

CULTURAL DIVERSITY DAY



On Friday 7th February we celebrated Cultural Diversity Day here at Oswald Road. Children were encouraged to come into school wearing traditional dress or something that represents a particular country or culture. Each class chose a country to focus on and did various activities throughout the day to bring the culture of the country to life, such as flag making and language learning.

We also had a number of parents coming in to their child's class to give a talk about something related to their culture. This included Irish dancing, learning to count in Spanish, Pakistani food tasting, Polish folk art and a saxophone performance to demonstrate the jazz music of the USA! A huge thank you to all of our parent volunteers, you really brought the day to life for our children and we feel very lucky to have such a rich diversity in our school community!



MOVIE NIGHT CELEBRATION LUNCH

On Thursday 16th January we held a special Movie Night Themed lunch as part of our termly celebration of our in-house catering. The children enjoyed chicken burgers, wedges and corn on the cob, followed by popcorn or ice cream for pudding. There was a fantastic atmosphere in the dinner hall, with songs from Disney movies played over the PA system to get everyone in the party spirit!



GREENING OF THE PLAYGROUND

You'll have no doubt noticed our playground looking a lot greener towards the end of this half term- this is thanks to the fantastic efforts of our PTA in developing our Owl Garden and 'greening' up the borders of the playground to help absorb air pollution from the roads surrounding school. This is just the beginning- we have a lot more trees and plants being delivered after half term. See the poster below to see how you and your family can get involved in 'The Big Dig'!





Greening Our Borders Big Dig 2020

Sat 7th March 12 – 4pm

- Join us at school in support of the PTA to help plant shrubs, trees and planters in the playground – Bring the kids along to help too !
- Story reading in the owl garden
- Bring a scooter and enjoy the playground with the kids
- Talk to the eco team about our plans for the future
- Hot drinks and cakes available

If you can help please contact us @ oswaldrdschooleco@gmail.com or just turn up on the day



ADULTS ONLY

FRIENDS OF OSWALD SCHOOL PTA HOSTS

THE BIG QUIZ NIGHT 2020

FRIDAY 13TH MARCH 2020 AT SCHOOL
7.30PM FOR 8PM START

FRIENDS OF OSWALD ROAD SCHOOL PTA

SAVE THE DATE!!!

FAMILY FUN WEEKEND

SATURDAY 16TH AND SUNDAY 17TH MAY 2020

INCLUDING:

- 5-A-SIDE FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT
- CHARITY TREASURE HUNT
- ROCK PAINTING
- TABLE TOP SALE




YEAR 1 TRIP TO THE LOWRY

Year 1 have been learning all about L.S. Lowry in their art and history lessons this half term, so to enhance their learning they went on an exciting trip to The Lowry at MediaCityUK. The children learnt all about the life of L.S. Lowry and talked about what he did before he became an artist.

They then went into the gallery and looked at some of his most famous artworks, talking about the landscapes he liked to paint and also the colours that he used.

The Year 1 children also looked at the shapes Lowry used to create his designs and then had a go at creating their very own Lowry inspired artwork.

"I liked it when we were looking at all of the different paintings of buildings." Marcus 1DE

"I enjoyed drawing the pictures and painting them." Ronia and Florence 1DE

"I enjoyed looking at the paintings in the gallery and trying to copy them." Ottilie 1D

"I liked looking in the gallery and drawing the pictures." Olivia 1HC

"Year 1 really enjoyed looking at some of Lowry's most famous artworks and had lots of fun recreating their own artworks." Miss Rice

"The children were very excited to learn more about L.S. Lowry. They particularly enjoyed looking at the artwork in the gallery and then creating their own Lowry style masterpieces." Mrs Skerritt



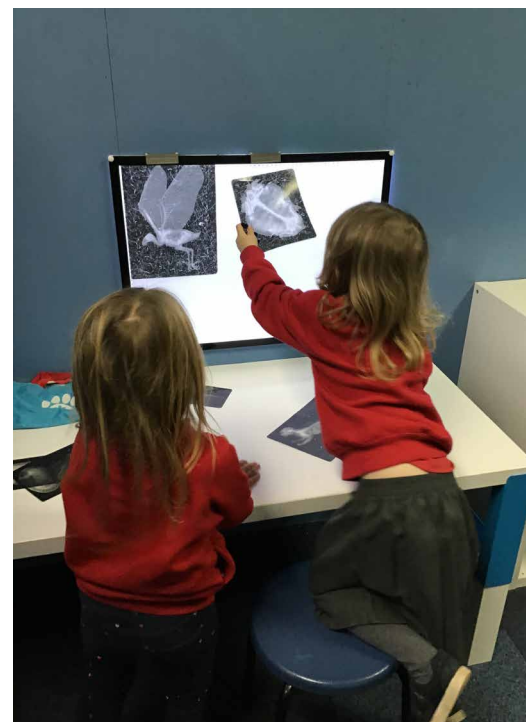
RECEPTION TRIP TO 'IMAGINE THAT!'

This half term Reception's topic was 'Mad Science', so to enrich their learning they went on a trip to 'Imagine That' in Liverpool. Over the day each class painted a fridge magnet, made slime, made a bath bomb and watched a science show. They then had time to explore the science room and do lots of experiments. The budding scientists also got to explore in the 'Role Play Village'.

