they could raise the profile of the teams and ways in which team points could be earned and given out by the captains.



Eco Warriors

The Eco Warriors met to launch the school recycling initiative for saving crisp packets. In exchange we will get money for the school to buy gardening equipment and enhance our curriculum.



Play Leaders

Children discussed and shared ideas for new playtime equipment for the playground. They also made plans for modelling how to play with different toys and games at lunchtime.



Librarians

The librarians met to discuss ways they could promote the library and how to encourage children to come and borrow books. They also created a rota for carrying out their roles.



Energy Saving Day



SATURDAY, 8TH

OCTOBER

10.00AM - 1.00PM

BIDDULPH TOWN HALL

Low-Cost Living Ideas

Financial Advice

Local Food Options

Free Food

Giveaways

Environmental Groups

Local Council Advice





We held our PTFA Annual General Meeting this morning. A huge thank you to our existing members for their ongoing support and a warm welcome to our new recruits. We are always looking for additional help, as much or as little as you are able, so please contact the school office or Mrs Holt if you would be interested in joining the team.

We are excited to announce the following Autumn Term events:

Thursday 13th October

Autumn non-uniform day

Please wear autumn colours during the school day in exchange for 'smellies' (bath bombs, bubble bath, shower gel etc) for the forthcoming Christmas Fair.

Thursday 13th October

Halloween Disco

Reception and Y1 - 4:30 - 5:10pm

Y2, Y3 and Y4 - 5:15 - 6:00pm

Children are invited to dress up in Halloween costume, should they wish to.

Tickets are priced at £2 each, including a glow stick.

Please place money in an envelope, clearly marked with **PTFA Disco**, your child's name, class and an emergency contact number and return to school.

Keep an eye on the newsletter for details of our

