

JURASSIC PARK COMES TO OSWALD ROAD!



Year 1's topic question this half term was 'Where in the world would you find a dinosaur?' To enrich their learning the children had a visit from the Education Group to deliver an amazing dinosaur workshop! On the morning of the workshop each class had a go at digging for fossils and exploring dinosaur bones. On their fossil hunt the children looked at bones from carnivores, herbivores and sea creatures. They also got to see a scale model of a t-rex footprint- it was huge!

In the afternoon all three classes got together for a dinosaur assembly, where they got to meet Jack the six month old T-rex. He was very mischevious! The day finished with an extra special surprise visitor- 6-year-old Tina the T-rex, who was absolutely enormous but very friendly! Luckily she had already eaten her lunch, so the children could go up and have a feel of her teeth without having to worry about having their arms eaten off!

To see the video of the children's reaction to Tina's surprise visit, head to the Oswald Road Primary School Facebook page!



SEASIDE PICNIC CELEBRATION LUNCH

On Thursday 16th May we held our termly celebration lunch. This term's theme was 'Seaside Picnic', so the children enjoyed traditional fish and chips, followed by ice cream with a flake for pudding! We are very pleased to announce that this celebration lunch will now be a termly event in the Oswald Road calendar, as a showcase of the fantastic catering we offer in-house.



TT ROCKSTARS WINNERS' PIZZA PARTY

Last term's TT Rockstars class champions were the mighty 3EW. To reward them for their super rockstar success, the marvellous mathematicians were treated to a pizza party. This term's competition has been widened to include all of the Year 2 classes, plus there's the opportunity for a team of parents to form and take on the finalists! If you would like to take part, please get in touch with Mr Farrow through the school office!



YEAR 3 AIR RAID SHELTER TRIP

As part of their exciting World War 2 topic, Year 3 visited the Air Raid Shelters in Stockport. The children took part in lots of activities to give them a feel for what life was like in the war, such as responding to an air raid siren with a gas mask drill.



TREEHOUSE PHOTOS

There's still a real buzz about school around the new treehouse... doesn't it look wonderful now that the trees have all come into bloom!



YEAR 4 ANCIENT EGYPT MUSEUM

Year 4's topic homework this half term was to make an Ancient Egyptian artefact. The children displayed them in their very own museum and invited Year 3 to view the exhibits!



WALKING & CYCLING PHOTOSHOOT

A big thank you to all of our families that took part in the walking and cycling photoshoot this half term. The photos and videos captured on the day will be used by Cycling & Walking Commissioner Chris Boardman's team at Transport for Greater Manchester as part of a citywide campaign to encourage more people to travel around on foot or by bike.



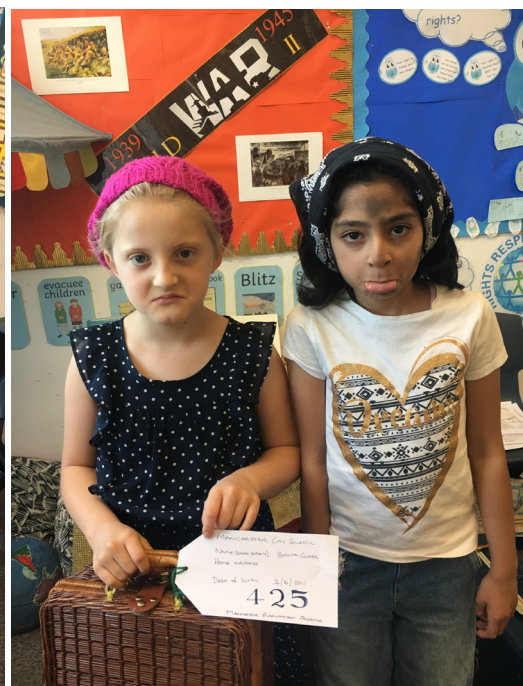
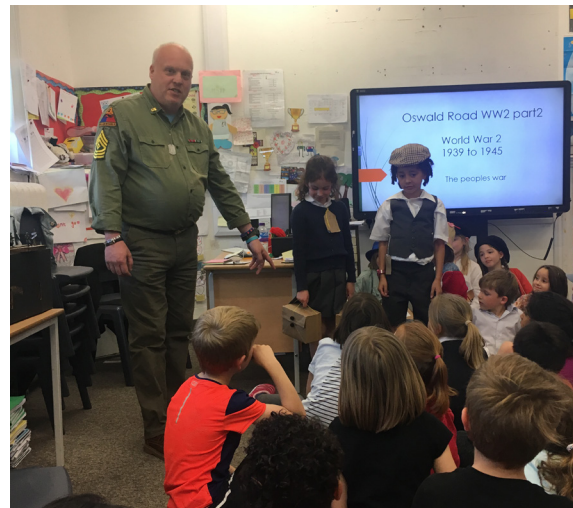
YEAR 5 MACBETH PERFORMANCE

A HUGE well done to all of the Year 5 children involved in last term's Macbeth performance at Chorlton High. Whether they were a live performer or part of the pre-shot film, the children all worked so hard on the production with the amazing Mel Jordan from Chorlton High School.