"My favourite part was when the elephant toothpaste went on the ceiling! Professor Benjamin was so funny." Albert FS2SR

"I liked the role play village and going in the pizza shop was the best bit. It had an oven and phone." Ezra FS2SR

"This was a fantastic trip for the children and for the adults! The children got so much out of this day and haven't stopped talking about it since. The role play room was fantastic and the science room and workshops linked perfectly to our topic." Miss Roberts



4AW MEET HEDWIG!

This half term 4AW went on a trip to Central Library as part of their Harry Potter event. During their visit the children got to meet (and even handle!) four owls and a Harris Hawk.



DONATIONS FOR YEAR 1 PLAYGROUND

We are about to do some developments in the Year 1 outside area and would be very grateful if you had any of the following you could donate:

- 1) Any old crockery
- 2) Any old cooking utensils (eg. wooden spoons, spatulas)
- 3) Any old pans
- 4) Any wooden palettes
- 5) Any empty big cable reels

Please bring your donations either to the Year 1 teachers or to the school office. Many thanks in advance!



CROSS COUNTRY FINALS

On Saturday 1st February some of the children from Oswald Road competed in the Greater Manchester County cross country finals, having qualified through the heats and the city-wide final.

The four children that took part from Oswald Road were Sophie, Agnes, Evan and Finlay and they did amazingly well!

Sophie finished 62nd out of around 200 and Evan finished 72nd and Finlay finished 27th (the fastest boy from the Manchester district!)

Mr Salisbury, from the PE Team, said: "The course was difficult! It was very hilly, muddy and bitterly windy! It was a tough run but they all did fantastically!"



YEAR 4 SWIMMING GALA

Oswald Road's swimming team did absolutely amazingly at the Year 4/5 swimming gala at Moss Side Leisure Centre. We took a team of four girls and four boys from across Year 4 and they all pulled out all the stops! Of the twelve events we took part in, we came first place in eight of them! Indeed, our teams won each of the four relay races we took part in! What an amazing set of results and a true testament to all the hard work and dedication put in by all the children and their families.



YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

We've been very lucky to have six of our former pupils back in school this week to do their Year 10 work experience. Ethan, Nadia, Robin, Charlotte, Marnie and Edwin, all from Chorlton High, have been back in the classroom, this time working as teaching assistants.

"I really miss Oswald Road because everything here seems more fun than high school and everyone is friends with each other. It's really nice to be back and see my old teachers." Marnie

"I miss how creative the lessons were in primary school. The best thing about being back at Oswald Road is being able to join in with games in the playground!" Robin



YEAR 5 TRIP TO MCR ART GALLERY

As part of their topic on Ancient Greece, Year 5 went on a trip to Manchester Art Gallery. Whilst on the trip the children did a self-guided visit of the gallery, looking at the Ancient Greek inspired artwork and the stories behind them.



LETTER FROM JEFF SMITH

Mrs Howard was delighted to receive a letter from local MP Jeff Smith this half term, congratulating the school on the improvement in its results. Between the years 2018 and 2019 Oswald Road Primary School saw an increase in the proportion of pupils achieving the expected standard in reading, writing and maths (71% in 2018, 73% in 2019). In his letter, Jeff Smith said: "I wanted to congratulate you and your team for all the hard work and dedication that I know goes into achieving these great results."



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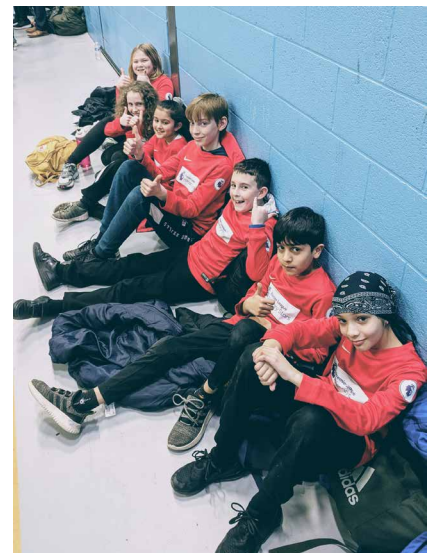
On the morning of Thursday 13th February Year 4 conducted a local traffic survey around Chorlton, before visiting Longford Park to do some orienteering. During their survey the children focussed on traffic levels in the area, and will be using the data collected in their classwork.



DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT

A group of Year 6 children had an excellent time competing in a local dodgeball competition this half term! They finished 3rd in their group but were sadly beaten in the semi finals. Overall they came 5th in the entire competition.

Sports Coach Kieran Bentley said: "The children represented their school superbly, showing great respect, behaviour and also had the grace to shake hands with every team no matter if it was a win, lose or draw. A special mention has to go to Amna for her individual performance. Everyone agreed she was our star player! Rightly so, she took away a badge which highlighted her sheer determination on the day."



RECEPTION SCIENCE DAY

Reception had a fantastic fun-filled day of experiments to finish off their 'Mad Science' topic. Lots of the children came into school dressed as doctors, lab technicians and other types of scientists for their special day.

