

# OGMORE VALE WEEKLY NEWS



## Headteachers Message

This week began with discussions about the Britain's Got Talent final, where a farmer choir was crowned the winner. It was a wonderful opportunity for us to reflect on the importance of farmers and how their hard work ensures we all have access to food every day. The children shared thoughtful ideas about how much we rely on them.

Looking ahead, next week's Headteacher assembly will focus on water safety. Sadly, there have been several recent tragic incidents where both children and adults have lost their lives in open water. While swimming in lakes or rivers may seem tempting, especially during warm weather, it is vital that our pupils understand the risks and know how to stay safe.

We have had a very exciting week in Reception, with the arrival of our chicks. The children have loved watching them hatch and begin their journey into the world – a truly special and memorable experience for everyone. They are, of course, incredibly cute!

Across the school, pupils have settled well back into their learning after half term. It has been lovely hearing their stories about how they enjoyed the beautiful weather during the break.

Pippa, our Therapy Dog, has had a busy and rewarding week supporting pupils throughout the school. You can read more about her activities later in this newsletter.

This week's Newsletter puts Year 3/4 under the spotlight and showcases some of the amazing learning they have been undertaking recently. I cannot believe we now only have 6 weeks left of this academic year- it has flown by and been extremely busy. We are really looking forward to welcoming many of our families on Thursday next week for our 'Maths All Around Us' event. We hope the event will leave everyone with ideas of how they can support the mathematical development of their children through games and things you can do at home.

As always thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Leanne Brown (Headteacher).

## Week 2 Next Week

### Monday 8th June

- HT assembly- Water Safety
- Cycling Proficiency for selected pupils in Year 6
- Year 4 Intensive Swimming

### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June

- Baby and Toddler group
- Reception Trip to Barry Island RNLI centre and beach
- Full Governors Summer meeting
- Cricket Wales sessions starting for Key Stage 2 pupils
- Year 4 Intensive Swimming

### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June

- Year 1 - Money Ready workshop
- Savers Club
- Year 4 Intensive Swimming

### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June

- Maths all Around us sessions  
FP- AM (Nursery - Year 2)  
KS2 - PM (Year 3- Year 6)
- Bounce and play PM for Reception

### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June

- Year 4 Intensive Swimming

# Year 3 and 4 in the Spotlight

Year 3 have been undertaking their Intensive Swimming Course this week during the afternoons. The children have had excellent behaviour and have tried really hard whilst in the pool.

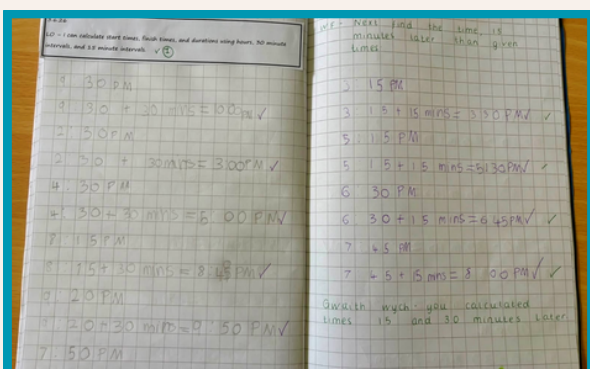
Year 4 have been creating Mosaic designs. Pupils have been designing tiles ready to create Tessera using a range of materials.

Last week they used materials such as pasta to investigate which would be the best to use. This work is linked to their Romans topic and Greek Art.



Year 3 and 4 have made great use of our new playground marking. They have used the grids for coordinates and battleships. They will also be using them for topics such as symmetry, graphs and number patterns. The pupils love being outside and undertaking very physical activities.

Year 3 have been undertaking maths work outside. They have been completing 'Expanded Form Addition' and carefully showing their workings. They have worked with partners to check their answers engaging in peer assessment.



Class 12 have been working on time and solving problems around start and finish times! Tricky Stuff!

# A BUSY WEEK FOR PIPPA



Pippa listened to several of our wonderful Year 1 readers in the week. She was such a great reading partner and was so relaxed she even managed a short nap!

Pippa visited the Reception class with Dee her owner to talk about how to look after a dog and how much dedication it takes. The pupils asked some really insightful questions.



Our pupils adore Pippa and love seeing her in school. She has assisted pupils to class when they have been struggling emotionally and always manages to put a smile on everyone face.

The Rangers gave out the badges for the **WOW TRAVEL TRACKERS** for the month of May.

Our pupils were delighted to receive them.

## Pupil Group News



## Mini SLT

Mini SLT have been talking with the Manager of catering for schools about school meals.

Pupils found out that there is going to be a menu change during the Autumn.

We have now asked for our pupils to be able to speak with some of the 'Menu Makers' to give some input.

Some of our Mini SLT will be presenting in front of our Governing Body in our Summer Meeting next Tuesday. They will be sharing the work they have been involved in during this academic year.

