



OSWALD ROAD  
PRIMARY SCHOOL



# NEWSLETTER

Inspiration and Success

## ST GEORGE'S DAY SPECTACULAR!



On Friday 22nd April we celebrated St George's Day by creating a huge St George's flag in the playground, made up of pupils and teachers from Oswald Road.

Year 6 pupils Cosmo and Edwin also made these deliciously patriotic cupcakes! Yummy!

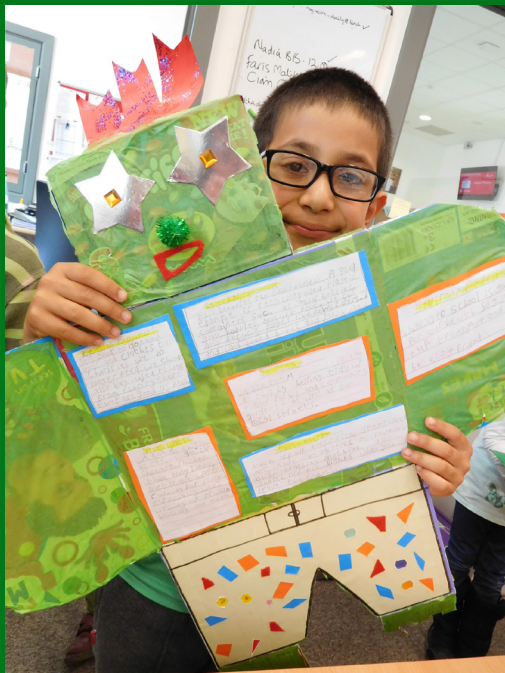


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# GOING GREEN!



Staff and pupils at Oswald Road Primary School donned their best emerald outfits in May to celebrate all things eco for 'Green Day'. Pupils were asked to wear green and bring in a donation towards the school's Owl Garden.

Children from 5WM were also helping out by selling their homemade healthy bakes during morning break, raising a fantastic £89.

Year 2 really went to town with their 'Going Green' themed homework. Suraj made his own compost bin, Felix has been growing tomatoes, and Anna created a beautiful tree. We loved Luke's amazing rock garden (complete with pond!) and Hassan's eco-robot, which was covered in handy tips on how to be more eco-friendly!

Thank you and well done to everyone who dressed in green, made a donation or bought a cake or comic on Green Day

We raised an amazing £266.62 towards the Owl Garden!

Work on the outdoor classroom will begin in July and we'll be looking for classes to help to plant the wildlife garden in October...



## YEAR 1 WELCOME NEW FEATHERED CLASSMATES



Year 1 pupils at Oswald Primary School welcomed some adorable visitors to their classroom this month. Mr Hearnshaw brought in some chicken eggs from home, which were then incubated in school. The chicks hatched over the May Day bank holiday weekend, and have since been living in each of the Year 1 classrooms at school.

Mr Hearnshaw said: "The children have loved seeing the eggs change and grow, from being in the incubator, hatching and then rapidly changing into the chicks they are today. They have all loved helping doing various jobs like changing water and feed, and each class has been excited when it's their turn to have the chicks in their class."

## PUPILS BECOME EVACUEES ON STOCKPORT TRIP

This term Year 3 pupils from Oswald Road Primary School took on the role of World War II evacuees as part of a trip to the Stockport Museum and Air Raid Shelters. The visit formed part of the pupils' exciting topic 'Keep Calm and Carry On'.

During the trip the children took part in a workshop in which they stepped back in time to wartime Britain, experiencing what life would have been like as a child during World War II. Pupils were encouraged to get into character for the day out by dressing as evacuees and bringing a ration style lunch in a gas mask box.



## PARADE PREPARATIONS HAVE PUPILS QUACKING AROUND



For the third year in a row Oswald Road Primary School has been accepted to participate in the Manchester Day Parade on Sunday 19th June. This year's theme is 'Eureka', and pupils have been preparing their magnificent float by making their own gorgeously yellow ducks!

The ducks will sit inside a giant papier mache bathtub, complete with an eight-foot tall Archimedes sculpture. The children created their ducks as part of a special Manchester Day Parade preparation workshop with local artist Kerith Ogden.

We think the feathered creations look fantastic, and can't wait to see the ducks (and children) parading through the streets of Manchester in June!

## UNDER THE SEA...

Year 2s have really been enjoying their 'Under the Sea' topic, and have created some fantastic pieces of homework to show it.

