



EUREKA! MANCHESTER DAY PARADE



Tens of thousands of people lined the streets of Manchester city centre on Sunday 19th June to celebrate the annual Manchester Day and its infamous parade. The theme of this year's celebrations was 'EUREKA!', to tie in with Manchester's European City of Science status for 2016.





EUREKA! (continued)

Yet again, one of the highlights of the Manchester Day Parade was the eagerly anticipated Oswald Road Primary School float, which was based around a giant version of 'Mr Eureka' himself- Archimedes. Children and staff donned their togas to surround the papier maché scientist in his giant bathtub, whilst waving their beautifully hand-decorated umbrellas in the air.

BLUE PETER

A group of lucky Year 5 pupils took part in the live filming of an episode of Blue Peter this term. The show was all about bugs, and was filmed in the Blue Peter garden as part of National Insect Week.



WELL DONE, MRS WOOLF!

Our super SENCo (Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator), Helen Woolf, has achieved the National Award for Special Needs Education (NASENCO) with a Distinction, and will be graduating from Manchester Metropolitan University on 25th July at The Bridgewater Hall.



RECEPTION GRADUATION

The last Reception Stay & Play session of the term included a special graduation event to mark the children's completion of their Early Years journey at Oswald Road Primary School. As well as giving speeches about the highlights of their year in Reception, the children performed a superb rendition of Queen's 'We are the Champions'- with slightly different lyrics! You can watch a video of their amazing performance on the school website!



NETWORK CHOIR PERFORM AT RNCM



On Thursday 7th July children from Oswald Road Primary School took part in the One Education Music Showcase at the Royal Northern College of Music. The Network Choir and steel pan band performed a mix of old and new songs, including Jambo Bwana, Apologise and Nana Was a Suffragette by former Oswald Road pupil Jules Gibb. The choir also sang a song written for this year's Green Day by Year 5 pupil Ella, entitled "We Need More Green".

Oswald Road Chair of Governors, Richard Price, commented: "As a parent and governor I was extremely proud of all the children who performed on Thursday evening from Oswald Road and all the other schools and groups.

"Against the backdrop of the tumultuous recent weeks, the children provided a vivid contrast. Their performances showed their ease and joy in working together irrespective of different backgrounds, religions, cultures and ethnicities. Our future looks safe in their hands. This underlines to me the importance of placing music (and other creative subjects) at the heart of all our children's education."



KINGSWOOD!

Year 6 had an action-packed three days at Kingswood Colomendy in July...activities included climbing, nightline, archery, caving, and a stomach-churning walk along the high beam!



WE ARE A RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL!

Following an inspection from children's charity Unicef on Thursday 9th June, Oswald Road Primary School has been presented with a Level 1 Rights Respecting Award. The Rights Respecting Schools Award is a Unicef UK programme that aims to put children's rights at the heart of schools in the UK.

Year 2 teacher Kathryn Whalley leads on the school's Rights Respecting work. She explained: "When we first started working towards the Award, we asked children and staff to complete a questionnaire about rights, which showed us that many did not know about the United National Convention for the Rights of a Child."

To achieve the Level 1 award, the school laid clear foundations across the whole school, embedding 'Right Respecting' articles into the curriculum. A group of 'Rights Ambassadors' consisting of one child from each class was formed, which ensured that every child in the school was given a voice through their class ambassador.

Mrs Whalley said: "The ambassadors delivered an amazing presentation to our governors and senior leadership team in March, and gave the same presentation to the Unicef inspectors last week."

In addition to this, there are also rights displays in school, and rights assemblies have been held, including one about how rights fit into the behaviour policy. Now that it has been presented with a Level 1 award, the school is looking forward to working towards the Level 2 award, which requires rights to be shared externally with parents and the community.

"We are absolutely delighted to have been presented with a Level 1 Rights Respecting Schools Award, and I am so proud of how the children conducted themselves during the Unicef inspection," added Mrs Whalley. "I am amazed at the children's knowledge of their rights and their confidence when talking about them with both staff and Unicef. A big thank you to everyone for respecting each other's rights!"



**RIGHTS
RESPECTING
SCHOOLS**



Oswald Road Primary School



@OswaldRoad

MOSAIC GRADUATION EVENT

Oswald Road pupils taking part in the Mosaic programme attended a special graduation event this term to celebrate their completion of the programme. Mosaic, founded by HRH The Prince of Wales, aims to create opportunities for young people – championed by Muslims and harnessing the power of positive thinking.

