



OJS WEEKLY UPDATE

14th January 2022

Message from Mrs Sheridan and Mrs Elwill

Science Week



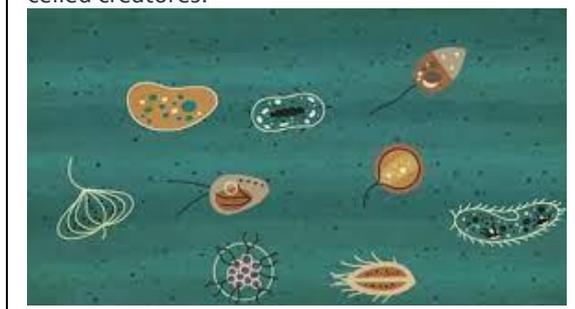
Science is fun. Science is curiosity. We all have natural curiosity. Science is a process of investigating. It's posing questions and coming up with a method. It's delving in. -

Sally Ride

Year 6 read about fossils found in the UK, matching them to the correct image. Their knowledge and skills are growing rapidly.



Year 6 worked in groups creating a timeline of life on Earth. The timeline included key events such as the last ice age, the Cambrian explosion and life first beginning on Earth with single-celled creatures.

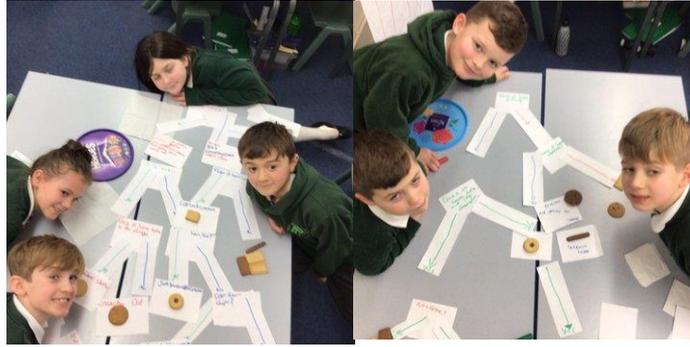


Year 5 started their materials investigation learning about how these poor penguins had been badly affected by an oil spill. They went on to draw graphs from their science investigation.





Year 4 have been learning to ask the right questions for classification keys. They had lots of fun using biscuits before moving on to classify animals.



Year 3 had a fun afternoon learning about forces in Ash class! Lots of great teamwork too.

Reading

All staff had Steps to Read training on Tuesday as we develop our reading action plan.

It was interesting to listen to Claire, our coach, who gave us inspiring strategies to enable us to teach children to become more fluent, confident readers so that they are able to read a wide range of fact, fiction and poetry.

We listened to a range of poems that really made us think. Steps to Read will be introduced after half term. We will continue to use Accelerated Reader as children enjoy the quizzes and comprehensions they take after reading their books.

Star Readers are chosen based on the number of words read and progress in reading. It has been amazing to see millionaire readers, as well as class millionaires created. We are passionate about reading at OJS as it is the key to success.

Book Sale

Ella, Lillie, Minnie, Cerys, India and Alice from Pine class would like to sell books at lunchtime Friday 21st January with Mrs Newton to raise funds for Alder Hey and the Stroke Association.

We hope this, along with our many other initiatives will encourage reading at our school.

If you could donate any books, please could your children bring them to the library next week ready to sell on Friday. Remember to give your children money ready for the sale. Prices will range from 10p to £1.

Thank you for support.



This Week's Class Attendance Figures

Apple	98.7	Cherry	96.2
Ash	94.2	Pine	96.5
Larch	99.1	Silver Birch	73.3
Beech	93.7	Lime	93.5
Hawthorn	93.7	Rowan	89
Willow	93.6	Sycamore	89.7

As a school we must achieve at least 96% attendance.

Congratulations to Larch class for winning this week's class attendance and the overall school attendance with 99.1%! Larch class will receive extra MUGA time and 5 respect points for each class member.

