

Orley Farm School



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A Letter from the Headmaster

Dear Parents,

I wish to start with a heart-felt 'thank you' to the 60+ pupils who gave up their Saturday to put something back into the school by acting as tour guides for our Open Morning. It was a highly successful event with over 150 parents visiting to hear our rich story. Jordan, Dhillon, Rasha and Alice took to the stage without notes and spoke so honestly and warmly about their impressions of the school. The feedback from the prospective parents was all about your children – they are extraordinary ambassadors who talk about their love of learning, confidence to take on the unknown and general 'va va voom' for life! Who better to entrust the world to in the future?



Talking of giving up time over the weekend, congratulations to the OFS Fencing squad who entered the National IAPS competition hosted at Millfield School. It is the first time that we have entered this event and I understand from Mr Bell and Mrs Clark that our team performed really well. Having said that, I also heard that the team held a late night Eurovision pizza party on the night before the finals...interesting

preparation!!! Thank you Mr Bell and Mrs Clark and thank you to the many parents who made the trip...well done team OFS!

Yesterday Year 8 took to the stage in their poetry narrative. We had three very different poems on show but the energy and passion with which they were performed was outstanding! I did not envy Mrs Johnson's task of selecting a winner! Well done to 8W, performing 'A Nightmare' by W. S. Gilbert, please find photos overleaf. With assessments looming, I would ask all pupils to balance their revision with suitable and needed breaks...remember all that you have covered in 'study skills' and know that you are prepared!

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KEY DATES

Upper School Production
12th and 13th June, 2014

PA Summer Fair
21st June, 2014

Upper School Concert
Thursday 26th June, 2014

Sports Days and Swim Galas



SNAPSHOTS



Mary's Meals is a charity established by two Scottish brothers. They set up school feeding projects in some of the world's poorest communities.

For just £12.20 the charity provides a nutritional meal to a child every day of the year in a school setting. The charity currently feeds nearly 895,000 hungry children daily.

There are nearly 300 million chronically hungry children in the world. It takes just 6 pence on average to provide a child a meal.

This year I was delighted to have the support of Miss Hehir, Mrs Harrison and Mr Ravasse in setting up a Tuck Shop. The Tuck Shop was managed by the School Council and operated on three Fridays for about 45 minutes each time. The aim was to raise money to support 10 children. The Tuck Shop raised an astonishing £500 ensuring that 40 children will receive a meal and a basic education for a year.

I would like to thank the School and in particular the School Council for giving these children the hope of a better future.

Rohan Radia – 7R

Headmaster's Commendations

Krishna Solanki, Aman Ghai, Omar Hassan and Jay Vara

For producing outstanding written work in French

Paavan Shah, Omar Hassan, Aman Ghai and Krishna Solanki

For producing outstanding responses in their respective independent reading projects

Dhillon Selvarajah

An excellent independently researched project in Classics

James Chalk

For planning and delivering an outstanding Classics lesson to his peers!

ACHIEVEMENTS

Across the School

Pre-Prep News

Summer has finally arrived and it really has brought out the smiles in Pre-Prep. Due to the lovely weather so many wonderful things have happened this week that I am going to let the photos do the talking this week! One thing I must add though... we bought a fairly expensive resource for Reception this week and the highlight for the children was the box it came in!

Uniform

There are many children who do not have their red sun hats at school. This is part of the summer uniform and must be brought in on Monday to be kept at school for the week. If children do not have their red sun-hat they will have to play in the shade rather than on the field. If **Year 2** need to purchase a new hat I am happy for them to wear the maroon Middle School hat. All other children must be in the school issue, Pre Prep red sun hat. Thank you

Sun-cream

Sun-cream should be put on your children in the morning. On swimming days I am happy for you to send in sun-cream in a **small container** in their swimming bags however we cannot apply the sun-cream so your child must be able to apply it themselves.

Have a wonderful weekend in the sunshine!



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Pre-Prep News cont...



In between our matches we were improving our measuring skills, this time to find out the weight of certain objects.



We also had our Year 4 matches and all girls were involved. Well done to Hastings for winning this competition. Well done to all the girls for their good team spirit throughout the two afternoons.



Miss Samantha Mowle
Head of Pre-Prep

Middle School News

The sight of the sun and the happy engagement of House Rounders matches must mean that we are finally entering into summer! This week we had our Year 3 matches with our girls involved in a very competitive group of matches with Julians coming out on top at the end.



4P had the opportunity to perform to an audience on Wednesday at the Informal Concert. Once again the standard was high and the presentations were varied. I was so impressed!



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Middle School News *cont...*

Our Year 4 pupils were incredibly fortunate to be able to visit the Viking exhibition at the British Museum. Travelling on the tube to and from central London was also an important experience.



Burning food was the order of the day in our Year 5 Science classes this week. Gasps of delight could be heard as

large flames were used to toast some unsuspecting Shreddies!