KEEP CALM & CARRY ON

To bring their topic on World War II to life Year 3 had some special visitors into class this half term. Firstly, some of the members of Chorlton Good Neighbours came to tell the children about their experiences of the war. The children were then visited by Major David, who brought in lots of fantastic props and costumes. He then set the Year 3s a quiz to see how much they'd learnt from him about their topic. To welcome their visitors some of the children even dressed up as WWII evacuees, complete with suitcases and nametags!





Promoting a Balanced Diet

Some of the Rights Respecting Ambassadors have been working alongside Mr McDonagh (Fit for Learning Lead) to look at the types of snacks children are bringing into school for their play time.

Children across school have filled in a questionnaire and the Ambassadors will help Mr Mac to look at these to see how we can encourage healthy eating and a balanced diet across school.

Article 24 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child says: "Every child has the right to the best possible health."

As part of this children should be provided with nutritious food.

Mr Mac said: "We have been putting a lot of thought into how we can encourage healthy eating as part of a balanced diet. It's really important that children learn how to balance treats with healthier food options so they all get the right fuel to help them learn and grow!"

By Herbie, Aamina & Amani 3KB



YEAR 3 SPONSORED WALK

One of the parents from 3CM organised a sponsored walk around Hardcastle Craggs near Hebden Bridge on Sunday 28th April to raise money to put towards the new running track in the playground. A great number of Oswald Road families went along, raising over £500 in sponsorship money! A huge well done to everyone involved!



ARNO'S FRENCH SONG RECORDING



In April Arno from FS2SR went to Nantes in France to take part in a recording for a new French CD for kids, which will be released this Autumn. The songs were all written during songwriting workshops with French children run by Natalie Tual, who is the famous French author of the 'Bulle et Bob' books.

One song, called "Why Not", was written last year during a French family workshop in Manchester that Arno's mum helped organise. The song they wrote was chosen as one of the songs for the new CD, with Arno providing vocals on it. It is about cultural differences between living in France and England, and features French children in Manchester singing to children in France, "Why don't you come and visit me in Manchester, there's a plane leaving in an hour!"

On the morning of the recording Arno met the three girls he was going to be singing with- Kinu (9), Emie (6) and Molly Lina (4.5). They had an hour rehearsal together before going into the studio to record the final song.

Mum Noémie said: "Arno was amazing, really at ease and outgoing. He brought a positive energy into the studio whilst being able to concentrate and follow instructions from Gilles, the artistic director. It was a really wonderful experience for Arno and we are so happy and grateful to all the people involved."

FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT



This half term the Oswald Road football team attended the A-Star cup tournament at St Margaret's Primary School. With the squad being so competitive, this year we were able to take two teams to the event.

Both sides competed very well, only losing one game each out of the 4/5 they played! Mr Bentley was extremely proud of how the teams conducted themselves both on and off the pitch. He also commented on some of the 'outstanding' football they played, the highlight being an 8-0 victory.

Sadly, their efforts where not enough to reach the semi-finals, with both teams missing out by a mere point. However, as a learning experience both teams grew stronger as each game was played.

Mr Bentley would like to thank all who attended, including the parents, who not only drove the players there but also attended the full competition. We're sure that they would agree that the children were magnificent and should be very, very proud of themselves!



YEAR 5 TRIP TO MOSI

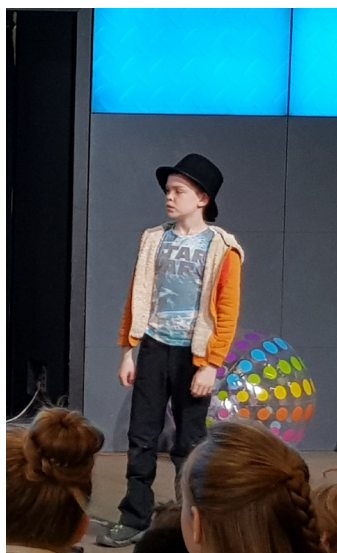
As part of their topic on Manchester's history, Year 5 went on an exciting trip to the Museum of Science and Industry (MOSI). As well as exploring the galleries to learn about Manchester's rich industrial past, the children also got to recap on their science knowledge from the spring term by watching a live show called 'Explosions: A Blast from the Past'.

