



Dear Parents/Carers, Students and Staff,

Welcome back to our weekly newsletter! Apologies for missing out on last week's edition as I was away attending the 2024 Isle of Wight residential trip with year 5. While I had every intention of writing a newsletter, unfortunately, I encountered IT/internet issues that prevented me from doing so. But fear not, because I've returned with a jam-packed newsletter to make up for lost time!

2024 Isle of Wight Residential (Year 5) Last week marked an unforgettable experience for our Year 5 students as they embarked on a week-long residential trip to the Isle of Wight. I am thrilled to share some highlights from this wonderful experience.

The adventure began with a historic visit to Portsmouth dockyard, where our students immersed themselves in the fascinating world of maritime history, exploring the renowned Mary Rose exhibition for several hours. From there, we set sail across the Solent, bound for The Cliff Hall Hotel in Shanklin, our home away from home, for the duration of the trip.



Throughout the week, our itinerary was packed with exciting excursions and educational activities. Highlights included a visit to the Brading Roman Villa, where students stepped back in time to uncover the secrets of ancient Roman life, and an exploration of the prehistoric wonders at Dinosaur Isle.

We also had the privilege of touring the historic Osborne House, once the seaside retreat of Queen Victoria, and delving into the land of imagination at Blackgang Chine. Evenings were filled with laughter and solidarity as we ventured to the Superbowl for a thrilling round of bowling, followed by leisurely strolls on the beach for the 2024 sandcastle competition, beach football, wave jumping and fossil hunting adventures.

None of this would have been possible without the commitment and planning of Mrs. Smith, whose dedication ensured that every moment of the trip was both memorable and meaningful. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Mrs. Dhaled, Mrs. Lucey, and Mrs. Dodd for their invaluable support throughout the trip.

We are incredibly proud of our students, whose superb behavior and participation were praised at every turn.

To the parents and carers, we express our deepest thanks for entrusting us with the opportunity to take your children on this remarkable adventure.

As we reflect on the experiences shared and the friendships forged, we are reminded of the profound impact that immersive learning experiences can have on young minds. The memories created during this week will undoubtedly resonate with our students for years to come, serving as a testament to the transformative power of exploration and discovery.



Year 5 Wow Day – ‘Groundbreaking Greeks’ - Yesterday was truly an extraordinary day for year 5, filled with immersive experiences and enriching activities that brought their new topic ‘Groundbreaking Greeks’ to life. Here's a glimpse of what our students were up to:

- **Mythical Beasts Creation:** The children unleashed their creativity as they crafted mythical beasts, inspired by the rich mythology of ancient Greece.
- **Ancient Olympics:** In the spirit of healthy competition, our students participated in a traditional Ancient Olympics. They tested their skills in various athletic events, channeling the spirit of ancient Greek athletes who competed in the original Olympic Games.



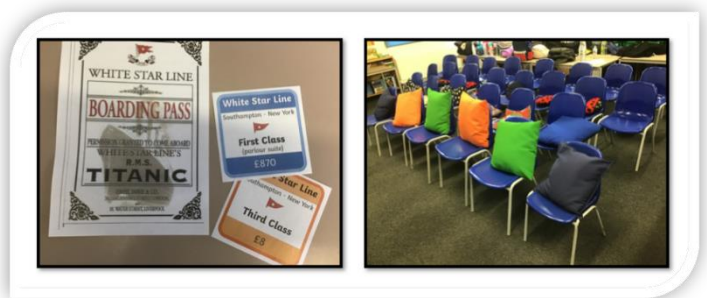
- **Knucklebones Challenge:** Amidst laughter and friendly rivalry, our students engaged in a game of Knucklebones, a popular ancient Greek pastime. This provided them with a glimpse into the leisure activities enjoyed by children in ancient Greece, fostering an appreciation for the cultural practices of the time.

- **Fascinating Facts:** Throughout the day, our students delved into the captivating history and culture of ancient Greece – learning many new fascinating facts!

Overall, the Year 5 WOW Day was a resounding success, igniting a passion for learning and discovery among our students. Through hands-on activities and immersive experiences, we strive to make learning memorable and meaningful, inspiring our students to explore new learning and the importance of history.

Year 6 – Wow starter – ‘Titanic’: Year 6 students set sail on a captivating journey as they kicked off their ‘Frozen Kingdoms’ Geography project aboard the Titanic. Immersed in an edited version of the film, they uncovered the realities of life on board and the fateful circumstances that led to its tragic sinking. From the lavish comforts of first-class to the challenges faced by third-class passengers, students gained insights into the socio-economic dynamics of the era. This cinematic exploration not only illuminated the physical geography of icy realms but also sparked reflections on human experiences and historical narratives.

As Year 6 continues their expedition into the Frozen Kingdoms, the Titanic adventure serves as a reminder of the links between geography, history, and society.



Messages from the PTA: With the excitement of the summer fete looming ahead, the PTA is in need of volunteers to ensure its success. Your help is vital in running stalls smoothly and ensuring a fun-filled day for everyone. Remember, every stall contributes to valuable funds for our school's activities and resources.

To lend a hand, simply scan the QR code on the poster and sign up to volunteer. Your support will make a significant difference!

Additionally, a non-uniform day will take place on Friday, 17th May. Like last year, we're adding a colorful twist with Rainbow Raffle donations rather than collecting money. Each year group is assigned a specific colour for donations (details available on the poster). As always, thank you in advance for any support you are able to offer the PTA/school.



