



May 2017 Newsletter

Oval School Vision

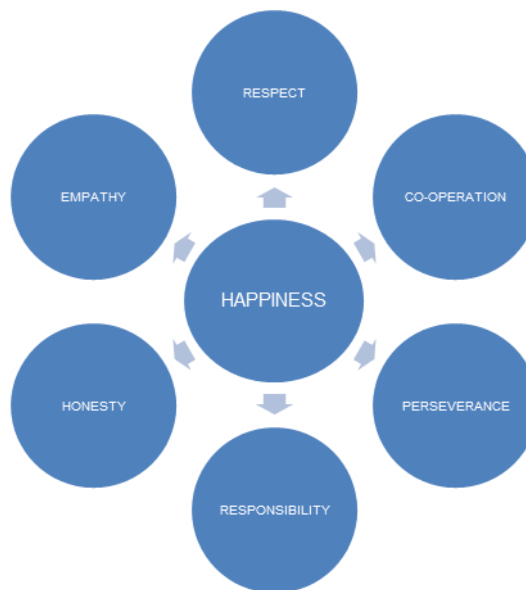
“The powers of creative thinking are some of the most important capacities that young people now need to make their way in the increasingly demanding world of the 21st century “

Vision Statement

At the Oval School we believe that all children can achieve and succeed. In an increasingly complex world, we ensure that our children have the best possible education so that they can fulfil their potential. At the Oval, everyone is an individual and valued equally and we ensure that we positively engage in each other's faith, religions and cultures. The school ethos, culture and curriculum celebrate children's and teacher's creativity and are the means by which the Oval provides a happy, successful and inspiring learning journey.

Values

The values of the school are: -



Happiness

We ensure that all children grow as healthily as possible, can learn at school, are protected, have their views listened to, and are treated fairly and evenly

Respect

We have respect for each other at all times, treat everybody as we would wish to be treated, and enjoy learning from each other's faiths, religions and cultures

Honesty

We have a strong sense of personal morality and integrity, are truthful at all times and are able to voice our own opinion in a kind way.

We are truthful to others and to ourselves by doing what's right regardless of who's around, being someone others can trust.

Co-operation

We listen, share, take turns, take part in team work and are aware of the needs of others, negotiating, helping and encouraging others

Perseverance

We are confident and adept in learning from experience, experimentation, research and inquiry

Empathy

We are able to see and value what other people are feeling and experiencing

Responsibility

We take personal and collective responsibility for our actions and work towards individual and collective goals, accepting responsibility for our own behaviour, showing initiative, and understanding how we can contribute positively to our lives at school and more widely.

Delivering the vision

To make this vision a reality we are clear that the school must:

- Be well lead and managed by the head teacher, senior and middle leaders and governors;
- Ensure that the governing body uses the vision as its starting point for holding the school to account;
- Communicates the vision on a regular basis to all members of the school community and all stakeholders, overcoming cultural and other barriers where these exist.

The School Improvement Plan is the vehicle through which this vision will be delivered. The plan will be structured to reflect this vision, and progress regarding each of the key priority areas will contribute to the delivery of the vision. Senior leaders and nominated governors will be specified as being accountable for making progress in the plan. Governors will also be strategically involved in the schools self-evaluation via their roles as Link Governors. In partnership with the Headteacher, governors will undertake a strategic role in monitoring the implementation of the plan and evaluating its impact. On an annual basis or sooner if required, the Governing Body will review both the vision and the plan and agree improvements as necessary. All staff at the school are responsible for delivering the plan to ensure that the Oval School is continuously improving to achieve its aspirations for pupils

A key concept which shapes the ethos of our school is **growth mindset** based on the work of Carol Dweck. We believe the best thing to do is to teach children to love challenges, be intrigued by mistakes, enjoy effort, and keep on learning and asking questions. Rather than simply praising success we praise effort, persistence and positive attitudes to the frequent difficulties in the process of learning

Pupils who have growth mindset:

Believe that intelligence is not fixed

Thrive on challenge

Throw themselves into difficult tasks

Are self-confident

Recognise intelligence can continually be improved through effort

Ignore the low aspirations of their peers

React to failure by trying harder

Engage in self-monitoring

Have learning goals

Like feedback on their performance so they can improve.

Document agreed May 2017

Parent Consultations

Please see below the dates for your child's parent consultation meeting's, please make every effort to attend as this is a great opportunity to see how your child is progressing and discuss any issues with your child's teacher.

Monday 22nd May 2017 - Robins, Rabbits, 2.2, 3.3, 5.1 and 6.3

Tuesday 23rd May 2017 - Squirrels, 1.1, 5.2, 5.3, and 6.1

Wednesday 24th May 2017 - Hedgehogs, 1.3, 2.1, 3.1, 4.3, and 6.2

Thursday 25th May 2017 - Sparrows, 1.2, 2.3, 4.1 and 4.2

Wednesday 14th June 2017 - 3.2





Group School Photo's

Group photo's will take place on Wednesday 21st June in the lower school hall or weather permitting outside. Please make sure all pupils are in full school uniform. These photos will also include any group photos for the football and rugby team, so kits will need to be brought into school on this day.

