



# NEWSLETTER

15



8 January 2024

## FOCUS ON HANDWRITING AND PRESENTATION

This term we are really focusing on beautiful presentation and our OABL handwriting style. We are hopeful to have a parent session on this by the end of the term too. Children from Nursery through to Y6 are following a Kinetic Letters scheme with the aim of getting ready to join in Y1 and Y2, beginning to join in Y3 and 4 and fully joining in Y5 and Y6. Children who manage to master this will be awarded a pen licence form Y2 and up. Children will practice



their handwriting style everyday when they write the date and learning objective with a specific handwriting focus also on a Friday. Ask your child how they are doing.



### LIGHTS, CAMEL, ACTION!

Why not take a listen to the EYFS and KS1 Nativity songs and relive the magic. Scan the QR code to take you to the academy's performance website page where you can listen to a recording of all the songs performed during 'Lights, Camel, Action'. Scroll through the page to hear other performance from across the year. Check back

regularly for updated content.



### RESIDENTIAL TRIP IN SEPTEMBER 2024 - PAYMENT

Calling all Y5s- don't forget payment is now open on MCAS for the Y6 residential trip running in September 2024. Please don't leave this to the last minute. If you have any questions please do email in or ask Ms Nelson or Miss Stevens or Miss Pope or Miss Parsons.

## WHAT A START TO TERM 3!

We kicked off Term 3 with a fantastic pantomime performance of Sleeping Beauty. The children had a snack of popcorn and a drink along with their light up wands to wave during the performance. There was lots of singing along and joining in.



We have used the event to help kick start our writing learning this year. Children in all classes have been writing about Sleeping Beauty all week with some fantastic books being made and practicing of beautiful writing.



Thank you to all parents who managed to pay for the pantomime- we really appreciate the effort and with the amount of payments we had before the show we were able to cover the costs. We really want to make this a school tradition as so much fun was had by all, there is still time to pay on MCAS if you still need to.



## SPOTLIGHT ON - SPOTLIGHT ON DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

At OABL, we want our pupils to leave us inspired to improve the world around them. Have the ambition, skills and expertise to thrive in a fast changing, interconnected and communication rich world, with the confidence and technical expertise to thrive. We do this through our Design Technology curriculum. All of the Design Technology lessons follow the design process giving our pupils opportunities to research, design, make, test, evaluate and develop. We link our learning in Design Technology to the thematic curriculum and try and solve real world problems along with gaining knowledge on how to design and make using a range of different materials and tools.



We also ensure our pupils gain technical knowledge of a range of technology including, cooking and nutrition, levers and linkages, mechanisms, CAD and electronics.

During Term 3 the year groups will be designing and making in the following areas:

Y1	Structures – building bridges
Y2	Mechanisms - Sliders, Levers, and Linkages
Y3	Textiles – weaving and dying
Y4	Axels and Wheels – Catapult Cars
Y5	Mechanisms – Automata, Cams and Hand-crafting Techniques
Y6	Electrics and Systems – Motorised Car



R	<b>Ronnee</b>	For working so hard on forming his letter correctly when writing words in his sleeping beauty book
1	<b>Chanel</b>	For working hard to keep her writing small and careful and to form letters correctly.
2	<b>Abulfazil</b>	For publishing his Sleeping Beauty story with amazing handwriting and earning his pen license in Year 2!
3	<b>Marshall</b>	For working hard to form his letters correctly and ensure they are all the same size
4	<b>Betsy</b>	For taking her time to create a beautiful story of sleeping beauty with amazing handwriting.
5	<b>Oscar</b>	For working hard on his handwriting and creating a great story. Oscar has also been a fantastic buddy this week to Aidan
6	<b>Laci</b>	For excellent work and presentation this week when making her sleeping beauty book
Teacher	<b>Miss Pope</b>	For setting everyone off to a great start with their handwriting.

