



The Ossie

December 2017

Together with Jesus, we will Learn and Grow in Faith

'Outstanding' Achievement!

At the beginning of this half term there was a very important day in our school, when we had a visit from the Archdiocese RE inspectors. The morning after the inspection Mrs. Walsh gathered everybody together on the playground and told us the amazing news that our school had been graded as outstanding in all areas! Everybody began to cheer, music came on and we had a celebration on the playground together. It was a very proud day for us all and what an achievement for our school! A huge thank you and well done to everybody who is part of our school family for all of your hard work.

We would also like to say another massive well done to all of the year groups who have performed their Nativities to mark this special time of year. Each performance was truly wonderful and left us all very proud at how well the children re-told the story of the birth of our Lord and captured the true meaning of Christmas. On behalf of everybody at St. Oswald's we would like to wish you all a peaceful and Holy Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Building work begins!

It is a very exciting time for our school as work has now begun to develop our school building to give us lots of new and improved facilities. The first two phases are expected to take 29 weeks and you can follow our regular updates from our news team here at The Ossie and on our school website!

Early years

Nursery

In Nursery we have been really busy during this half term. We have been learning about shapes and went on a shape hunt around school which was lots of fun. We also took part in a very special day to raise money for children who aren't as lucky as us. We came to school in our pyjamas and made pizzas with lots of different toppings which were delicious! The last few weeks of term we have been doing a lot to prepare for Christmas time. We also had a visit from Surestart, who sang with us and told us some Christmas stories.



Reception

In Reception we have been working really hard to improve our phonics, learning lots of new sounds and learning how to spell some new words. We have also been continuing to practice counting and beginning to add and subtract some numbers. As part of our Safari topic we have also been learning about lots of different animals and the similarities and differences between them. It has been really fun and interesting to learn all about these animals.



Key Stage 1

Year 1

Year 1 have been looking at some extremely interesting topics this half term! We have been writing and following instructions in Literacy and in our History lessons we have been learning all about the gunpowder plot. In computing we have been using Google Earth to explore our world, while we also had the chance to make our own poppies in DT lessons to be used as part of the decorations for our fantastic school Remembrance Day celebrations!



Year 2

Year 2 have been very busy finding out about different materials in Science this term. We tested every day materials like wood, metal and plastic, to see whether we could twist, bend or stretch them. The best was our candy cane experiment when we investigated what happens to candy canes in water. The hot water dissolved the candy cane the fastest. It went sticky very quickly and disappeared. The water turned pink and was very sweet to taste. It was such a fun experiment!

Spring Collective Worship Themes

Week 1 - New Year

Week 2 - Friendship

Week 3 - Wonder

Week 4 - Good/Bad

KS2 - Holocaust

Week 5 - Candlemass/Light

Week 6 - Celebration



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Key Stage 2

Year 3

Year 3 have had a very busy time during this half term. We have been working hard in our lessons, looking at fractions in Maths and writing poems in Literacy. In PE we have been working on our gymnastic techniques, learning lots of new jumps and rolls in our lessons with Mrs. Williams. During RE lessons we have been focusing on Advent and the Angel Gabriel visiting Mary and Joseph. This has helped us when rehearsing our lines for our Nativity play, which has been a lot of hard work but very enjoyable. We hope everybody who came to watch enjoyed our performance too!



Year 5

In year 5 we have been looking at lots of fun topics this half term, including learning about Shakespeare's famous play Macbeth and the work of lots of famous poets. We have even had the opportunity to write our own version of poems such as 'Twas the night before Christmas', which was a really festive. During our Maths lessons we have been working hard to understand more about fractions while in our Computing topic we have been looking at how to use coding and algorithms to create our own interactive games, which has been very exciting. This half term also brought us to the end of our swimming lessons for this year. Since the beginning of the year we have all improved our skills and have been awarded certificates to show how far we are now able to swim. We have loved our time going swimming and now have some very talented swimmers in year 5!

Year 6

We have worked very hard during this term in year 6. In Science we have looked at Inheritance and Evolution, learning about extinct and endangered animals, while we have been getting creative in DT designing and making our own cushions. During RE lessons we have been learning about the different sides of religion, including vocation and commitment. We were also lucky enough to go on a retreat day to a church in St. Helens where we took part in activities which allowed us to get to know each other better. Along with year 2, we also went to a special Advent service at our amazing Metropolitan Cathedral. We watched a Nativity play and joined in with the carol singing alongside the choir. Finally, we must give a very special mention to our head girl, Macy, who has been elected as Junior Lord Mayor in Liverpool. A magnificent achievement, well done Macy!

Sports Results

The football season continued for our year 5 and 6 boys teams with lots of games played during this half term. Our year 6 boys played three games and put in some brilliant performances, including two fantastic wins against Emmaus and Gladwys Street, playing some great football and scoring a lot of goals along the way. Our year 5 boys also managed two excellent wins, putting in some very impressive team performances and moving up a league table that includes some really strong sides.

The year 4 boys team also took part in another game this half term, just losing out in a tough match against a very good St. Paul's team.

Finally, we must give a special mention to our girls football team who played their first match of the season. The girls put in a brilliant performance against an excellent Knotty Ash team and narrowly lost out 1-0, conceding a really unlucky goal. A massive well done to all of our boys and girls football teams for their superb performances during the first part of the season, keep up the good work next term!



Themed Days

On December 6th it was our mince pies and baubles event in school. Each class were given the chance to design a bauble during our DT lessons which we sold to raise money for charity. The baubles were sold in our year groups while in the school halls there were mince pies, cakes, hotdogs to eat and even some mulled wine for our grown ups to enjoy! We even managed to persuade a very special VIP guest to take time out of his busy Christmas schedule to pay us a visit, Santa Claus himself! It was a wonderful festive atmosphere and everyone really enjoyed themselves. A massive thank you to everybody involved in organising and setting up such a great night!

It was also Christmas jumper and Christmas dinner day in our school on Friday 15th December. We celebrated by having a special assembly and all of our teachers and children wore their Christmas jumpers to school. At lunch time each year group went into the hall together with their teachers and teaching assistants and sat down to eat our delicious Christmas dinner all together, while we listened to some of our favourite Christmas songs. Everybody really enjoyed the day and we each donated £1.00 to wear our jumpers, with all of the money that we raised going to help the Save the Children charity. Well done to everybody for making it such a brilliant, festive day and helping a fantastic cause!

