



OTTERHAM OBSERVER

THIS WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED AS THE SADDEST END TO A SCHOOL YEAR. MR OSBORNE WILL FOREVER BE A PART OF OTTERHAM SCHOOL AND OUR NEW TREE WITH CIRCULAR BENCH WILL BE A PLACE OF QUIET REFLECTION FOR MANY. YOU ARE WELCOME TO VISIT AT ANY TIME.

JULY

MR OSBORNE



It has been the saddest of endings to any school year. Our good friend and teacher Mr Osborne will be terribly missed. Despite retiring from teaching this July, he was intending to remain involved in the life of the school as Chair of Governors. £450 was raised from the collection which has purchased a new bench and Acer tree, (situated in the small garden/field), a smaller Acer tree and pot for Mrs Osborne and a £70 donation to Kings Norton RFC (Mr Osborne's main club) towards the purchase of land for a youth training facility.

WE HOPE YOU HAVE A LOVELY SUMMER BREAK . WE SHALL BE WELCOMING CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL ON THURSDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER.

FRIENDS NEWS

LAST BAG 2 SCHOOL

£120

Thank You!

Y6 LEAVERS—DAISY, KATIE, OSCAR, CHARLIE, AALIYAH, AARON, & RYAN

We wish all of our leavers a happy and successful journey through secondary school and look forward to hearing all about your future achievements. Regardless of whether you started your primary school life here at Otterham or not, the school community thanks you all for the contributions you have made during your time here. Representing the school in sporting events, speech festivals, school council matters or music festivals over the years has contributed to Otterham's successes and, we hope, your enjoy-



WELCOME To Mrs Reynolds-Hart

We look forward to welcoming Mrs Hart (as she will be known to the children—much easier to spell!) to Otterham School come September. Mrs Humber will still be here for the first few weeks of term so we are not sending her off with our best wishes just yet!

YEAR ONE STAY AT BOSCASTLE YOUTH HOSTEL

Fourteen Y1 children experienced a night in Boscastle complete with a chippy tea and a lovely harbour walk. After breakfast the following morning it was time for a walk around the village, complete with ice cream! Huge thanks to Mrs Blackburn, Mrs Murray, Mrs May and our student guest Tamsin for giving up their time to stay over.



Hubbub Music Festival

Classes One and Two visited the Royal Cornwall Showground at Wadebridge on 24th June with several other local schools for what proved to be a fantastic music festival. The children took part in numerous workshops throughout the day, learning about music and dance from around the world. This included playing large Taika Japanese drums, composing their own street dance and learning some Bhangra dance moves—brilliant!!

Year 1 Visit St Joseph's for Multi-skills

Year One children had a great morning at St Joseph's School. The children were split into three teams and participated in a variety of P.E. based activities. Shooting at cones for points, hurdles races, rugby passes, hockey ball dribbling, but to name a few. St Joseph's also provided the transport, and the cookies and squash afterwards.



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 Rachel Quinn and Sarah Northcott.

THANK YOU TO THE FRIENDS FOR ORGANISING THE YEAR SIX LEAVERS LANGUAGE DICTIONARIES. THEY MIGHT NOT SEEM LIKE THE MOST EXCITING GIFT BUT THEY WILL MOST CERTAINLY BE USEFUL AS THE CHILDREN JOURNEY THROUGH THEIR SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

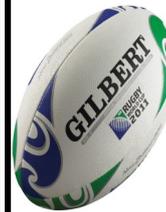
CLASS TWO RESIDENTIAL

After a fish and chip dinner, we returned to the museum and had a go at racing the remote controlled yachts on the boat pool. We went up to the look out and saw the amazing views over Falmouth. We then got into pairs, made our own boats out of scrap materials and then raced them in the pool, the winners were Toby U-E and Janka. After a biscuit break, we grabbed our wind up torches and went on an amazing tour of the museum. Finally we had hot chocolate before settling down in the cinema and then going to bed!



Cornish Pirates

Class One have enjoyed playing tag-rugby with Sam from the 'Cornish Pirates' this half term. Sam has been a great sports coach, helping children to develop their skills, knowledge and confidence in this sport. They have played numerous invasion games, as well as small-scale tag-rugby games. Great fun has been had by all!



YOGA

The whole school have enjoyed their yoga sessions with Aly Chatterjea over the past couple of weeks, giving each class an insight into things to come in the Autumn term. A little bit of mindfulness is just what's been needed!

KAKATSITSI AFRICAN DRUMMING AND DANCE

Kakatsitsi Master Drummers from Ghana have toured the UK more than 14 times since 1996 and so what an absolute treat to be able to welcome them to Otterham!!

Kakatsitsi are known for their funky, groovy style of drumming, built around the lead drummer, Samuel 'Injoly' Ado. Their singing, led by Adoley Johnson, also sets them aside from many other African drumming groups.

The children and staff were suitably enthralled!!



Rugby Festival

On Friday 21st June, eight children from Class One represented Otterham School at a rugby festival in Bodmin. Staff members all commented upon how well the team worked together and supported one another, and the children agreed how much fun the festival was. Overall, Otterham won two, lost two and drew one game. Congratulations to Oscar for scoring the most tries! Well done everyone!

CLASS 1 KEYBOARDS

This half term, Mrs Man (from Cornwall Music Service Trust), has taught Class One how to play the keyboard, starting with the basics, such as finding 'middle C'. The children have learnt many skills including playing the 'C' scale, numerous tunes and some children have begun to play with both hands! We ended our sessions with a class performance to parents. The class have thoroughly enjoyed these sessions and many have been inspired to continue playing at home.

SPORTS DAY AND SUMMER FAYRE

It was certainly a tough one this year! The children were fabulous and the support from families and friends was, as always, very much appreciated. It was great to have past pupil, Ollie Sandercock supporting me on the starting line and Pete and Andy, who do so, so much for the school, having the important job of holding the finishing rope. The Friends pulled together to help us celebrate with a Fayre (special mention here to Nigel Reed who expertly cooked the sausages) and a suggestion as to how to spend funds raised is to purchase new football goals, something that Mr Osborne had been requesting for quite some time. Thank you everyone!

CLASS ONE RESIDENTIAL

The sun certainly shone for the Class 1 residential at Porthpean Outdoor Education Centre near St Austell, which added to a truly wonderful time away. With a range of adventurous activities taking place (including climbing, high ropes, archery, canoeing and coastering), fantastic food, helpful and encouraging instructors and top-notch accommodation (glamping pods), I'm not sure who enjoyed the three days away more—the children or the staff!! The children were a real pleasure to take away and it was a delight to see many of them pushing themselves outside of their comfort zone. The children were, quite rightly, praised by the staff members at Porthpean.