"The explosions were so cool! We had to find out which material caused the explosion, we had to have heat, rapid expansion and sound ...it turned out to be water/steam that created the explosion!"

"I liked the experiment area. You could see your own skeleton, make music by dancing and create a tornado in there."

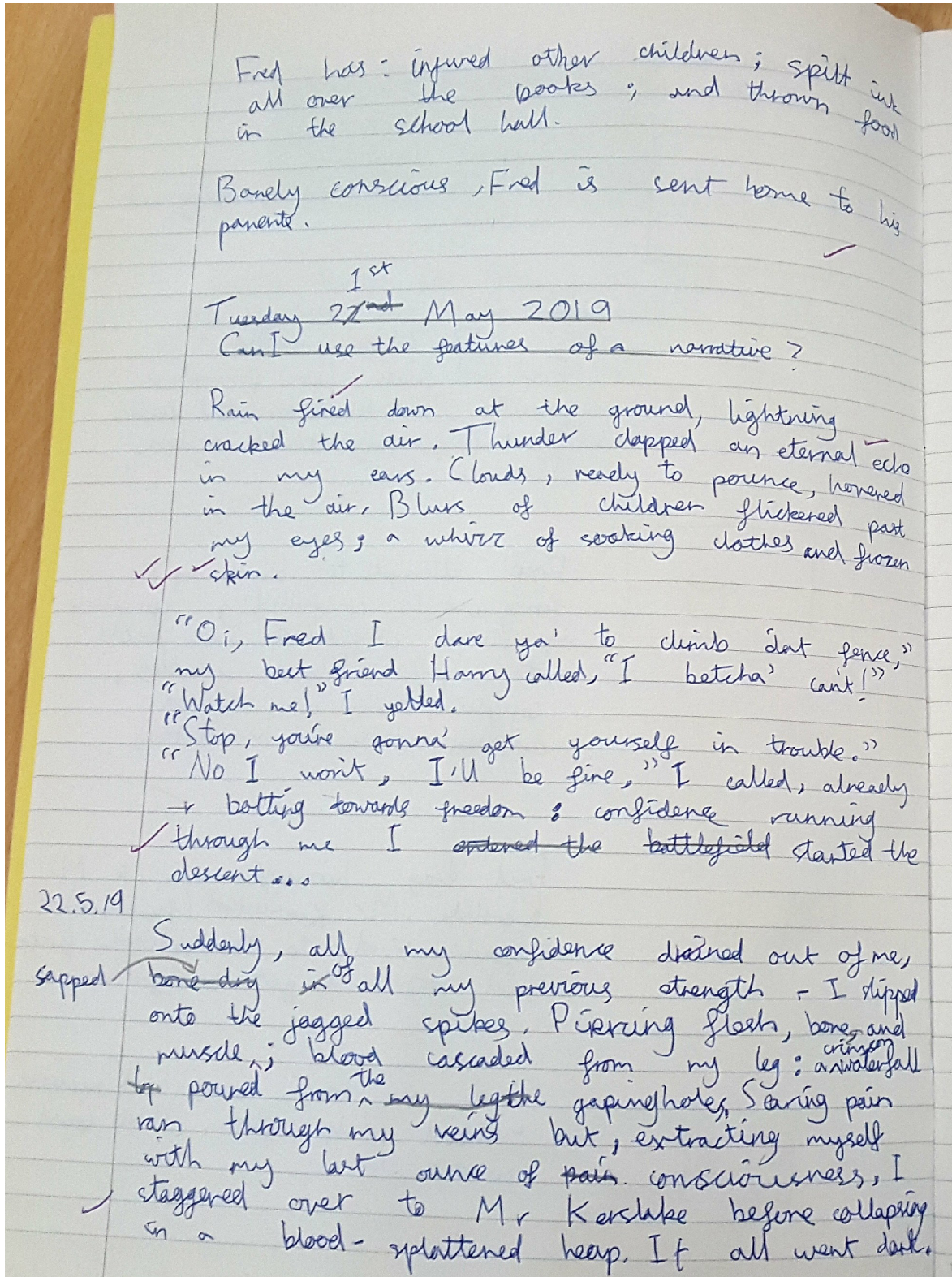
"The machines were so loud and scary! We learnt that the children our age had to clean underneath them while they were on to save money!"