One of the highlights was a life-size poster of an orca, which was painted by Evan from 2FM. The poster was so big that it took ten children to hold it up for a photograph!

Other fabulous creations included a scrummy ocean cake, which was baked by Luke from 2SF, and an impressive hammerhead shark, made by Connie in 2SF.

Great work everyone, you really brought the magic of the underwater world to life!



## SPORTING SUCCESS!

Pupils at Oswald Road Primary School were presented with certificates and wristbands this term, after taking part in a sponsored fitness circuit. The sponsored event was part of a visit from Olympic Athlete Hannah Whelan last month.

Gymnast Hannah visited Oswald Road on Friday 4th March to help inspire pupils to take up sport, and pursue their passion in life. The money raised from the sponsored event is being put towards new sports equipment for the school, as well as supporting Team GB athletes (including Paralympic athletes).

Well done to 1KG, whose class received the most certificates!



## BLOOMIN' MARVELLOUS!

Nursery have been making the most of the sunshine by getting to work on their new planting beds! This week they have been planting petunias, and learning how to make them grow by watering the flowers regularly. If you would like to get involved or donate any bedding plants, please speak to one of our Nursery staff!



## YEAR 3 GET MUDDY AT FOREST SCHOOL



Year 3s have been getting in touch with nature this term as part of the 'Forest School' initiative. Forest School is an inspirational process that offers children regular opportunities to achieve and develop confidence and self-esteem through hands-on learning experiences in a woodland or natural environment with trees.

Every Friday afternoon during the 9-week programme 3SE have been travelling to Chorlton Ees with TAs Ms Wiles and Mr

McManus. Some of the fun activities the children have already done include forest art, den making and learning about the hazards and dangers of the forest.

## WELL DONE TO YEAR 2 & YEAR 6



A huge well done to all pupils in Year 2 and Year 6 for completing your SATs (and your Key Stage)! You all showed such maturity and really did our school proud. We asked Year 6s for their thoughts on the SATs now that they have finished them...

"Once I had finished the first test, I knew that there was no need to be worried."- Katie

"It was easier than I expected and I thought we all did really well."- Harry

"I enjoyed it and I couldn't understand what all the fuss was about! I like exams and 4 days of them! Get in!"- Edwin

"The teachers always say 'every child finishes and feels fine', and it's true."- Edie

"Everyone did really well and tried their hardest also that is all that mattered."- Zak

"The breakfast club was a great idea...I would've liked to do it every day!"- Alex



## GOVERNOR PROFILE: ANN KERRIGAN (SEND GOVERNOR)

### **When and why did you become a governor at Oswald Road?**

I began in November 2015. I moved to Chorlton last year from Pendle in Lancashire, where I was an elected councillor, and applied to be a governor through Manchester City Council. I wanted to do something as part of my local community, and it has helped me get to know more people in the area. I was also a parent governor at a school in Pendle before I moved to Manchester.

### **What makes Oswald Road unique?**

The school really reflects the community that it is part of. It also has a brilliant Senior Leadership Team.

### **What do you do when you're not attending your duties as a governor?**

I work for a trade union called Unison, and have been there for three years. Prior to that I was working for the Lancashire police force for 16 years.

### **What do you like to do in your spare time?**

I am passionate about refugees, and I recently volunteered at the camps in Calais. I also love sport- I played rugby for 25 years, and have just completed the Manchester 10k.