The Prince of Wales founded Mosaic in 2007, and the Oswald Road children who took part attended ten one-hour mentoring sessions over a period of three months. These sessions were delivered by volunteers from the business and public sectors, and aimed to help to further lift the aspirations of the children involved.

By linking young people with mentors, the programme aimed to boost their confidence and build their skills. Mosaic operates all over the UK and internationally; it is an initiative of Business in the Community (BITC) and is part of the family of charities overseen by The Prince's Charities, the largest multi-cause charitable enterprise in the United Kingdom.

The programme came to a close this term with a special graduation ceremony at Manchester Metropolitan University, where the pupils who took part were recognised and rewarded for having participated in the development programme. During the day the children were given a tour of the university, took part in a workshop and received their certificate for completing the programme.



SHIVER ME TIMBERS!



We had a fantastic themed Stay & Play session in Nursery this term- it was lovely to have so many parents and carers in to class. To reflect the theme of their book of the week, 'The Lost Pirate Treasure', the children dressed up as pirates and mermaids! Shiver me timbers, you all looked great!



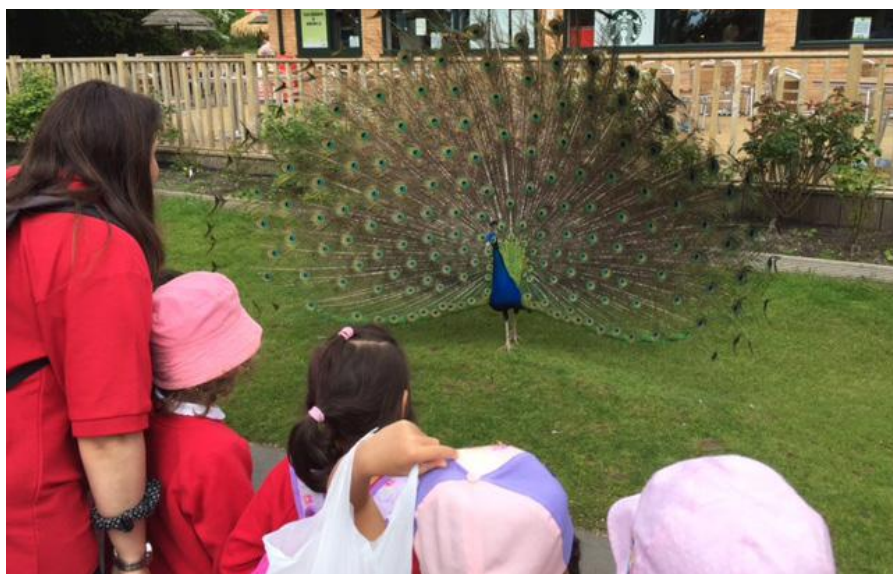
WE'RE GOING TO THE ZOO, ZOO, ZOO!

Earlier this term Reception went on a fantastic trip to Blackpool Zoo! The children saw loads of different animals, including ring-tailed lemurs, camels and even dinosaurs (plastic, of course!)

'My favourite bit was all of it, especially the sea lion show though. They aren't the same as seals and they can clap and wave!'- Niamh

'I like lizards and all the huge snakes the best.'- Carvell

'The peacock was so funny and made funny noises, I liked them because they walked about with people.'- Connie



GETTING BACK TO NATURE

Year 1 went on an exciting trip to Lower Moss Educational Nature Reserve in Knutsford as part of their science topic for this term. During the morning the Oswald Road pupils took part in a nature walk, where they looked at different plants and wildlife. They then spent the afternoon dipping their nets into the area's pond and seeing what creatures they could find!



DISCOVERING LIFE UNDER THE SEA

At the end of last term Year 2 visited the Sea Life Centre in Manchester, as part of their exciting 'Under the Sea' topic. The children got to see (and even touch!) a variety of creatures, including sharks, stingrays and starfish.

"The Sea Life Centre was great because there were lots of sea creatures. My favourite was the shark."- Tevez

"I liked touching the starfish and the crabs."- Abigail

"Visiting the Sea Life Centre was good because we saw sea creatures."- Azam



Please be reminded that you can now pay for trips and school visits via SIMS Agora. A link to the payment system can be found on the homepage of our website. It is quick and easy to use, so no need to dig out loose change from your wallet at the reception desk!



ELLIOT'S NURSING SKILLS

Elliot from 3CD has been demonstrating his nursing credentials by bringing in his first aid kit to school. The aspiring nurse is keen to be a first aid helper at lunchtime, saying that he wants to use his skills to help his fellow pupils.