"As always, the trip tied in with our current topic perfectly. The children were able to pull all of their knowledge together and understand what life was really like in 19th century Manchester by exploring the factory machines, viewing the railway station and learning its importance in connecting Manchester to Liverpool and hearing all about the Revolution of Manchester. The explosions workshop revisited our previous topic about reversible and irreversible changes with the added excitement of real life explosions!" **Miss Davis**



OUTSTANDING WRITING

We were so impressed with this outstanding writing by two of our Year 6 children. Roan and Harvey have written stories inspired a real-life accident that happened at Oswald Road in 1927.



Tuesday 21st May 2019

Can I use the features of a narrative?

Another typical day in the playground, [✓]raven-black clouds veiled the sky. Thunder crackled in all directions while me and my friends huddled under a tree - little did I know that this would be the worst day of my life...

"So Bob, Jim, what should we do in this devastating weather?" I asked. Those teachers think it's a little drizzle outside; I'm soaking! We can't play on sunny days and ~~not~~ on wet days; it's farcical! Jim exclaimed his face like grumpy cat.

"What about you Bob?"

"Look, that little boy ^{his} ~~threw~~ sandwich onto the fence, it looks like KFC!!!" Bob shouted.

I've got a plan. I whispered. I'll climb the fence; grab the sandwich; jump down; and we could eat it for lunch. An awkward feeling spread over me as I felt ^{Pitiful} sorry ^{Pitiful} for the boy but determination took over ~~my body~~.

"Do you agree with me?"

"No!"

"YES!"

"I love it!" Bob replied.

"Fed, what is you sell?" Jim explained.

"I won't."

✓ "Fine, don't listen to me!"

I stood at the edge of the gate; it loomed over me like a monster from my nightmares. I scaled the fence like it was ^{a set of} some stairs and grabbed the sandwich. The ketchup oozed out like blood and the sausage's aroma flew into my nose - it smelt delicious. My hand stretched out to grab it

25.19 when unexpectedly a pigeon nipped my hand, causing me to tumble down like I was in a pinball machine. My leg got caught and threw me onto the spikes. It pierced my leg like an arrow, the jagged spikes (swimming in a pool of blood) I yanked myself out of the gate, the gate (which was drenched in blood) and I waddled over to the tarrying MR KERSLEY. Slowly it came out as I yanked myself out. I waddled over to MR KERSLEY.

YEAR 4 TRIP TO LANCS CRICKET GROUND

Earlier this week Year 4 went on an exciting trip to Lancashire Cricket Ground for their annual Lancashire Cricket Foundation Schools' Open Day. The children watched a county cricket game between Lancashire and Worcestershire and got the opportunity to take part in a range of fun activities in Lanky's Entertainment Zone!



NURSERY TRIP TO SMITHILLS FARM

As part of Nursery's topic all about growing, the children went on a fantastic trip to Smithills Farm in Bolton. There were lots of exciting activities to do, including donkey rides, watching the cows being milked, and seeing the animals being fed.



You said | We did

"There seems to be an over-emphasis on 'healthy eating' without clearly explaining the rationale to parents or having a consultation with parents."

We've since held a working party on healthy snacks with both parents and children and discussed our findings with Manchester Healthy Schools. In order to work out the specific problems we have in school, we will be monitoring the issue over the summer term. Staff will then feed back and an action plan will be drawn up in September. The lead on the 'Fit for Learning' section of the School Improvement Plan is working with our Rights Respecting Ambassadors on this.

"My child often says that the milk is not good as it is warm."

We are bringing in a new system for milk entirely that includes a new fridge so that there will be space for all milk to be refrigerated at once. The new system will also reduce waste. This is due to be in place by September.

"General question about spellings- sometimes they are in my child's bag, and are they tested?"

As of this half term we're trialling a weekly team spelling quiz to replace individual spelling tests in Years 1-6. The idea is that the children work in groups of three. One child is the speaker, one child is the writer and one child is the checker. They can swap roles for each new word. This approach promotes discussion, group learning, cooperation, increased knowledge and understanding of spelling rules and strategies learnt within spelling lessons that week. Each team must get all the spellings correct following collaboration. The teacher can give extra support to any groups finding things tricky, e.g by asking things like 'how do you know it's correct?' 'Does it look right?' etc. Words in the quiz will be words worked on throughout the week in spelling lessons and will follow the patterns or rules that have been taught. In addition to this, we found that consistency across school was in place and now all year groups will be trialling the above approach.

"Could we put the staff board somewhere more prominent that all parents would get to see?"

Yes! We will be moving the staff board to the main foyer over the summer holidays.