

# EASTER TERM 2022 NEWSLETTER



## OLD VICARAGE SCHOOL

### A message from the Head

What an amazing, event packed term we have enjoyed together, many of which are reflected in this newsletter. It is not since 2019 that we have been able to complete an Easter Term without lockdown!

This term has been especially busy. A range of charity events have taken place, benefitting Children in Need, St Augustine's School in Arusha and the crisis in Ukraine. Parents, staff and pupils have given so generously – thank you. Music and Sport have also taken centre stage throughout the term and we have recorded fabulous triumphs across the board.

World Book Day and Science Day are an Easter Term favourite and it is wonderful to see the joy on the faces of our pupils as they discover new things and share stories together.

We pride ourselves on going the extra mile to provide special memories for our wonderful community. It is what makes OVS such a special place to learn.

May I wish you all a very peaceful and happy Easter.

*Kerry Wise*

## SCIENCE DAY



Professor Bubbleworks joined us for our annual OVS Science Day. He literally blinded us with science as he created child sized bubbles and smoke rings as well as defying gravity with the help of a hairdryer! What better way to inspire and fully immerse our children in the world of Science?!

A wonderful morning of music was celebrated at St Matthew's Church. We welcomed families to join us as we sang class songs, enjoyed performances from the OVS Choir as well as take time to enjoy and appreciate our individual performers. Congratulations to our Winning House for 2022 - Derwent.



## HOUSE MUSIC

## World Book Day

### ANTHONY BROWNE



Our OVS celebrations for World Book Day were based upon the works of Anthony Browne. Willy the Wimp would surely have been delighted to see us all dressed up! Classes shared books by Anthony Browne, copies of which were sent to St Augustine's School in Arusha, Tanzania. As well as dressing up as some of our favourite characters we took part in various fun activities throughout the day! WBD really is one of our favourite celebrations of the year!



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## EYFS Trip to Conkers



## Years 1 & 2 History Day



## Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Trip to Thinktank

## All Creatures Great and Small

We watched the 'eggciting' hatching of 10 eggs this term and have now adopted 3 hens to nurture at OVS over the coming months. We can't wait to report the laying of the first egg! Another egg was found in the school grounds on 1st April - however this time it belonged to Rosie the Raptor! Luckily it was just an April Fool and the children loved saying hello to our prehistoric visitor.



## #LetGirlsPlay

England Football and Barclays wanted to put on the biggest EVER football session for girls in schools across the country. With support from Derby University we were able to include all our girls AND EYFS children for an afternoon of Football.



## ISA Competitions



We are thrilled to have had the chance to enter many ISA competitions this term - STEAM, Comic Strip, Shakespeare Monologue Essay, Handwriting, Film and Digital Art to name but a few. Our OVS Choir travelled to Leighton Park School in Reading to perform in the ISA A Cappella Competition where they competed against other choirs representing both Primary and Senior Schools.

## Sporting Success



OVS enjoyed team success at Festivals at home and away as well as the Midlands ISA Tournaments. The U9's Netball Team were placed 3rd after a clean sheet in the group stage with the U11's Tag Rugby Team triumphant with 2nd place. To round it all off the U9's Tag Rugby Team came home with a respectable 4th place.



## Red Nose Day



Just under £450 was raised for a great cause on Red Nose Day. Cakes were baked and sold, quizzes fought and lost, and with the sun shining we all had fun with lots of sporting activities throughout the afternoon. We ended the day with a staff v parents netball match which ended as a diplomatic draw. Keep your eyes peeled for the rematch on the cricket field next term!



## Mad March Hair



We have been blown away with your generosity once again this term. We have asked so much of you but with so much need, as a community we wanted to help as much as we possibly could. With your help we have supported Ukrainian refugees through initiatives from our parents. We have also raised money for local community organisations in addition to our own fundraising ideas such as Mad March Hair Day.

*'There is no exercise better for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up'*  
John Holmes, Poet