Well done to those pupils who have qualified for The London Athletics Championships where 54 schools will be taking part. This is an amazing achievement – good luck!



Have a wonderful sunny weekend!

Gavin Ryan
Head of Middle School

Upper School News

Senior House Cup Cricket

The first round of matches will take place this coming Monday afternoon starting at 3.15pm and finishing at approximately 4.30pm (please be aware of the slightly later finishing time). Pupils should be aware as to whether they are playing or not as selections were made by the four captains today. With these matches taking place, there will be no Game 1 cricket hobby on Monday.

Broadrick vs. Julians – 1st XI Square

Hastings vs. Hopkins – Colts Square

Stephen Bloom

General News

Open Morning Helpers Thank You

A huge thank you to all my wonderful tour guides and helpers on Saturday for our Open Morning. We had expected wind and rain but the sun shone for those crucial few hours.

I had so many lovely comments from the parents about how polite and helpful you all were. I cannot run the Open Mornings without your help and every time I ask for volunteers I am amazed at the response. Thank you so much to your Mums and Dads for also giving up their time to bring you to school. You all deserve a very loud bean bag cheer!

Julie Jago

Weekend in Dorset, 16th—18th May

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General News *cont...*

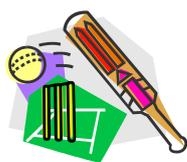


Library News

Please could you have a search for school DVD boxes or discs at home? It is very easy to return the box whilst the disc remains in the player, and we have lots of empty cases.....

Year 6 are helping me trial the latest Book Prize – the Booktrust Best Book of the Year Award. Well done to Alice Woodcock, who is reading her final book of the shortlist and to Harry Soma. Voting will be towards the end of June, and there will be prizes for the best review, a raffle for all those reading at least one book from the shortlist and a prize for those completing all four. If your child is in Year 6, ask them to tell you all about it!

Please could you also remind children to renew their library items? They borrow as normal over Half Term break.



Half-Term Holiday Club

Cricket, Athletics and Swimming

For further information follow the

Link: [Click here](#) and open the Hyper-link

Charity News

Race the Sun

As some of you may know, Miss Young, Mr Hymas and I are taking part in an event for charity in August called Race the Sun!

We have to do a **50 mile bike ride**, a **small hike up a mountain (2,500ft)** and **canoe for 2 miles** all in one day!!!

The charity Action Medical Research for Children is dedicated to improving the health of babies and children.

If you would like to kindly **sponsor us**, please **click on the link below** and then scroll down to **Sponsor a friend**. Type in our team name: **P.e R us** and look for our event: **Race the Sun 2014 (Lake District)**. You will then find our sponsorship page where you can donate online which is quick and easy to do!

<http://www.action.org.uk/>

This is sometimes the hardest part of entering a charity event.....We know that times are tough but just think....times are sometimes a lot tougher for others. Even a small donation of £1 or £2 can make the **BIGGEST** difference to a small child's life.

Thank you for your support!

Miss Hehir, Miss Young and Mr Hymas

PA News

Those of you who regularly come to school, cannot have failed to notice the cryptic signs that have been appearing around the school.

SUMO? RODEO? CACTUS THROWING?

All these and more will be available at this year's **SUMMER FAIR - 21st JUNE, 2014**

A **ROTA** will be appearing on an email near you soon, please **SIGN UP** and encourage your children to sign up too!

What a great way to spend an afternoon in the Sun with your children.

SUMMER IS HERE and it's going to be a great day!

NOTICES

Looking Ahead...

Monday 19th May

13:30 (depart) Cricket U9 (All Year 4) v Quainton Hall (a)

Tuesday 20th May

School Exams (All Day) (SGH, SpH, Gym)

09:00 (depart) 1/2 Reception Visit to Batchworth Lock Rickmansworth (RL and 1/2 RW)

15:15 (depart) Rounders U11A and U10A/B v Notting Hill & Ealing (a)

16:30—17:30 Food Committee Meeting (DR)

Wednesday 21st May

School Exams (Morning Only) (SGH, SpH, Gym)

09:00 (depart) 1/2 Reception Visit to Batchworth Lock Rickmansworth (RP and 1/2 RW)

13:15—15:00 Year 1 Instrumental Music Workshop (SGH)

14:15 Cricket U10 A v Davenies (h)

15:50 Year 5 and Year 6 Girls' Football v Breakspear (h) - **RE-SCHEDULED FOR 6th JUNE @ 16:15**

Thursday 22nd May

School Exams (All Day) (SGH, SpH, Gym)

13:00 (depart) U9 Rounders Festival at Edge Grove (one team) (a)

14:15 Rounders U8A, B and C v Belmont (h)

Friday 23rd May

School Exams (All Day) (SGH, SpH, Gym) (now Tuesday - Thursday inclusive)

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