



March 2017 Newsletter



Please make note of these dates in your diary;

- Thursday 4th May 2017 is Polling Day - School is **CLOSED** for all pupils **EXCEPT YEAR 6.**
- 24th and 25th July 2017 are now teacher days - School will be closed to all pupils on these days.

The Big Sleuth

Year 3 have been given the exciting opportunity to participate in 'The Big Sleuth' competition 2017 whereby the whole year group designed a superhero Sun bear, a small group of artists narrowed down the most creative designs then began making it. The winning design is attached.

A small group has been selected to help bring this winning design to life on the bear sculpture and when it is complete it will be on display in the local area for all to visit. Stay tuned to find out where!



Poetry Slam

Year 4 and 5 pupils have joined a lunchtime club writing poetry all gearing up for the Poetry Slam 16th March...more information and photos will be sent once this has happened.

All the children put in a great effort and we are very proud to say that the children came 2nd in the Poetry Slam. Well done!



The Oval Rugby Team

The team:

6.2 - Dalton, Erin, Harry

6.3 - Izzie, Alina

5.2 - Ian, Rehan, Uzair, Darnell

5.3 - Hamza

Early March we played our first games of the year. Here's what happened:

Oval 10 - 30 Firs

Try Scorers: Dalton and Izzie

Player of the Match - Dalton - We were under constant pressure from a team full of very big and fast players and went 30-0 down. Dalton galvanised the team with some excellent runs to get us out of our own half and give the team some confidence going into the other games.

Oval 20 - 20 Percy Schurmer

Try Scorers: Izzie (2), Dalton, Darnell

Player of the Match - Erin - Made lots of tackles and really good communication to organise the defence when the opposition started to run through us

Oval 25 - 25 Thornton

Try Scorers Izzie (3), Dalton, Darnell

Player of the Match: Izzie - Untouchable in attack. Captain and leader on the field. Refused to accept defeat whenever we went behind

On Tuesday we played our next games and turned up to the matches in a thunderstorm and news that our game against the bottom team, Clifton, had been cancelled. Without a win and the league table in mind, this made the team more determined to secure the win that our play two weeks ago deserved. We had worked tirelessly on a more aggressive defensive line and a four-pronged attack with Erin in the middle, feeding our runners. Here's what happened:

Oval 40 - 5 Four Dwellings

Try Scorers: Izzie (4), Dalton (2), Ian, Darnell

Player of the Match - Ian - Our most improved player has developed into a dangerous runner with ball in hand and has a good rugby brain which helps him to be in the right place at the right time, in both attack and defence

After an astonishing performance against a decent team where The Oval looked more like the All Blacks, there was an outside chance we could actually win the league, if other results went our way. Unfortunately, Firs remained dominant and defeated all of the other teams easily, just as they did to us two weeks ago.

We had planned a friendly match against Percy Schurmer but with Clifton dropping out, the Champions Firs were available for a friendly. Without hesitation we accepted the challenge:

Oval 30 - 15 Firs

Try Scorers: Izzie (5), Darnell

Player of the Match: Darnell - One of our go-to attackers who always makes ground with his deceptive running and positive attitude. Often made breaks to open up the defence for other players to score from

We ended up finishing third in the league, which means all of our players will be presented with bronze medals and 2 tickets each to watch a Wasps rugby match. Izzie's incredible performances didn't go unnoticed by the league organiser, who has emailed me to say she will be awarded a certificate as one of the 2 'Players of the Tournament'

Considering we went 30-0 down in our first game two weeks ago, the results reflect an amazing turnaround that I was very proud of. The players demonstrated rugby values throughout, had a very positive attitude and showed respect to the opposition, themselves and the referees



Old school uniform

We are looking for donations of old school uniform that your children have grown out of for our reception children. Any items suitably sized for 4-5 year olds would be great fully received.

Football News

The Oval football team resumed their football action on Thursday 16 March against Thorton School. In the first half, the Oval started strongly and took an early lead through a strike by Izzie. Five minutes later Izzie raced through to score again to make it 2-0. However, Thorton began to rally before half time and pulled a goal back to make it 2-1. After some terrific saves by Bradley, the Oval finished the half as leaders. The second half was a pulsating, gripping affair with both teams having chances. Thorton finally drew level through a neatly dispatched penalty. With the game tied at 2 apiece both sides rallied trying to win the game. With 3 minutes to go Oval produced some excellent passing football resulting in a stunning shot from Dalton which left the ball nestling in the bottom left corner of Thorton's goal. Another win for Oval.

