

Orley Farm School



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A Letter from the Headmaster

Dear Parents,

At the start of this year I talked to staff about taking more risks...schools should be the one place where the sky is the limit! If children see us aiming for the stars and therefore occasionally only making it to the moon, they will learn that failure is never to be feared. Therefore, when Mrs Gascoigne and Mr Turner talked about an epic collaboration in the shape of Bugsy Malone...the musical extravaganza, I was literally over the moon!

Thursday and Friday are the culmination of so much work. And for those of you who came, I am sure that you will echo my vote of thanks to the Drama and Music departments for taking this leap of faith. The band, lighting, costumes, sound, props, backstage and scenery provided the perfect frame and canvas for breath-taking performances, singing and dancing that will provide a lifetime of memories for all of those involved!



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KEY DATE

Saturday 21st June, 2014

11:00—15:00

PA SUMMER FAIR

BUGSY MALONE



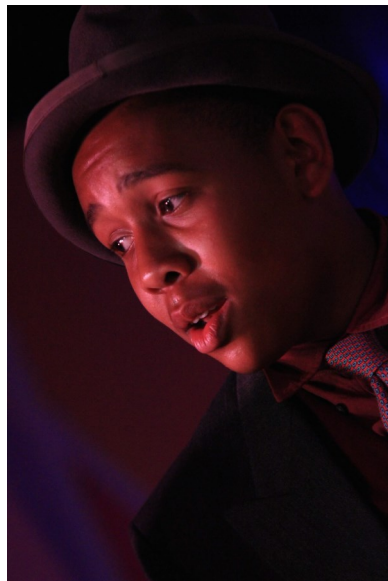
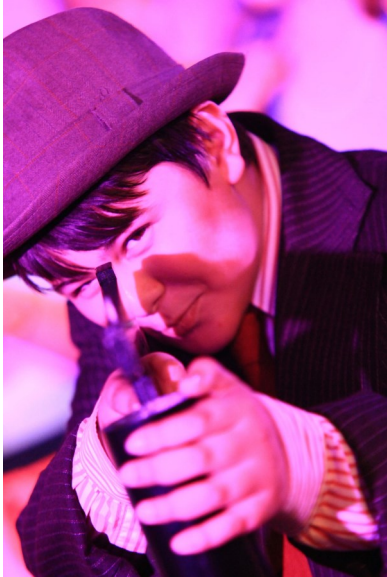
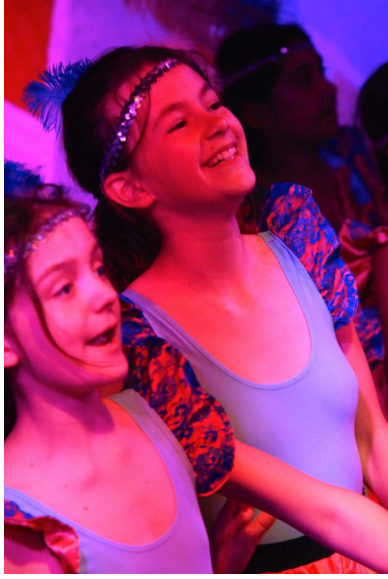
I always find these occasions so difficult to convey as so much goes into what appears so fleeting...and yet I know that there will be numerous children who will hold those moments very dearly in their hearts long into adulthood...that's a very worthy reason to aim high. To the cast and crew...you missed the moon and hit the stars!



Please enjoy the photos that follow...they capture a fraction of the story. I would add that being backstage on the opening night provided me with a real insight into what drives your children...they simply want to give their best in all that they do...the Orley Farm Way!

Tim Calvey.





BUGSY MALONE

BACK STAGE



Pre-Prep News

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London Area Prep Schools Championships

Gold Medals

Jordan Cordice Shot Putt **11.80m (New School Record)**

Emilie Davies Discus **17.67m (New School Record)**

Alan Lewis Shot Putt **TBC**

Silver Medals

Omar Majumdar 100m

Alan Lewis Javelin **25.85m**

Emily Davies Shot Putt **7.42m**

Bronze Medals

Robert Douglas 1500m **5m 26 s**

Cedric Amamoo Long Jump **3.69m**

Congratulations to you all!



Kamran (1M) and Adam (3M) Virani walked up Mt Snowden during the half term holiday. Two years ago they went to visit the child they sponsored in Uganda and got a little taste of how children can have completely different lives than their own. This sparked in them a desire to do more which is why they decided they would raise money for another child in Uganda. The walk was difficult but they both realised that this was nothing in comparison to those children in the world who have hardly anything! They raised over £3000 pounds. Well done, you are both truly inspirational young Orleyans.



