

Orley Farm School

Summer Term 2013

Letter from the Headmaster

Dear Parents,

The Summer Term is the culmination of so much work, industry and endeavour and I always find it a challenge to pull out highlights at the risk of offending or missing a moment, that for an individual, can feel like reaching the summit of Everest! Nevertheless, the obvious highlight for 60 leaving pupils, is that they all passed their respective entrance tests and can now focus their eyes on new horizons with endless opportunities. Oh ... to be young again! The fact that we served 18 different senior schools this year only goes to prove the point that we strive to place every individual in the right future school for them. And on that note, I wish every one of our leavers the very best for their future!



KEY MESSAGE

Whilst some OFS journeys may be ending this summer...others are only just beginning.

KEY DATES

Open Morning

Saturday 5th October

10.00—12.00

**Deadline for
Applications for
Reception 2014**

7th November 2013



Speaking of the world of tomorrow, our current pupils will be returning to a very different landscape in September as we embark on the first phase of our £11 million refurbishment plan. All sorts of machinery is queuing to enter the school site and I am certainly keen that this opportunity is not wasted...I bought 20 hardhats last week so that all of our pupils and staff can engage with this process that will shape our environment in preparation for our 200th year! I am too impatient to wait behind wooden hoardings, I need to see the holes...that will fill with concrete...that will hold the spaces where imaginations will run riot!

Please enjoy the following pages that give snapshots as to what we have achieved this busy summer. But remember for every story mentioned, there are a hundred equally worthy moments not mentioned...enjoy a well earned summer break!

Tim Calvey



Drama and Music

Once again we were all amazed by the incredible performances as we were treated to an adaptation of 'The Jungle Book'. We are so lucky to have such talented young boys and girls at our school who impressed us once again at the Summer Musical Concert.

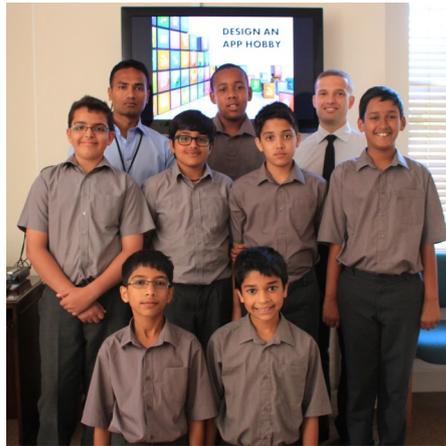


Ice Queen

Joanna Doran started skating when she was 5 years old and at the age of 8 she was the youngest competitor to enter the British Solo Ice Dance Championships last year (2012). In 2013 Joanna has already completed the necessary National Ice Skating tests and competed in the qualifying competitions to enter the British Solo Ice Dance Championships in a higher category to be held in June 2013. In May 2013 Joanna attained the necessary National ice tests to enter the British Development Squad from which skaters are selected to compete at the British, European and World Junior Championships.



There's an App for That



Seven lucky Orley Farm pupils will have their technology ideas made into reality. The pupils, who all attended the Design an App Hobby, came up with their own creative and unique App ideas and presented them at a Dragons' Den style afternoon. In all, eight groups presented their ideas, from which two groups were chosen to have their App ideas created for real. Huge thanks must go to Mr Saadi Hussain and his WiSys business team for making this happen. Mr Hussain's team came along to judge the presentations and question the pupils on their ideas. The two chosen ideas will be merged together to create an educational based App with a photography fun element, which should hopefully be available from the App store later this year. Mr Hussain commented on the pupil's impressive understanding of App technology and was blown away by their professionalism when it came to pitching their ideas. Mr Hussain's company will be working in partnership with the winning groups in order to get the App to the market as soon as possible. Watch this space for further information about the App!

Science Crest Awards

Congratulations to our Year 8 pupils for achieving their Bronze certificates in the CREST Award. This is the second time Orley Farm School has entered pupils into this award scheme which is predominantly for ages 14+ and is part of the British Science Association programme.



Shaye Mistry, Rishil Patel, Sahil Patel and Luca Reise patt produced a project on 'Triathlon'. They had to research, test, compare and evaluate different materials to 'make' a wetsuit suitable to be worn in a Triathlon.

Alex Mirzai, Alex Palmer, Neel Patel, Sajan Patel and Karan Uka researched and tested own brand cleaning products and compared them to named brand products to see which performed the best and were 'Squeaky Clean' and then reported back to the class.