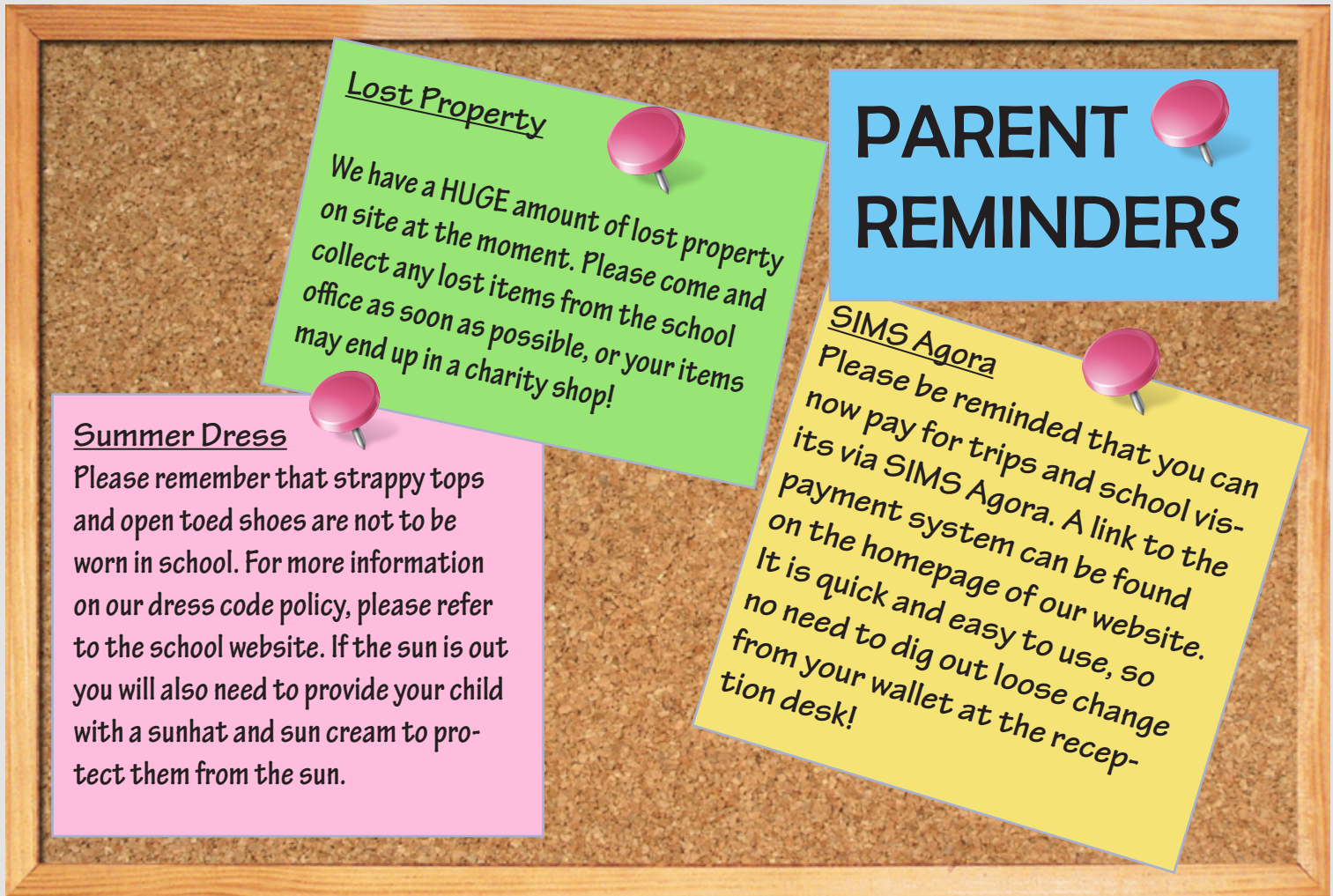


## IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL PARENTS

We have received a number of complaints recently regarding dangerous driving and illegal parking outside of school. This is a very serious matter, and one which could lead to serious injury, or worse, if not dealt with. Please note that the parking restrictions on the road surrounding the school are there for a reason, and form a vital tool in the safeguarding of both children and their families travelling to and from school. We are currently working with the local council to ensure that all non-compliance is dealt with. Any evidence we receive of illegally parked cars will be reported to the police.

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# PARENT FOCUS GROUP: COMMUNICATIONS

Thursday 9th June- 2:30pm

**Come along and have your say on the school's communications with parents and carers**





# You said | We did

As part of our commitment to improving communication with our families, each newsletter will feature a 'You Said, We Did' section, so you can see how your suggestions have been put into practice...

You wanted us to develop further how we cater for Gifted and Talented children.

The Gifted and Talented (G&T) Lead has introduced 'Team Around the Child' meetings. This is an opportunity for relevant staff, children and their families to come together to look at put strategies in place to support you're each G&T child's continuing progress. So far the meetings have been a really positive experience where the children have been able to say how they feel about their subject and talk about how best we adults can help them to make even better progress.

You wanted quieter areas of the play-ground for children to access.

The old Owl Garden has been redesigned ready for work to be implemented shortly. We have also planned to develop the Chill Zone further. When done, this will allow for two quieter spaces for the children to access.

You wanted better timing, clarity and more appropriate use of different channels (eg. text, email).

Our new Communications Manager has introduced a Weekly Update email, which has streamlined communications.

You wanted a more mobile-friendly way to access information and updates from the school.

We have introduced a new app, which sends push notifications to your mobile whenever we add a new update or announcement.