

# The Ossie

February 2018

Together with Jesus, we will Learn and Grow in Faith

## CSI Investigation Week!

On Monday 29th January there was a very special event in school when we came in to find a series of mysterious things had happened and there were 'crime scenes' in every year group! A number of things had gone missing across the school and a fascinating time capsule had even by found by the builders. We had an intense assembly and the police asked the staff about what had happened and talked about what we could do to investigate. Throughout the week we took part in a number of activities including taking finger prints, examining handwriting and analysing photographic evidence; comparing what we found to evidence provided by the police. Eventually, we solved the mysteries and at the end of the week all of the culprits were revealed in a truly shocking assembly, some were even members of staff! Mrs. Walsh explained that the crimes had all been set up by the teachers as part of our investigation week. With so many brilliant activities to take part in, it was definitely one of the most enjoyable weeks in school and we can't wait until the next one!



### Building work making great progress!

The re-development of our school building has continued to make excellent progress during this half term. Our school is already beginning to look very different and many of the new foundations have now been put into place. Keep up to date with the progress of this exciting project here at The Ossie and our news blog on our school website!

## Early years

### Nursery

In Nursery we have been really busy during this half term. We have all been working hard on our mark making and some of us have even learnt to write our own name! We were also very lucky to be able to go on a visit to St. Oswald's church and have a look around as part of the work that we have been doing on Gathering. We managed to see lots of different parts of the church including the altar, the font, some special candles and lots of amazing statues. We talked about what happens in church and all of the different celebrations that take place there. It was a fantastic day!



### Reception

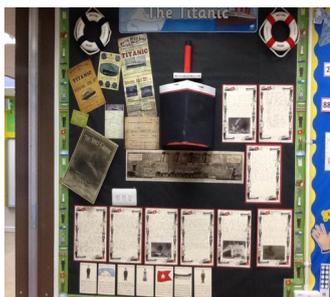
In Reception we have been working really hard and continuing to develop our knowledge of different sounds in Phonics lessons. As part of our Toys topic we have been given the opportunity to take part in a lot of exciting activities, such as going on a bear hunt and having a teddy bear's picnic which we really loved! We have had the chance to go to the Joseph Lappin Centre this half term where we have had a great time practicing some football skills and have also been working hard to learn about rhythm in Music lessons which has been lots of fun!



## Key Stage 1

### Year 1

In Year 1 we have been very busy over the last few weeks. We have been working really hard in Maths lessons to develop our multiplication and division skills through sharing and grouping. In Literacy we have been learning about how to write recounts, while in Science lessons we have been exploring the properties of different materials. We have particularly been enjoying our PE lessons during this half term, learning and developing lots of amazing new skills and techniques in gymnastics!



### Year 2

Year 2 have travelled back in time, embarking on a voyage across the Atlantic on the 'unsinkable Titanic'. We have been fascinated by every aspect of the topic and have produced a variety of excellent creative writing and artwork while developing their historical knowledge. From letters to newspaper reports, timelines to poetry, Year 2 have thoroughly enjoyed this topic and shown a real passion for all things Titanic!

### Spring Collective Worship Themes

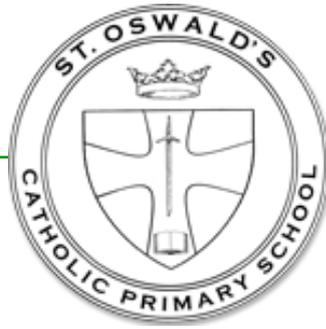
Week 6 - Celebration

Week 7 - Good News

Week 8 - Spring/New Life

Week 9 - Lent

Week 10 - Prayer



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## Key Stage 2

### Year 3

In Year 3 we have been working hard on our measuring skills in our Maths lessons and have been looking at adventure stories in Literacy and trying to develop our vocabulary and punctuation. In computing we have been looking at how to design and programme games which has been very interesting and enjoyable. We have also been lucky enough to go to swimming lessons during this half term which we have loved! We have all been working hard to develop our swimming techniques and have been improving with every session. We now have some extremely talented swimmers in year 3!



### Year 4

In Year 4 we have been learning about the features of playscripts in Literacy and have been turning Jack and the Beanstalk into a playscript which we have really enjoyed. In our History topic we have been finding out lots of interesting facts about the Mayan civilization including some of the ball games that they played. We have also been having a lot of fun in our Music lessons this half term listening to a song called 'Stop'. We have been trying to make up our own lyrics to be part of a rap to go with the song and have come up lots of creative ideas!

### Year 5

This half term has been an extremely busy one for Year 5 as we have had music lessons with Miss Hardwick, Spanish lessons with Melissa and been working hard to develop our football skills at the Joseph Lappin Centre! In our Literacy lessons we have been working on some role play and lots of creative writing based on the Highwayman poem, which has been a lot of fun. We have also been working on converting measures in Maths and taking a close look at the water cycle in Geography. One of the most interesting and important topics that we have looked at so far this year has been our History topic about the international slave trade. We have learnt about how Liverpool played such an important role in the trade and looked at how many of the most famous streets in the city are named after people who were very influential in the trade. We are really looking forward to finding out more after half term!

### Year 6

Preparation for our SATS is now well underway in Year 6 as we have begun our small group revision sessions. We have been studying hard on a wide variety of topics in Literacy and Maths, ranging from fractions and decimals to writing with tension and suspense. In our Literacy lessons we have also been writing action and adventure stories, some of which were so good that a few children were awarded a Headteacher's Award by Mrs. Walsh for their amazing writing. In our Computing topic we have been designing some wearable technology. Some of the wonderful ideas that we have come up with have included glasses that allow you to read things in different languages and prefect badges that alert you when your duty starts and ends! We have certainly had our creative heads on over the last few weeks and can't wait to create proto-types for our inventions in our upcoming lessons!

### Sports Results

Our year 5 and 6 boys football teams were straight back into action after the Christmas break, playing a lot of games during this half term. The year 5 boys have played were beaten by a strong Corinthian team in their first game back but bounced back in style with a 5-0 victory over New Park, taking them up to 4th place in the league table with games in hand on some of the teams above them. The year 6 boys team have continued their excellent run of form which has now taken them to four straight wins since their last defeat back in October! The boys ran out 6-4 winners in a close game against St. Michaels in their first game back before recording a big win over Florence Melly, meaning they are also now upto 4th place in the under 11 division and closing in on the teams above. Well done to all of the boys who have taken part and put in some superb performances, representing our school so well. You can keep up to date with all of the football results and league tables on the Broadgreen International School website.



## Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday 6th February it was Safer Internet Day 2018 and in every year group across the school we took part in a number of activities to celebrate and raise awareness of how essential it is that we are staying safe online. We talked about how it is vital that we are safe when using the internet and discussed our ideas about what we can do to ensure that we are safe when on social media, websites, using apps or playing on games online. Some of the activities included designing jigsaw pieces that explained or illustrated the ways in which we can try to make the internet a happier and safer place, as well as pledging to do something that will contribute to making the internet safe. We all really enjoyed being a part of what was a very important day and all worked extremely hard and came up with some wonderful ways in which we are going to make sure ourselves and others are safer and happier when using the internet.