This week's winner of lower school attendance is Larch class with 99.1%. This class will receive 3 respect points for each class member.

This week's winner of upper school is Pine class with 96.5%. This class will receive 3 respect points for each class member

Weekly Subject Focus

Each week we focus on a different subject which includes taking part in projects and conducting experiments. This helps to give the children a more in-depth knowledge of the subject as well as a greater interest. For your information, please see below the schedule of our weekly subject focus for this half term.

Week Commencing 17 th January 2022	History Week
Week Commencing 24 th January 2022	Years 3 and 4 – Computing Week Year 5 and 6 – Geography Week
Week Commencing 31 st January 2022	Years 3 and 4 – Geography Week Year 5 and 5 – Computing Week
Week Commencing 7 th February 2022	Mental Health Week
Week Commencing 14 th February 2022	Art Week
HALF TERM	



IT'S BACK! The Food Pantry

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

We are expecting a new delivery of food in the next few days and we will be opening our Food Pantry once again.

Opening times will be:

Friday 21st Jan 3.00pm - 4.00pm
Monday 24th Jan 8.30am - 9.30am

There will be a wide range of dried and tinned goods available for anyone who would like to come in and fill up a bag. You can fill a bag for yourself, a family member or a neighbour.

We will also be serving tea and coffee at these times.



As well as the Food Pantry, there will also be a School Uniform Exchange. We know that due to lockdowns, families have good quality, hardly worn uniforms that children have outgrown. So, we thought we could start swap scheme to help recycle uniforms. If you do not have any uniform to swap, don't worry you are more than welcome to come along and pick up some items.

So, come along with your uniforms to swap and bags to fill!

Let's do this! **Let's reduce, recycle and reuse.**





Star Readers

This week's Star Readers are:

Apple -	Matthew N	Cherry -	Zac R
Ash -	Charlie P	Pine -	India R
Larch -	Heidi B	Silver Birch -	Rebecca I
Beech -	Zachary R	Lime -	Libby I
Hawthorn -	Travis B	Rowan -	Riley G
Willow -	Emma A	Sycamore -	George R

Congratulations to all our Star Readers this week.

Keep up the great work everybody.



Excellence Award Winners

Apple -	Lauren O	Cherry -	Jacob L
Ash -	Lucy I	Pine -	Ella R
Larch -	Erin-Rose T	Silver Birch -	Bella M
Beech -	Leonie H	Lime -	Oliver C
Hawthorn -	Sophia J	Rowan -	Lily C
Willow -	Olivia P	Sycamore -	Rosa D

Well Done to All!!

Covid-19 Update -Changes to the self-isolation period for those who test positive for COVID-19

From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be [reported to NHS Test and Trace](#).

If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10-day period of self-isolation.

Further [information on self-isolation for those with COVID-19](#) is available.



An NHS Test and Trace poster with a blue and white color scheme. It says "Keep telling us your test results and help beat Covid-19". It features icons for positive (+) and negative (-) test results, QR codes, and a button that says "Go to: gov.uk/report-covid19-result".



Tuesday 1st February – Chinese New Year Themed Lunch

Year of the Tiger

Menu

Vegetable or Chicken Noodles with a variety of sauces

Or

Sweet & Sour Chicken or Quorn

Drawn Crackers

Vegetable Spring Rolls

Rice

Muffins



Flu Catch Up Clinics

If your child did not receive their nasal flu vaccine, you can telephone the NHS Immunisation Team on 0151 514 2510 for information regarding catch up clinics.

The Immunisation Team are will be returning to school on Friday 21st January to conduct a catch-up clinic. E-Consent forms are now open and can be completed via the following link:

www.wchcimms.co.uk

Our school codes are as follows:

School: Overchurch Junior School

Code: WC105056

Please be aware that the e-consent forms are sent directly to the NHS and we have no access to them or are made aware of submissions. If you have any questions regarding the flu programme or the consent forms, please contact the NHS Immunisation Team on 0151 514 2510.