Yet another very busy week in Pre Prep. It could not have started in a better way, with the sun shining and Kamran Virani talking in our Pre-Prep assembly about his charity walk up Mt Snowden during the half term. He is truly an inspirational young boy. He and his brother Adam in Year 3, raised over £3000 for the child they sponsor in Uganda. An amazing assembly and very humbling.

Reception and Year One have been busy doing different maths activities. All children have enjoyed the sunshine and practice for their Sports Day! Year One have also written letters to read to the Reception children telling them all about what it is like in Year One.



ACHIEVEMENTS/NOTICES

Across the School

Pre-Prep News *cont...*

The Year 2 trip to the Environment Centre on Wednesday was full to the brim with information about habitats and recycling.

The pond dipping was certainly a favourite and although some close calls, all children remained dry! Thank you to all of the staff for organising and supervising such an informative outing; thank you to the children for their wonderful behaviour and thank you to the parents for being so understanding of our rather late return! As I always say, but it is definitely true this week – the writing Year 2 have produced from this day is quite remarkable and all inspired from a great day out. Next week's bulletin will have the links to the photo journal from the trip. Please do take a look with your children.



Reminders

A Photographer will be in school on Monday 16 and Tuesday 17th June.

Children, please bring in school ties on Monday and Tuesday just in case you appear in the photos and video for the website. Thank you.

Tuesday 17th June – Year One trip to Children Open Air Museum

Please remember to send in your child's pack lunch and their waterproof. Even if the day looks sunny in the morning, the trip is outdoors and if it rains they will need the waterproof.

Summer Fair – 21st June

Please sign up with one of your parent reps to help out at the Summer Fair. Many hands make light work!

Library books

Next week will be the final week for borrowing library books. All books must be returned by Monday 23rd June.

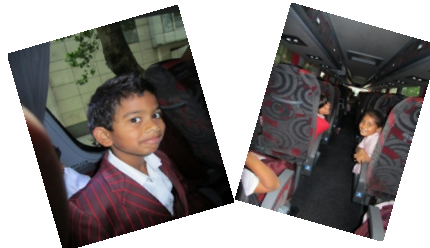
Have a wonderful weekend.

Samantha Mowle

Head of Pre-Prep

Middle School News

Life learning is what it is all about here at Orley and this week I learnt the rules of Chopstix! I was explained the rules by some Year 3 boys on the way back from our Theatre trip – thank you boys, although I think I might need some more practise before I can challenge you!



What a wonderful experience it was to visit the West End in London to see Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. As one of the children said afterwards, 'It was absolutely fab!' Well said. Thank you to Mrs Wakes and the other staff for making this outing possible.



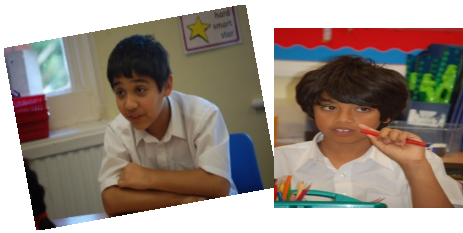
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Middle School News

As if that wasn't enough, we took to the skies and worked on our long jump skills in preparation for sports day. I have been impressed with the level of focus displayed by our Year 3 pupils while working on their athletic and swimming technique.



Rounders and cricket matches have been taking place and the weather has finally decided to play its part in making outside activities far more enjoyable. Long may it continue! Smiling faces were all around in Middle School this week and I am sure that the weather helped with our good moods!



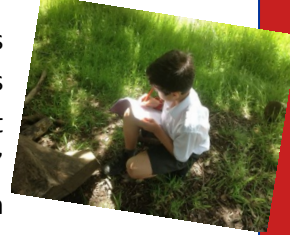
Looking for inspiration is what we are always focused on and this week our Year 5 pupils were encouraged to search for inspiration from nature to enrich their poetry writing. It certainly helped as the creative work was excellent.



Allowing the beautiful surroundings to affect us positively is also an important life lesson.



During our assembly this week we asked ourselves the question, 'If you met you, would you like you?' – quite a heavy question for 08.30 on a Wednesday morning but one which was well worth pondering on. Sometimes understanding how others see us can help us to make appropriate adjustments to the way we relate to our peers. We were then treated to an amazing presentation on the D-Day landings. What impressed me more than the superbly prepared PowerPoint was the passion and confidence which Hugo Dorian displayed to all of Middle School.



I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the Year 3 and 4 consultations next week on Tuesday and Thursday evening. I trust that you have received confirmation in the diary. I hope that you find these meetings worthwhile as we feedback to you on your child's progress.

Wednesday 18th June will be an opportunity for current Year 4 parents to come along to St George's Hall and hear information relating to English and Maths for next year. I hope that you will be able to attend.