Elliot explained: "When I was five I got a toy first aid kit, and then when I was seven I went to a medical school, where I learnt how to do lots of things. Now I'm old enough to have a real first aid kit, so I asked for one for Christmas last year. When I'm older I want to be a nurse."



MUSICIANS ROCK AT SCHOOL CONCERT



On Friday 20th May musical pupils from Oswald Road Primary School put on a show-stopping concert for parents and their fellow classmates. The talented musicians included guitarists, trumpeters, violinists, vocalists, and one very talented pianist. There were also groups of children playing the balalaika and the steel pans.

Music and Performance Lead Ms Murray said: "A huge well done to everyone involved in the concert on Friday. We were absolutely astounded at the talent on display, and incredibly proud of all our performers and musicians."





OLYMPIANS JOIN YEAR 3 FOR CHORLTON WALK

Pupils from Oswald Road Primary School got into the Olympic spirit early in advance of this summer's Rio Games when they were joined by two former Olympians for a Greater Manchester Walking festival event.

The Year 3 children were joined by Courtney Fry, a boxer at the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games, and Diane Hennessey (formerly Ashton), who swam for Great Britain in the 1972 Munich Olympics.

The walk, led by walking group 'For the love of Chorlton' and supported by Manchester City Council, was part of the World Fit Campaign 2016, which aims to encourage schoolchildren to walk or run part of the distance from Manchester to Rio (5,813 miles) ahead of the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Eight-year-old Oswald Road Primary School pupil Owais Hanif said: "I thought the walk was really good and I enjoyed seeing what medals the athletes had. I like walking more than I used to now, and it made me want to walk more often."

Olympian Courtney Fry said after the walk: "It was an amazing turnout and excellent to see everyone involved, with smiles and laughter everywhere. It was so refreshing to see the young people get active. It was a tremendous event!"



ECO TEAM NEWS

Our eco team have been busy planting courgettes and squash this term. We can't wait to see the fruits of their labour!



EXPLORING LOCAL WILDLIFE

As part of their science enrichment, all three Year 4 classes visited Longford Park on the afternoon of Friday 8th July. During their visit the children investigated different animals in their natural habitats, and recorded the data of the various creatures they discovered.



A DAY IN THE LIFE OF...

Lisa Cameron- Family & Children's Support Co-ordinator

I started working at the school in June 2016 and I work collaboratively with families and staff in order to support pupil wellbeing. I am responsible for working in partnership with the police, social services and other partnership agencies in order to assist families who are in need.

My days so far at Oswald Road have been challenging but also rewarding at the same time. I love being part of the school community, and the children are adorable. Below is a typical example of a day in my diary at Oswald Road.

Monday 27th June



08.00am - Arrive at Oswald Road to start my day.

09.15am - Meeting with the staff from Owl Club. Owl Club provides morning and after school care for children. On this day, I met with Sam and the team to introduce myself, and we exchanged information about children in their care.

11.00am - Early Help Assessment. An Early help Assessment is a meeting where I meet with families to

help identify needs of children/families and make a plan to meet those needs. The purpose of the assessment is to provide a coordinated response so all agencies concerned can support the families in the best way possible.

1.00pm- Child in Need meeting with social services and other partnership agencies. Child in Need planning meetings have been introduced so that children, young people, families and those professionals working with families are clear about their responsibilities within the Children in Need plan, the role of the allocated social worker, timescales of the interventions and expected outcomes.

2.45pm- Circle of Friends. Circle of friends is a provision that I deliver to four pupils on a weekly basis to establish the understanding and acceptance of differences and building genuine friendships.

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 weren't always getting responses when you sent text message replies to the school office.

All texts that warrant a reply will get a reply from the school office by text, email or phone. Please note that the office is only able to view replies that are sent on the same day as the original message.

There was too much lost property to sort through, making it difficult to find your children's lost items.

We have sorted out the lost property into boxes/bags according to the item of clothing (eg. jumpers, coats). We have left the lost property out at convenient times, such as at the school discos.

You wanted clarification on how to contact the school with a concern or complaint.

We have set up a new email address, inbox@oswaldroad.manchester.sch.uk, for parents to use in case of a concern. These emails are checked by our Business Manager every morning and actioned accordingly.

You wanted more photo updates from school trips and local visits.

We are posting from the school's social media pages more regularly so that parents and carers can stay updated on how much fun we're having on our school trips!