Half-Time score The Oval 2 - 1 Thorton

Full Time score The Oval 3 - 2 Thorton

Team: Harley, Izzie, Dalton , Bradley, Samaan, Ibrahim, Joshua, Darren, Dene'co

Well Done !

A great team performance

Medical Appointments

A lot of pupils at The Oval School are removed from school during the day for medical appointments. We would like all medical appointments taken outside of school time, however, we know that this is extremely difficult to achieve in practise.

- If medical appointments are at the start of the school day (i.e. 9:00 - 9:30am) it is appropriate for you to bring your child in to school at the earliest opportunity following the appointment. Please provide the school office with evidence of your appointment, usually an appointment card or letter will suffice. If this is not done before please ensure it is when the pupils arrives at school.
- If a pupil needs to be removed for medical appointments during the school day, the time spent outside of school **must** be kept to a minimum. Please provide the school office with evidence of your appointment, usually an appointment card or letter will suffice. This should happen before your child is removed from school.
- Often parents ask to remove brothers and sisters from school due to their siblings' medical appointment. This is not appropriate and will only be permitted in exceptional circumstances. If a sibling is removed due to a medical appointment that is not their own, this is considered an unauthorised absence.

Glebe Farm Library opening times

The new Glebe Farm Library opening hours from 3rd April 2017 will be:

Monday: Closed
Tuesday: Closed
Wednesday: 9-1 - & 2-5
Thursday: Closed
Friday: 9-1 & 2-5
Saturday: 9-1 & 2-5



E-Safety and CEOP

Could we please remind all parents about CEOP. This is an e-safety website where parents and children can report issues or obtain guidance relating to online bullying and other matters. Below is the link to the website and there is also a link on our school website.

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/ceop-report/>

Good To Be Green News

At The Oval we expect exemplary behaviour from our pupils.

We reward children for demonstrating this through our Good to be Green reward system.

If children behave beautifully they will be entitled to the following:

Staying green all week : If the children have not received any yellow or red cards throughout the week they will earn Good to be Green time (10 minutes extra playtime) on a Friday afternoon.

Staying green for a term: Children who stay green all term earn their GTBG badges, in addition to this, they are invited to a disco that takes place within the school day.

Privilege cards : Privilege cards are an extra special reward.

Classes will create a list of rewards they would like to choose from whenever they are rewarded a Privilege card. Examples in the past have been hot chocolate, bringing bikes and helmets in and using a laptop to type their work.

Privilege cards will be handed to children if they do something above and beyond expectations.



Spare clothes for Nursery and Reception pupils

If your child is a Nursery or Reception pupil can you please send in a spare set of underwear and a change of clothes in case of toilet accidents.



New School Dinner Charges

After Easter half-term school dinner prices will be increasing, please see new prices below;

- School Dinner Money is £11.25 per week
- Nursery Dinner Money is £3.90 per week
- No change will be given
- Please check free school meal eligibility on the school website under Parents/Lunches

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

3 rd , 4 th and 5 th April 2017	Reception trip to Twycross Zoo (specific class and dates to be confirmed)
Friday 7 th April 2017 at end of the school day	End of Term - Pupils break up for Easter Holidays
Monday 10 th to Friday 21 st April 2017	School closed to staff and pupils
SUMMER TERM 2017	
Monday 24 th April 2017	School open to all
27 th and 28 th April 2017	Year 4 Trip to Lunt Fort (specific class and dates to be confirmed)
Monday 1 st May 2017	School closed to all (May day)
Thursday 4 th May 2017	School closed to all pupils EXCEPT YEAR 6 (Polling day)
Friday 26 th May 2017 at end of the school day	School closes to all
Monday 29 th May to Friday 2 nd June 2017	Half Term - School closed to staff and pupils
Monday 5 th June 2017	School open to all
Friday 21 st July 2017 at end of the school day	End of Term - Pupils break up for Summer holidays