## RSPBS BIG BIRD-WATCH WEEK



We will once again be celebrating the RSPB's Big Schools Bird Watch this term during Week 4; the week beginning the 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan. There will be a "bird feeder competition" running during Bird Watch week- where children across the school are invited to make bird feeders at home to bring into school and show to their classes and to Mrs Fitz-Gerald for a chance to win a prize! Bird feeders can be made with any materials and any bird food added to attract the birds- there are lots of great ideas online to help guide you! Please bring your bird feeders into school by Friday the 26<sup>th</sup> Jan- winners will be announced in celebration assembly that week!



### Habit of the Month

Our January habit is Patient. We will be looking for children who have:

- Developed some simple practices and techniques to be patient and stay calm.
- Spotted the physical signs when they aren't feeling patient and knows what to do to feel calmer.
- A calming influence on others.

## LIBRARY TOTS FROM JAN 2024

We are very excited to let you know that from this Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024 we will be opening our Library for a Library tots group! From 8.45-9.30 you are welcome to join us via the doors next to the library for time to share a story and for a story with Miss Pope. Our Library tots is open to all children from 0- 4 years old who do not yet attend school.



## ATTENDANCE TRIP IN MAY 2024

Following on from our successful term 2 attendance trip we will be holding another attendance prize trip! All children that have 100% attendance from Monday January 8<sup>th</sup>- Summer 2024 will have the opportunity to attend a further attendance cinema trip. If your child was disappointed to miss out last time this is your chance to join us on this exciting trip.



## MODESHIFT STARS- GREEN AWARD!

We are thrilled to let you know that we have achieved our Modeshift Stars Green Travel Award. A huge thank you to Affonso for his hard work on this. We are now trying to achieve our Bronze award- one we have this we can be considered for the school street scheme which would help manage traffic on Corbett Close.

## SAFEGUARDING WEEK

We have been learning about how to keep ourselves safe. This has included being safe online, crossing roads, with unknown adults and in the community. All teachers have been so impressed with how mature the children have been in their class discussions!

## Week Attendance

Reception	90%	↓
Year 1	94%	↑
Year 2	91%	↑
Year 3	95%	↑
Year 4	95%	↑
Year 5	93%	↑
Year 6	99%	↑
Whole School	94%	↑

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
08/01/2024	09/01/2024	10/01/2024	11/01/2024	12/01/2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◇ Club: Dance</li> <li>◇ Sunset Explores</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◇ Club: Girls Football</li> <li>◇ Club: Boys Football</li> <li>◇ Sunset Explores</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◇ Y6 - Mary Poppins at Brightstowe (pick up at 3:30)</li> <li>◇ Club: Gymnastics</li> <li>◇ Sunset Explores</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◇ Club: Tag Rugby</li> <li>◇ Club: Craft &amp; Lego</li> <li>◇ Sunset Explores</li> <li>◇ 15:15-16:00: Community Library</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◇ 8:45: Library Tots</li> <li>◇ Club: Drama</li> <li>◇ Sunset Explores</li> </ul>

# KEY DATES

## Term 3 & 4

Who	What	When
Y5/Y6	Mary Poppins @ Brightstowe	Wed 10th Jan (pick up at 3:30 pm)
Y6	Mock Sats Week	Wc 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan
Y5	Young Voices—Trip to London	Thu 1st Feb
Nursery-Y6	Mental Health Week	Wc 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Nursery-Y6	Internet safety	Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Y2	St. Fagans Trip	Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Y4	Roman Workshop in school	Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Nursery- Y6	Half Term	Wc 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Y3	Belmont Estate Trip	Mon 29th Feb
Nursery- Y6	INSET- school closed	Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Mar
Nursery-Y6 SEND children	Parents Evening	Wc 11 <sup>th</sup> Mar
Nursery- Y6 all other children	Parents Evening	Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> and Thu 21 <sup>st</sup> Mar
Rec-Y6	Spring Disco	Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar
Nursery	End of Term	Tue 26th Mar
Rec- Y6	End of Term	Thu 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar (normal finish time 3:10/3:15)