



Newsletter Friday 10th November 2023

Staffing Update

This week we said our official goodbyes to Miss Blackburn. Miss Blackburn has worked as a teacher for 16 Years at Oughtrington and has been a big part of our school team. We wish Miss Blackburn the best of luck with her new adventures. You may still see her around school as she will be working for us on a supply basis.

Football Competition





This week a group of Year 4 girls represented Team Oughty at a football competition. Their teamwork, resilience and commitment was extremely commendable. Well done girls! We were the only school with three teams. Thank you to Miss Maddison for getting as many children up and active as possible!

Anti-Bullying Week



Next week is Anti-Bullying Week. As in previous years, we request that children and staff come to school wearing odd socks on **Monday 13th November** to celebrate our differences. The more colourful, the better!

We are not collecting donations so no need to send in any money. If you would like to donate money to the Anti-bullying Alliance, this can be done via their website.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1WAK2gFXBxAvI6J6rev_VWJY1Wlt4Fvb5/view?usp=sharing

The theme this year is 'Make some noise about bullying' and will focus on knowing who to talk to if you feel that you or someone you know is being bullied. Miss Mohr will begin the week with an anti-bullying assembly and each year group will complete a selection of related activities as the week progresses.

Spotacular



BBC Children in Need is back this year on Friday 17th November 2023! We will be celebrating this spotacular event by encouraging children and staff to bring in donations of £1 in exchange for wearing something spotty. All funds raised will be donated to the Children in Need appeal.

X (Twitter)



Do you know we are on X (Twitter)? If you would like to find out about some of the things happening in school and to see some of the things children get up to on a daily basis that are not always posted on Class Dojo, please give us a follow.

Attendance

Regular attendance is key to your child's academic and social development. It provides them with a structured environment to learn, build friendships and develop important life skills. Your commitment to their attendance greatly contributes to their future success and we ask for your continued support with this going forwards.

Curriculum

We have an exciting half term ahead! If you would like to find out about what your child will be learning about this half term, please follow the link to our year group overviews on our school website.

<https://www.oughtringtoncps.co.uk/page/year-group-overviews/117382>

Oughtrington Luncheon Club Tombola

Miss Leonard along with Year 6 children are holding a tombola in aid of Oughtrington Luncheon Club. This fantastic club runs on a Tuesday and Thursday lunchtime at Oughtrington Community Centre, offering a hot meal and company to local elderly, vulnerable and isolated people in Lymm, Oughtrington and Heatley. A volunteer run club, they rely entirely on donations to provide this amazing service. Miss Leonard along with children from Year 6 attend Luncheon Club weekly to help out, and the aim is to raise some funds to provide the club with a magical Christmas dinner.

We will be collecting unwanted/unused/new items to raffle off. If you have any items you are able to donate then please bring to the school office by the **24th November 2023**. Dates and times of the tombola will be confirmed nearer the time.

Opal Play



The children continue to enjoy our Opal Play offer at lunchtimes. Some of the children have been telling us what they enjoy about Opal Play and giving some suggestions for the months ahead. Here's what they said:

"I love running up and down the mound!"

"I enjoy making nests for the birds in the forest!"

"Our Ninja Warrior course is amazing!"

"Making potions in the mud kitchen with my friends is so fun."

"I would love a quiet reading area outside."

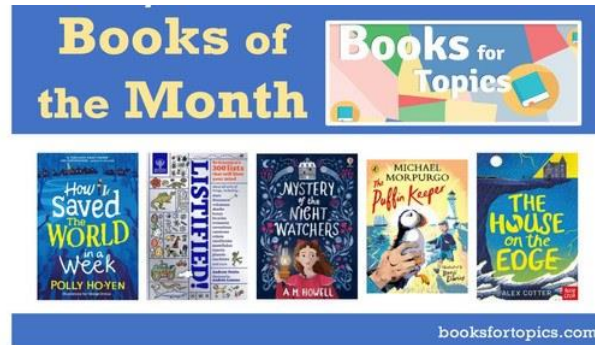
"We could make a space for arts and crafts."

"A snowball machine for winter...please!"

Also, a gentle reminder that your child should have wellies in school for wet, muddy days. these will stay at school until the end of the academic year.

Please also remember that if you have a child due to start Reception in September 2024, we are holding an Opal Play stay and play on Tuesday 21st November, 1:30 -2:30pm. This is an opportunity for prospective parents and their children to enjoy a play session in the school grounds and experience what we offer.

Recommended Reads



As part of our whole school focus on reading for pleasure, we continue to encourage children to read widely at home. If you are looking for recommend reads to share with your child or to replenish their stock of books at home, please visit the following link for a list of recommend books.

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/>

Please also remember to pop along to our book sale at 3:15pm, today, in the main hall. You can grab yourselves some bargain books for just 20p each!

Christmas Story Baubles

A poster for 'Christmas Story Baubles' at St Mary's Church, Lymm. The poster has a dark blue background with a green Christmas tree silhouette. The text is white and yellow. A red circle at the bottom right contains the text 'Great fun for families with children, however, everyone is welcome'.

ST MARY'S CHURCH, LYMM

CHRISTMAS STORY BAUBLES

Saturday
25th November
Drop in anytime
2.00-4.00 p.m.

Just a week before the Christmas Tree Festival come and join us to make a bauble and learn about the Christmas story. Baubles will hang on our St Mary's community tree.

Great fun for families with children, however, everyone is welcome