ABP Netball Team: Several weeks ago, our school's netball team participated in their first netball rally in many years at the Basildon Sporting Village. The energy, dedication, and sportsmanship displayed by our girls were nothing short of incredible.

Throughout the event, our team showcased remarkable improvement with each game, truly embodying the spirit of resilience and teamwork.

I want to congratulate every member of the netball team for their outstanding representation of ABP. Your hard work and determination have truly paid off, and we couldn't be prouder of your achievements.

I would like to take the opportunity to express my thanks to our wonderful coaches, Mrs. Welsh and Mrs. Page, whose expertise and encouragement have played a significant role in shaping our team's success. Your dedication to nurturing our athletes is invaluable, and we are incredibly fortunate to have you. Thank you also to Mr Heard for organising and leading our attendance at the event.



Congratulations – Out of school achievements!

- **Elsie's Ballet Success:** Congratulations to Elsie for making it to the finals of the ISTD ballet awards! Out of nearly 600 participants, only 40 made it through to the Grade 1 final. Held at the Central School of Ballet in London, this achievement is truly remarkable.
- **Gymnastics Triumphs – Isla, Amber & Megan:** A big round of applause for Isla, Amber, and Megan! Amber secured gold in her advanced gymnastics competition, while Megan claimed 5th place overall with a gold on the floor, and Isla clinched a gold on the vault.
- **Matthew's Shooting Victory:** Congratulations to Matthew for his outstanding performance in the Thurrock Cubs rifle shooting final. Not only did his cub group win 1st place, but Matthew also took the 1st individual place, hitting an impressive 4 bullseyes out of 5 bullets.
- **Millie's Karate Achievement:** Congratulations to Millie for her recent trophy in Karate, showcasing her dedication and skill in martial arts.
- **Shelbie's Dance Feat:** A special mention goes out to Shelbie for her incredible performance at The Rayleigh dance competition. Despite competing against children four years older, Shelbie placed in all four of her finals, demonstrating her talent and determination.
- **Ella-Mae's Gymnastics Success:** Lastly, well done to Ella-Mae for her fantastic 4th place finish at a recent gymnastics competition, showcasing her skill and hard work.



If anyone's achievement has been accidentally missed, please inform the office as soon as possible for inclusion in next week's newsletter.

As always, If you would like your child's accomplishments outside of school celebrated, please send an email to the school office at admin.abp@osborne.coop, and we will do our best to include them in future newsletters!



Safeguarding: The theme of next weeks assemblies will be '**STOP bullying**'. Children will be taught/reminded of the **STOP** principle (**several times on purpose**), what bullying is, different types of bullying and what to do if you are bullied (tell an adult).


The safety and well-being of our students are always our top priorities, which is why we're dedicating time to educate and reinforce the importance of preventing bullying. We believe that educating students about bullying prevention not only fosters a safer school environment but also cultivates empathy, respect, and





kindness among peers. By empowering students with the knowledge and tools to address bullying, we strive to create a community where everyone feels valued and supported.

Lastly... Please remember that Monday is a designated bank holiday, therefore, we will welcome children back to school on Tuesday 7th May 2024!

Yours sincerely,
Mr R Turner
Headteacher

	This week the Attendance Trophies have been awarded to		
	Lower School	Class 6	97.67 %
	Upper School	Class 14	98.67 %
	Whole School		95.62 %
Congratulations to all classes			

	Safeguarding Concerns
	If you ever have any safeguarding concerns please contact the office via email using. The email should be for the attention of a Designated Safeguarding Lead. As a school we have a responsibility to keep everyone safe so please get in touch sooner rather than later if you are concerned.

	LETTERS SENT HOME / E-MAILED THIS WEEK
	Rainbow Raffle Poster & Letter – PTA
	Parent Consultation – SEND Hub
	Egyptian Workshop- Year 4
	Groundbreaking Greeks Wow Day – Year 5
	Parent Information Booklets – All Year Groups

Dates for your Diary

<u>May 2024</u>	
Monday 6 th May	May Bank Holiday
w/c 13 th May	Key Stage 2 SATs (no holidays)
Friday, 17 th May	Non-Uniform Day – Rainbow Raffle
Monday 20 th May	Bikeability Year 6 am & pm
Tuesday 21 st May	Bikeability Year 6 am & pm
Wednesday 22 nd May	Bikeability Year 6 am & pm
Friday 24 th May 2024	Bikeability Year 6 am & pm
Friday 24 th May	Last day of half term
w/c 27th May	Half term
<u>June 2024</u>	
Monday 3 rd June	Children return to school
w/c 3 rd June	Maths Week
Saturday, 8 th June	PTA Summer Fete 11am to 3pm
Monday, 16 th June	Father's Day Gift Shop
Monday 17 th June	Early Years Father's Day celebration (time tbc)
w/c 17 th June	Sport, Health and Fitness Week
Wednesday 19 th June	Sports Day
Thursday 20 th June	Reserve Sports Day
Tuesday 25 th June	Y6 SEND parent/carer meetings (from 3.30pm)
Wednesday 25 th June	Class Photos
Wednesday 26 th June	SEND parent/carer meetings (from 3.30pm)
Wednesday 26 th - Friday 28 th June	Year 6 Mersea residential
<u>July 2024</u>	
w/c 1st July	Transition week (tbc)
Friday 12 th July	Summer Term Reports to parents