# Parental Engagement Event



## MATHS ALL AROUND US

**THURSDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

**FOUNDATION PHASE  
FAMILIES - NURSERY TO  
YEAR 2 PUPILS  
9.30AM-10.45**

**KS2 FAMILIES- YEAR 3- YEAR 6  
1.30PM-2.45PM**

This event will begin with a presentation from our Maths lead and Deputy Headteacher Mr Hanford. This will support families understanding of how we teach maths at OVP.

Families can then join their children in class to explore a range of planned maths games and fun activities. If you have siblings in different year groups there will be flexibility to move between classes.

## Criw Cymraeg

**WELSH PHRASE OF THE WEEK  
BETH WELAIST TI?  
WHAT DID YOU SEE?**



# Sports Day Arrangements

**Next week, we will be sending out a detailed poster with all the arrangements for each Sports Day.**

Many of our pupils have talents in sport, and it is important that we showcase these. Sports Day will be competitive for older pupils, with certificates awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in races.

The dates for Sports Day were shared on our School Summer Calendar to give families advanced notice, allowing time to arrange leave from work if needed.

We are hopeful that all events will take place as planned; however, this will depend on the weather for some year groups.

## Nursery Sports Day

Nursery will hold their Sports Day indoors at the Halo Centre, so this event will definitely go ahead on:

**Wednesday 24th June**

We will register the children as usual and then walk them down to the centre, aiming to arrive as close to 9:00am as possible.

## Reception to Year 2

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June Morning - 9.15am-11.30pm**

**On the schools sports field - at the end of the KS2 Yard**

We will register the children as usual and then walk them to the field.

## Year 3- Year 6

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June Afternoon 12.30pm- 2.30pm**

At the Planka Field - Nantymoel Playing Fields

We aim to start at 12.30pm- pupils will be walked to Planka by school staff.

**FULL DETAILS OF ALL THESE EVENTS WILL BE SEND HOME NEXT WEEK!**

We would like our pupils to wear the colours below on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June. If they can bring a small donation of that colour we would be so grateful. Hampers will then be made for our Summer Fayre.



**RAINBOW DAY!**

Let's fill our school with colour!

**Friday 19th June**

Wear your colour and bring a food donation the **SAME COLOUR** as your year group!

Nursery/ Reception	Years 1/2	Years 3/4	Years 5/6
WEAR <b>BLUE/ PURPLE</b>	WEAR <b>RED/ PINK</b>	WEAR <b>GREEN/ WHITE</b>	WEAR <b>YELLOW/ ORANGE</b>
			
<b>Suggested items:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pasta</li><li>• Tinned soup</li><li>• Biscuits</li><li>• Chocolate</li></ul>	<b>Suggested items:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pasta sauces</li><li>• Tinned tomatoes</li><li>• Biscuits</li><li>• Jam</li></ul>	<b>Suggested items:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rice</li><li>• Tinned potatoes</li><li>• Noodles</li><li>• Pasta</li></ul>	<b>Suggested items:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cereal</li><li>• Crackers</li><li>• Tinned chickpeas</li><li>• Instant custard</li></ul>

**ALL FOOD DONATIONS MUST BE NON-PERISHABLE**  
Please bring items such as tins, packets and dry foods.

All donations will be used as **★ RAFFLE PRIZES ★** for our Summer Fayre!

**LET'S COME TOGETHER AND MAKE A BRIGHT DIFFERENCE!**

# OVPS SCHOOL HYGIENE BANK



Available for families and carers who need it. Part of our continued commitment to our school community.



Our Hygiene Bank is stocked with free hygiene products, sanitary products, and essentials. Available for anyone who needs it or can't access these items.

**CONFIDENTIAL & JUDGEMENT FREE**

## **WHAT WE OFFER**

- Hygiene products
- Sanitary products
- Essential items
- All completely free

## **WHO CAN ACCESS?**

Families, carers, and anyone in our school community

## **HOW TO REQUEST**

If you need anything feel free to contact [Balchinm5@hwbcymru.net](mailto:Balchinm5@hwbcymru.net) where I can put a parcel together, confidentially and judgement free.

Do not forget to email Friends Of if you wish to have your own stall at our Summer Fair

**OGMORE VALE  
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

# SUMMER FAIR

**BOOK A STALL!**

Be part of a fantastic day for our school  
and local community! ♥

**Thursday, 2nd July!**

**STALL  
TABLES  
ONLY  
£10**

- ♥ Promote your business
- ★ Support our school
- 👥 Great community event

All stalls welcome!  
(Crafts, Gifts, Treats,  
Toys, Pre-loved & more)

**TO BOOK YOUR STALL, EMAIL:**  
✉ **Friendsfov@gmail.com**

♥ Let's make it a summer to remember! ♥

**FUN ♥  
FOOD  
GAMES  
♥  
COMMUNITY**