Have a wonderful weekend

Gavin Ryan

Head of Middle School

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Westminster School—Reminder

FAO – Year 5 parents

Westminster School have asked us to remind parents that ideally Year 5 boys should be registered by Wednesday 2 July (although registration will not close finally until Friday 26th September).

Upper School News

Senior Schools

FAO – Current Year 7 parents.

Final registration deadlines loom quickly once the new academic year starts and we would encourage parents to check that they have completed forms and paid deposits in good time in order not to miss any of these deadlines. If you have any final queries please do bring them to Parents' Evening on Monday and we can advise you on the next steps.

Nicola Mitchell

Reminder

Please don't forget that The School Photography Company will be in school next **Wednesday 18th June**, when Scholars (you know who you are) will have their photograph taken with the Headmaster.

Boys: please arrange to wear your white shirts, school ties and Blazers to school on Wednesday.

Girls: please wear Summer Uniform (with Blazers). Many thanks.

General News

A Photographer will be in school on Monday 16 and Tuesday 17th June helping us to create a vision for our new website.

All pupils will need to have their blazers in school and please may all boys wear a tie with their short sleeved summer shirts on these two days. Many thanks.

Mrs Mitchell

Library News

The last return date for all school library items is approaching.

Please return ALL Upper School and Middle School items by **Friday 20th June** to allow us to stock check during Expeditions Week. Pre-Prep items must be returned by **Monday 23rd June**.

Spain Trip - Easter 2015

Dear Parents,

The deadline for the flight bookings for Easter 2015 Spain Trip is looming as it is 26th of June.

Please contact me if you wish to book a place for your son or daughter. It is open to next year's Years 5, 6, 7 & 8. Many thanks.

Mr Ryan ryanp@orleyfarm.harrow.sch.uk

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PA News



OFSPA SUMMER FAIR
SATURDAY 21ST JUNE 2014
11am - 3pm

ONLY ONE week to go!

Please come and join in the Family day out at the new and improved **Summer Fair** which aims to cater for all age groups.

It's going to be a day to remember with an Assault Course, Go-karting, Surf Simulator, Sumo Wrestling

Bouncy Castle, Play Your Cards right, Table Tennis Competition, Cricket, Rodeo Bull, Cactus Throwing, BBQ, 'Orley 'Orticulture, Stocks, Coconut Shy and so much much more.

As always, these events can't happen WITHOUT YOUR HELP. This year we would like both parents and children signing up for the various stalls. We have hired staff to cover most rides, to ease the load, however your help is still needed.

Remember, get your children involved. We will be operating a Token system to pay for the rides and some stalls. This takes away the responsibility of kids handling cash.

Year Group Responsibilities and details of Rotas have been emailed to you via your Class/Year Reps.

PLEASE SIGN UP!!

At the moment Reception to Year 5 are really showing up the older Year Groups, in terms of filling the rotas up, so come on and get your child to sign up to run a stall or two!

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/ccc?key=0At8H5suNV0AldFYtS0xYSktZWFIKdOlzaVVLWDBtcVE&usp=sharing>

Have a great weekend, and remember to keep the 21st free, you'll need the day to get around everything!

NOTICES

Looking Ahead...

Monday 16th June

Photographer in school

14:15 Cricket U9 (All Year 4) v Durston House (h)

14:30 Pilgrim Piano Competition (SGH)

16:15 Girls' Athletics U11 and U10 (All Year 5 and Year 6 Girls) v Highgate (h)

17:00—19:00 Year 7 Parents' Consultation Evening (SGH)

Tuesday 17th June

Photographer in school

Year 7 and year 8 Roman History Workshop (Gym) (All Day)

09:00 (depart) Year 1 visit to The Chiltern Open Air Museum (All Day)

14:15 Cricket U9 A and U8 A v Reddiford (h)

15:30 Rounders U10 A, B and C v Belmont (h)

16:30 –19:15 Year 3 and Year 4 Parents' Consultation Evening (Class Rooms)

Wednesday 18th June

12:20 (approx.) Sports Team Photographs

13:30 (approx.) Scholarship Photographs

13:30 (depart) Cricket Colts B and cols D v St. Martin's (a)

14:00—16:00 Year 6 and Year 7 Girls' Lacrosse Taster Session

14:15 Cricket Colts A and Colts C v St. Martin's (h)

16:30 Year 5 Parents' English and Maths Talk (SGH)

Thursday 19th June

14:15 Rounders U9 A, B and C v Belmont (h)

16:30—19:15 Year 3 and Year 4 Parents' Consultation Evening (Class Rooms)

Friday 20th June

09:00 (depart) Colts A and 1st XI Visit to Lord's for Varsity Match (All Day)

16:30—20:00 School Leaders and Year 7 Trade Game Afternoon and Barbeque

16:30 Rounders Staff v Y3/6 Parents—Addition

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