



# Ovingham CE First School

## Weekly News

5th May 2023

### Dates at a Glance

Tues 9<sup>th</sup> May – Y4 Residential

Wed 10<sup>th</sup> May – New Starters Meetings (3.30-4.30 and 5.00-6.00)

Tues 16<sup>th</sup> May – Y4 Parent Lunch

Wed 17<sup>th</sup> May – Y4 Parent Lunch

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> May – Y4 to visit OMS for arts/science session

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> May – Reception Heights & Weights

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Y4 visit OMS to watch 'Annie' rehearsal

Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Open the Book

Wed 24<sup>th</sup> May - New Starters Meetings (3.30-4.30 and 5.00-6.00)

### Y3 Trip to Badminton Centre

Y3 children and staff from both Ovingham and Mickley schools really enjoyed their trip to the Newcastle Badminton Centre. They returned to school tired but happy.

### Y1 Forest School at Glebe Woods

Y1 had a very busy day at Glebe Woods with Mrs Ward and other staff members. We arrived full of excitement and it was lovely to hear the children's gasps as we walked into the woods. When we got to camp, we found a letter from Idris the dragon who asked us to plan his 5394<sup>th</sup> birthday. We were very busy making thrones, decorations, presents and cakes. We even designed our own party games.

After lunch, the children also enjoyed hot chocolate and pancakes which were delicious!



### Interfaith Week Events

This week has seen every class in school taking part in visits to different centres of worship.

Y2 and Y3 visited a mosque, Y1 visited a synagogue and Reception and Y4 went to a Hindu temple. The events were both informative and fun and we were really proud of the way all the children represented the school.



### Superhero Day

Today as part of our Wellbeing activities the children learned how everyone can become a Superhero in their own way. This event was devised by our Y4 children and ties in with the school's Christian values of faith, hope and love.

### Coronation

At the time of writing the children are continuing to practise their Coronation song and the staff are anxiously watching the weather to see what form our celebrations

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### Clubs:

Karate – Mon 3.10 – 4.10 – open to children from Y1-Y4

Reception Multi-Skills—Wed 3.10—4.10

Y2 Gardening Club—Wed 3.10—4.10

Y3/Y4 Dance Club—Fri 3.10-4.10

### Weekly Events:

Monday - Guitar Lessons with Mr Newbrook

Wednesday – PE with Newcastle Utd

Thursday - Keyboard Lessons with Mrs Shevlin

can take.

Whatever happens we hope to be able to share with you how school has marked the Coronation this week.

We hope you all enjoy this Bank Holiday weekend.

### **Coronation Poster Competition**

Congratulations to Charlotte and Zadie in Y4 whose joint effort in creating an outstanding poster resulted in them winning for our age group.

### **Y4 Residential**

The Y4 children (and Miss Allison and other staff members) are all getting very excited about their trip away to Dukeshouse Wood next week. We know the children may be both excited and a bit nervous but we know from previous experience, they will all have a brilliant time.

### **New Starter's Meetings**

The first of our New Starters Meetings will take place on Wednesday next week. There will be two sessions – 3.30-4.30 and 5.00-6.00. We are looking forward to meeting the children and families who will be joining us in September.

### **Y4 Parent Lunch**

Our last Parent Lunches of the year will take place for Y4 on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> May, further details will be sent out shortly.

### **Reception Heights & Weights Sessions**

Every year in England, school children in Reception and Y6 have their height and weight checked in school as part of the National Child Measurement Programme. The checks at Ovingham will take place on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May, they will be carried out by registered school nurses. Children are measured fully clothed, except for their coats and shoes in a private space away from other pupils. The results will

be shared only with parents in a feedback letter.

### **Parenting Self-Help Training Course**

Our School Counsellor, Joanne Clark has sent the link below for us to share with parents for a free parenting self help guidance course that they can attend and pick sessions that are suitable and apply to them for free.

<https://afineparent.com/positive-parenting-conference>

### **School Direct**

If you are considering Teacher Training, why not sign up to a School Experience taster session with Tyne Valley Alliance. Our School Direct (Initial Teacher Training) course offers placements in Newcastle, Gateshead, Northumberland and North Tyneside. You can click this [link](#) for further information.

The taster session will take place at The Sele First School, Hexham between 9.30-11.30am on Monday 22nd May. You can sign up [here](#).

There will be an opportunity to speak to mentors, chat with current School Direct trainees about their experience, watch lessons across school and ask any questions you may have.

We look forward to meeting you.