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Occold Primary School News

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A message from Miss Rowe

Happy New Year and what a brilliant start we have had to the term.

As you know, the school was inspected on Wednesday 18th January. I am immensely proud of all of the staff and children for their attitude and behaviour during the inspection (and especially to the staff for their preparation)—it was great to have the chance to showcase all of the wonderful things that the children do and achieve at Occold Primary School. I would like to extend a big thank you to you for participating in the Ofsted Parent questionnaire as part of our recent inspection. It was heartening to see so many positive responses. We are awaiting our final report from the inspectors and we look forward to sharing this with you in the near future.

In Fox Class, we have welcomed a student teacher called Mrs du Toit who will be working with us until Easter as part of her training. She is already doing brilliantly. Year 6 have also enjoyed a transition morning to Hartismere High School.

Following the EGM, watch this space for more information about the development of a new committee for our Friends of the School.

Rabbit Class have been missing Miss Walsh while she is recovering from a broken arm. We look forward to having her back soon. Get well soon Miss Walsh!

Notice Board

- Friday 3rd February NSPCC Number Day
- Thursday 2nd March World Book Day
- Wednesday 8th March Fox Class brass performance at Snape Maltings
- Author Laura Ellen Anderson visiting Key Stage 2
- Friday 24th March rescheduled Key Stage 2 cross country at Mellis Common

Spotlight on...

January is National Hobbies Month. We discussed this in assembly and here are some of the wonderful hobbies which our children enjoy:

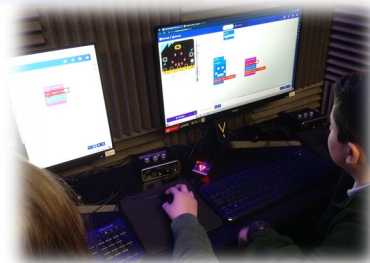
drawing, dressing up, gaming, crocheting, playing football, making things, knitting, reading, horse riding, baking, dancing, roller skating, writing stories, going to Cubs, coin collecting

And many more! Why not try something new yourself?

Year 5 Microbit Coding at The Bank

Year 5 were thrilled to revisit the 'Vault' in The Bank in Eye this January. They enjoyed using the BBC Microbit V.2 to complete lots of different challenges. For example, they made a beating heart on the LED screen, a random dice generator, a rock, paper and scissors game and even their own pet to look after! All with the power of coding... great work Year 5!

Don't forget, The Bank run after school sessions and host children's parties in the vault, so check it out if your child loves computers.



Safeguarding Update

The money raised on Number Day helps to support the NSPCC's Speak Out and Stay Safe programme which helps children understand what abuse is and what to do if they're feeling scared or worried. Find out more here:

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/services/speak-out-stay-safe>