Year 6 Funday

Year 6 worked very hard on their SAT's and we were very proud of them, so we rewarded them with a Funday on Friday 12th May. Here is a write up from one of our Year 6 pupils;

Friday FUNDAY! ①
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On Friday, we had a reward day for working so hard in our SATS tests. We had lots of fun and these are the things that we did:

- I went down to nursery (see next paragraph)
- I played chess
- I played basketball
- I watched Moana
- I had fish and chips

When I went down to nursery, I had a brilliant time! I enjoyed being a teacher's assistant for the morning.

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but I learnt how much hard work it is too! I had a whole train of three and four year olds following me around everywhere! I was doing guided reading a little girl in the reading den and there ended up being around ten children in there! I think that they were having a pirate themed month and they showed us (Harry, Maisy, Lucie, James and I) their adorable pirate dance.

After that, we watched my favourite film - Moana and it was great!

Then, we had fish and chips and

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It was delicious. Also, Brandon made cupcakes for everyone and we are very thankful.

Finally, I played basketball and I had a great time all day.

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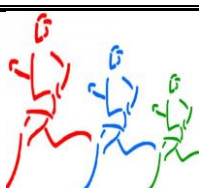
Please make note of these dates in your diary;

- Thursday 8th June 2017 is Polling Day - School is **CLOSED** to **ALL** pupils
- 24th and 25th July 2017 - School will be closed to all pupils on these days.

Maths and English Course for Parents

Do you want to improve your Maths and English? Level 2 courses are running here on Tuesdays. This will start September if you are interested please express your interest at the school office or see Miss Thomas.

There are only 12 places available so it will be a first come first serve basis.



Inflatable Fun run

A parent at The Oval, Laura Draycott, has completed a 10k inflatable fun run and donated all her sponsorship money to the school. She raised £176 which will be put to great use and we thank Laura very much.

Here is a fantastic piece of writing by one of our pupils Cavalli, his teachers were extremely proud of his hardwork;

Francis

by Cavalli 5.1

Have you ever heard of Quetico Park? It's a great place with crystal clear water and brilliant areas to camp. But after what happened to Francis I will never be going back there...Before I tell you her story, treat this as a warning...It doesn't end well.

The sharp fingers of the trees moved in the wind, like a puppeteer with his marionettes. The sky was tucked into a blanket of night. Francis was camping with her family. She took a cigarette and a lantern and put on her boots. She crept out into the currently isolated woods, hopped on to the boat and rowed into the centre of the lake for a tranquil place...which was her last mistake...

She ignited the cigarette and gazed at the star-peppered sky. An abrupt knock caught her off guard. She dismissed it. It was probably a fish or a rock. But then after three rapid knocks, she couldn't convince herself that it wasn't serious. Her heart beat faster than a cheetah.

After the three deafening knocks, she grasped onto the boat for balance. She tried to row away but...the boat just wouldn't move. All she could do now, was sit and cry.

Because of her journal we know what may have happened that night. The body was never found.

Written in blood on the final page of her journal it read: "*I did knock first.*"



Tuck Shop

Don't forget the 'Tuck Shop' will take place every Friday on the playground by Year 6 from 3:05pm until the gates close. Items will cost from 10p to £1. Children to bring no more than £1 into school each Friday.



New School Dinner Charges

A polite reminder that school dinner prices have now been increased, 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

Football News

The Oval played Harper Bell and Brownmead on 11th May 2017.

In the first match, Harper Bell required a late penalty to secure all 3 points in a keenly contested fixture against a battling Oval side. Oval's 'keeper was in terrific form pulling off a number of fine saves to keep the Digbeth-based side at bay. Oval themselves though had the best chance of the first half but a point blank save from Bell's shot-stopper kept the sides level. With defences on top in a tight second half, the late penalty, awarded for a trip on Bells' left-winger, decided the outcome after he picked himself up to slot home.

Oval then had to go again as they faced the division's other title chasers, Brownmead. The first half ended goal-less but Brownmead took the lead early on in the second half with a well worked goal. Oval then began to put some passes together but as they chased an equaliser, Brownmead broke away and a counter-attacking goal sealed the victory for the Shard-enders.

Harper Bell were very complimentary about The Oval football team, so our team should be proud for acquitting themselves in such a fashion against the top two sides in the division.



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 gratefully received.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SUMMER TERM 2017	
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
Thursday 8 th June 2017	School closed to all pupils (Polling day)
Friday 21 st July 2017 at end of the school day	End of Term - Pupils break up for Summer holidays

