

Orley Farm School



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A Letter from the Headmaster

Dear Parents,

It has been a remarkable week of dramatic weather changes! Yesterday afternoon I watched a very brave group of Year 4 pupils, as well as the U8 Rounders teams, head out under ominous skies...no sooner had they reached the outer edges of our glorious grounds and the heavens really did open with thunder, lightning and a glorious deluge. Doing my bit, I held the front door open as 100s of supercharged children ran through, soaked to the bone, telling me that this was the best games session that they had had this year!

As I write this, I am sitting with 7C and they have been heavily involved in recent interviews for new staff. Please do read the letter attached regarding staffing changes. 7C have met a number of the candidates and are really excited about the changes but this is tinged with sadness about those staff leaving. Sohil and Paaras tell me that 'it's kind'a sad that some are leaving but it's great that new staff are joining'. Thank you boys...for your eloquence!

Your children deserve a very well-earned break as we complete our 'exam week' going into half term. This is the culmination of hard teaching and learning, from both pupils and staff, and I suspect that there will be some rather exhausted but happy children heading home this afternoon! Whilst nobody will want to think too hard about the week after the break, I would add that the follow up is even more important in terms of taking the most from the experience and learning how and where to pick up those essential extra marks...so recharge, refresh and then return, ready to absorb feedback!

Tom Gbewe.



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KEY DATES

Upper School Production

12th and 13th June, 2014

PA Summer Fair

21st June, 2014

Year 3 and Year 4 Sports Day

Tuesday 24th June, 2014

Year 5—8 Sports Day

Wednesday 25th June, 2014

Pre-Prep Sports Day

Upper School Concert

Thursday 26th June, 2014

*Senior and Junior Diving
Competitions*

Years 5—8 Swimming Gala

Friday 27th June, 2014

Years 3 and 4 Swimming Gala

Monday 7th July, 2014

Across the School

Pre-Prep News

We have generally been lucky with the weather this week which we have been very thankful for due to Walk to School Week and Reception's trip to Batchworth Lock. Reception had a wonderful time dressing up as Victorians, using the dolly and the mangle to wash clothes, going for a ride on a canal boat and opening the lock for the canal boats to go through. They have written some wonderful recounts of the day. Thank you to all Reception staff for organising and supervising this valuable experience for the children. Please click on the link below for your class journal to see how much fun they had!

RP - <https://www.icloud.com/iphoto/projects/#6:CAEQARoQ39wpTRbKBLbLVrP0SlpJ-Q;C60142AF-3BDC-43DC-B330-3DB6604F6194>

RL - <https://www.icloud.com/iphoto/projects/#6:CAEQARoQ39wpTRbKBLbLVrP0SlpJ-Q;C9C3DD7A-643C-42EB-9C1F-EAAB523B7FBA>

RW - <https://www.icloud.com/iphoto/projects/#6:CAEQARoQ39wpTRbKBLbLVrP0SlpJ-Q;6017DE67-DAF4-4878-B16F-4CD47DC1AFD0>

Click on the above links and open the Hyper-links

We had a new RS teacher in Year 1 this week as Sarrah gave an amazing 30 minute talk about her Islamic faith. The class were completely captivated and took in a huge amount of information. Miss Matsushita and Mrs Mehta may be out of a job soon! The introduction to musical instruments was a huge success. Many of the children definitely had their favourites.

Thank you Mr Turner, Miss Toyn and the peripatetic teachers.

Year 1 are also preparing for Sports Day as you can see below during an athletics lesson on the Summer Field.



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How many right angles can you find? Year 2 have been searching for right angles this week – inside, outside, anywhere at all. They have also written some brilliant Fairytale stories with a twist! I have read many and was very impressed with the quality of the writing and the imaginations of your children. 2T buddied up and read stories to some children from RW this week, as you can see; enjoyed by all!

Across the School

Pre-Prep News cont...



I would like to wish you all a lovely half term. If the weather allows it, try to tick off a few more of those 'National Trust,' 50 outdoor things to do before 11 ¾ years of age.

Miss Samantha Mowle
Head of Pre-Prep

Middle School News

We have come to the end of another half term and, as always, there have been numerous opportunities to develop and challenges for us to face. We have learnt many things and one of the messages is that nothing is impossible and there have been many examples of this in Middle School!



