

OTTERHAM OBSERVER

HAVE A LOVELY HALF TERM EVERYONE!
BACK TO SCHOOL ON MON 28TH FEB

FEBRUARY 2022

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING CHAMPIONS

On Thursday 3rd February Hadyn, Oliver S, Lucy, Isabelle B and Oscar spent the day at Sir James Smith's with Annie Vernon, Olympic rower. They learnt a lot about how to keep healthy through exercise and good diet as well as thinking about keeping a healthy mind. Annie helped them to consider how they could share their knowledge and understanding with others back in school. The children's mission after half term is to put on playtime activities that may help others within the school. The feedback from all adults involved in the day was that the children represented themselves and Otterham School brilliantly. Well done and thank you children!



DATES

The diary on the website is constantly being updated but below are the current dates we have for the next half term. It is inevitable that these will be added to as opportunities arise!

- 28/02—BACK TO SCHOOL
- 03/03—WORLD BOOK DAY
- 03/03—OPEN THE BOOK
- 09/03—Y4/5/6 NETBALL
- 11/03—CL 2 SWIMMING
- 14/03—1st AID LESSONS FOR ALL CHILDREN
- 17/03—OPEN THE BOOK
- 18/03—RED NOSE DAY
- 18/03—CL 2 SWIMMING
- 21/03—ROCK THE SOCKS—DOWNS SYNDROME DAY
- 21/03—25/03 Shakespeare Wk
- Cl 1 Minack Theatre Workshop
- 21/03—24/03—PARENTAL CONSULTATION S
- 25/03—CL 2 SWIMMING
- 31/03—OPEN THE BOOK
- 01/04—CL 2 SWIMMING
- 06/04—Y4/5/6 RUGBY
- 07/04—CORNISH CARETAKERS WITH ED ROWE—HERE
- 08/04—CL 2 SWIMMING
- 08/04—CLASS EASTER BINGO

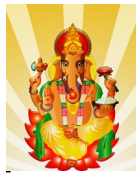
Cognition Learning with Lindsey & Sophie

Children in Class 2 have been taking their programming skills to another level after another 6 sessions controlling Kubo-Bots. Class 1 focussed on the science of forces using the Bricq recourses, learning about gravity, friction and resistance.

Please take time to have a look on the class pages on the website to see the photographs of the children carrying out their projects.



A Day with Daya



The children (and staff) thoroughly enjoyed our annual visit from Daya who brings Hinduism and Sikhism to life with stories, dance, cookery and costume. All classes spent time benefitting from her wealth of knowledge and passion for these two religions. Again, please head to the class pages on the school website to have a look at some of the many photographs that were taken on the day.



EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY

We hope that you are always treated fairly and feel able to come into school to discuss issues. We are open to reviewing our equality policies. What does this mean? We aim, in everything we do, to treat all members of our school community fairly in all respects—gender, race, age, sexual orientation, disability and religious belief. If you feel that you are being treated less than fairly it is hoped that you feel able to discuss the matter with any member of staff here at school, or if you would prefer to discuss it with a parent governor, please do so. The parent governors here at school are Roz Mather, Lisa Ward & Walter Wanacott.



08/03/22—THE LAST DAY!!

This is looking like a lot to fit in in 6 weeks. Please help us by returning paperwork and responding to communications as soon as possible. Thank

The Power of Reading

The benefits range from improving mental health, to improving physical health, to creating healthy habits, and it's no wonder that books and reading are so high up on the list of personal entertainment. Though books have been around for an incredibly long time, they have not lost their importance throughout the years. Below are a few of the fantastic benefits of picking up a good book and immersing yourself in words.

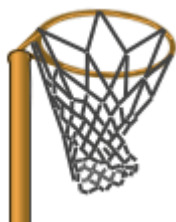
- ◆ Sharpens your mind * Increases your vocabulary * Improves memory and focus
- ◆ Strengthens your writing abilities * Enhances your imagination * Boosts your sleep
- ◆ Provides entertainment and peace * Lowers stress * Decreases depression



NETBALL TOURNAMENT AT CPS

**This is now due to take place on
Wednesday 9th March.**

**We have been very impressed at the
enthusiasm and skill level amongst
those children wanting to
participate.**



**Well done and good luck
when you get to play!**

FRIENDS OF OTTERHAM SCHOOL

Thank you for your support with Hot Dog Friday—the funds keep trickling in. Upcoming events include Easter Bingo (in Class groups) and a Car Treasure Hunt (TBC). Shortly after half term a review of accounts will take place and once the field drainage issue has been addressed (hopefully by Easter), we can place an order for some of our new play equipment. A new boat and hut will probably be first on the list, followed by a new train at a later date. Following the finance review, we will have a clearer idea of what we are aiming for and will share that with you. Thanks again for your support.

BREAKFAST CLUB

DAILY 08:00—08:45

£3.50 per child per day

£2.50 option for 8:15am—8:45am

**Range of cereals, toast / bread, cheese, jam, marmite, honey,
porridge, fruit, milk**



**Start the day with a healthy
breakfast and playing games with
friends.**

**Simply make payments online via
school money**

ATTENDANCE

It's been tricky times for some families to maintain a good level of attendance but nonetheless attendance at school remains vital for a consistent approach to learning. Low attendance often goes hand in hand with low levels of attainment. As a rule of thumb, anything below 96% will start to impact negatively. The overall figure for the school is currently %. Individual levels of attendance will be discussed at parental consultations.

Emergency School Closure

Many thanks for your understanding surrounding the decision to close the school on Friday 18th February. Whilst the warning was on amber alert we were going to make school attendance optional, however once it was upgraded to red, the decision was made amongst NCLT MAT Trustees and Heads to close all schools. This was supported by Cornwall Council as we sit right in the middle of the area shaded red.

OTTERHAM SCHOOL COUNCIL



At the beginning of the term children voted for their class representatives for the school council. Ziggy Downing, Buddy Dines, Skylar-Rose Hughes, Anabelle Edwards, Alex Ward, Kaydon Seldon (Secretary), Finn Brookes (Treasurer), Izzy Langley (Chairperson) & Harry Edwards (Vice Chairperson) have met on a couple of occasions to discuss issues raised by their fellow classmates and think about how they could raise some funds to replenish some playground equipment. Their cake sale planned for the last day of the half term has been postponed and will take place next half term.

SAFER INTERNET DAY

Tuesday 8th February is also known as Safer Internet Day. The children have spent time discussing and learning about ways in which they can keep themselves safe when using the internet for both gaming and searching. Please continue this discussion at home as keeping ourselves safe online is a message that should be repeated year round.