Sandipan Bose, Nanik Nanwani, Rushil Raga and Ibrahim Rather worked on a solar powered boat for 'Future Travel'. They designed, tested, redesigned, retested and tweaked the finished article to complete their transport of the future and recorded the impact this could have on transportation.

Kayan Patel and Luke Thorpe took a different slant on the concept of 'Future Travel' and focussed on the research currently being carried out in the realm of transport of the future.

Sports Days and Swimming Galas

Finally the sunshine appeared just in time for our three Sports Days and Swimming Galas. Parents and children enjoyed cheering on the competitors.



Our Year 4 to Year 8 children have just returned from a very busy Expeditions Week where they went to such locations as Kent, Dorset, France and Lake Windermere with their respective year groups. Our Year 3 had lots of visitors in to join in the fun with Greek Day and a Pirate Treasure hunt!



Warner Brothers Studio Tour

Year 4 were treated to a magical visit to the Warner Brothers Studio to see how the Harry Potter films were made.



Reception have had a wonderful and very busy term. Our topic was mini beasts and the children have been mini beast detectives and bug hunters both in the garden and in the meadow. Our topic was supported by a visit from a local bee keeper. She brought along a live section of her hive which was fascinating to look at. The children enjoyed making honey sandwiches from real honeycomb and sharing a picnic outside. Reception have also enjoyed a fabulous day out at Batchworth Lock. Their activities included dressing up as Victorians, seeing how families used to live on a boat and the highlight was a trip along the canal on a boat. The children got to experience going through a lock while their friends on dry land opened and closed the lock gates.

The Summer Term has been a happy and productive time. The children have ended their year in Reception all starring in a wonderful production of 'The Selfish Ladybird'.

Haileybury Arts Festival



Year 8 pupil **Ali Hamza Syed** took part in a poetry workshop at Haileybury School with former poet laureate Sir Andrew Motion. He earned his place when his piece of creative writing, on the topic of 'transport', was judged to be outstanding and among the top 15 out of all of the hundreds of entries. Two more of our students took part in an awards ceremony at Haileybury, **Ria Mehta** and **Priyal Dhanjal** collected their well deserved prizes for some superb creative writing, also on the subject of 'transport'. It was a treat to see all three of our pupils' work on display on the Orley Farm prize winners' board in the marquee alongside work from the other schools that took part in the competition.

Boys' Sports Round Up

This term, our boys have played a total of 34 cricket matches, winning 25 and losing 9. Our 1st XI



had an outstanding season, winning 8 out of their 10 matches and finishing runners up in the annual OFS U13 Ten10 Tournament – vice captain Alex Palmer scored 355 runs at an average of 59 (including three half centuries) and took 10 wickets, and captain Dylan Leon scored 236 runs at an average of 39 and also took 10 wickets. Our U9 A and U8 A teams won all of their matches! Away from cricket, 32 boys and girls represented the school at the



London Area Athletics Championships at Eton with Omar Majumdar and Kinan Issa winning golds to qualify for the National Championships!

Space Centre Visit

Year 7 enjoyed a trip to the National Space Centre near Leicester as part of their Solar System programme of study.



Girls' Sports Round Up

The girls have had a successful term of rounders and athletics. We've



enjoyed 24 rounders matches this term, winning 20 of these fixtures, scoring a total of 277 rounders! Year 6 also competed in athletics against Heathfield winning that event as well. The Year 4s competed in the Edge Grove rounders festival and the Year 6 girls enjoyed an afternoon of lacrosse taught by a regional lacrosse coach.



The highlights of the season include six of our nine teams being undefeated and the U11 A team winning the St Benedict's U11 rounders tournament.



Congratulations to

Sabeh Sahni aged 8 who completed a 10 mile charity walk in the loving memory of his cousin (who passed away in October last year) to raise money for Cancer Research and The Teenage Cancer Trust. He not only completed the walk but he was third to finish and was the youngest of all the people taking part. We are very proud of him and The Teenage Cancer Trust has recognised his work and will give him a certificate. He has also collected £120 to raise money for the above charity.

Congratulations to old Orleyan **Sam Cato** as he played in the Varsity match at Lords and helped Oxford beat Cambridge.

Also congratulations to a fellow Old Orleyan **Lily Rafalin**. Lily has been asked to join the members of the Philharmonic Orchestra for a concert to include movements from Holst, creating an enormous orchestra (to rival the Simon Bolivar Orchestra of Venezuela). Lily is extremely excited and thrilled to have such a wonderful opportunity. Well done Lily!