Flowers and plants beware! Year 3 have been engaging in some dissection recently. This has included looking closely at the various parts with a magnifying glass and separating the petals of flowers. Other experiments to help prove how plants grow are also being carried out.



Checking the weather is something we have become increasingly interested in of late and there has been plenty of weather to measure and monitor.

The Year 4 cricketers had a successful week with all three teams winning convincingly against Quinton Hall – well done boys!

Following on from the successful British Museum visit last week, Year 4 have been creating written pieces about three ducks who followed us back to Orley on the Piccadilly Line. Their names? 'Duckius Quackius', 'Hwitziloquackli' and 'Kwak the Fearless,' of course.



In our assembly yesterday we continued our focus of relationships and this time we discussed respect. We were reminded that respect is a vital element in a workable friendship. We spoke about the need to respect ourselves and others.

Across the School

Middle School News *cont...*



Gavin Ryan
Head of Middle School

General News

As part of the Biology syllabus in Science, Year 5 have been studying the reproduction of plants. After half term, Year 5 will be continuing with this topic but focusing on the reproduction of humans. Although we will offer children an opportunity to have questions answered during lesson time, please be aware that the children may come home and ask some questions about what they have been studying. It is best to answer any questions as honestly and scientifically as possible.

Walk to School Week was a huge success! We were very lucky with the weather. Thank you to all of the parents who supported their children in this yearly event. There was notably less traffic on South Hill Avenue and the children all thoroughly enjoyed finding different ways of coming in to school. We had scooters, bikes, walking, car sharing, buses, tubes and many more. In Pre-Prep we aim to come to school by one of these methods at least once a week throughout the entire year! It would be great if we can try to do the same across the school. It can always be at the end of the day as I do understand the difficulties of getting to work in the mornings! Well done to all the children, teachers and parents involved.



Exams have been in full flow this week and it has therefore been a relief to get outdoors and get involved in some physical activity. Well done to all the pupils in Middle School for giving their best during this series of tests.



I hope that you have a wonderful half term break. See you in June!

Across the School

General News *cont...*

Flute missing!

James Dunning (8W) has not seen his flute since Thursday 15th May. The zip of the black case has a nametape sewn through it. Please could you check whether it has come to your home by mistake, and email dunningmea@orleyfarm.harrow.sch.uk if you find it? Many thanks! **MEAD**

Blazer missing!

Robert Douglas (8W) has also not seen his Blazer since Thursday 15th May, where it was last seen hanging in the boys changing room. It has a name label on the inside pocket. ***Please return this to the School Office if found.***

Missing PE/Games Kit

Several items of Daniel Keren's (6H) PE and Games kit have gone missing. These include tracksuit bottoms, white polo shirt, black shorts and blue shorts. All items are labelled with his initials DNK and a name tape as well. If found, please return directly to Daniel or through 6H or Mr Bloom.

Stephen Bloom

PA News



Orley Farm School

PA Summer Fair

Fun for all the family!

Please see our Poster and Website for further details.

NOTICES

Looking Ahead...

Monday 26th May

Half-term Begins

Monday 2nd June

Term restarts

Common Entrance Exams (DR)

16:15 Rounders U10 A, B and C v Highgate (h)

Tuesday 3rd June

Common Entrance Exams (DR)

Reception—Visit and Talk by the Bee Keeper (Jo Telfer) (Morning Only)

15:15 (Depart) Rounders U11 A, B and C v Belmont (a)

Wednesday 4th June

Common Entrance Exams (DR)

Year 6 Roman History Workshop (SGH) (All Day)

13:15 (depart) Cricket 1st XI and 2nd XI v Lochinver House (a)

Thursday 5th June

Common Entrance Exams (DR)

ESB Exams (Selected Year 8 Boys) (venue tbc)

08:50 (depart) Year 5 Geography Field Trip (All Day)

15:00—15:45 4W Informal Concert (SGH)

Friday 6th June

08:00 Finance & General Purposes (Finance) Committee Meeting (DR)

Saturday 7th June

10:00—16:30 Orley Farm School U13 Ten10 Cricket Tournament

Sunday 8th June

08:00 (depart) Year 7 Brackley Soapbox Derby (All Day)

THE WEEK AHEAD