



## PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

No 15- 29th March 2019

### PTA KS2 IMPROVEMENTS - SMOOGA



We have had a very exciting delivery this week of our Smooga wall, paid for by fundraising by the PTA so thank you to the fabulous PTA team and everyone at the school for taking part in the PTA events, including the fantastic response to the Mother's Day gifts. Thank you!

Next week, the wall will zone off a section of the KS2 playground for Year 5 & 6 football, making that area the active zones for football and basketball. Year 3 and 4 will also get a chance to use the zones at lunchtimes.

We are awaiting a delivery of an outdoor football table to further enhance the KS2 playground, and will soon be buying some outdoor cushions to make the gazebo a quiet place to sit and chat or read.

We wouldn't be able to do any of these things without the PTA fundraising, but we could still be making even more – if anyone works for a company that matches fundraising (such as Barclaycard) please could you get in touch with Susy Wilkins via the office, as the more we make, the more exciting equipment the children will have!

### SPORT!!!!





This Spring Term has been a very sporty one! We have had our tennis coach in with the Year 1 and 2 children, have had archery sessions in Y5 and been swimming in Year 4 alongside our regular PE sessions. The tennis coach will continue to work with the different year groups in the school, and in July we will take the individual year groups to Benham for an in-year tennis tournament.

I am very pleased with our improvement in our competitions too! This is the first year that the school has had a Y5/6 Netball Team, Y5/6 Girls' Football Team, and a Y5/6 Boys' Football Team, alongside the Hockey and Cross-Country Teams that have been a strength of the school over the previous years. We are very proud of how hard all of our children have worked and improved their sporting prowess!

We are particularly excited by our Y6 Girls' Football win against Preston Hedge's, our Hockey wins against the town teams, and the draw at the last Netball match with Preston Hedge's (which was a real achievement as it was a new competitive sport for many of our team!)... GO TEAMS – SUPERB PERFORMANCES!!!!

### Parents evening



Just a reminder that our Parent's Evening bookings close tonight at 5pm, so please do log on and book your slot for Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April and Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April. Any problems, please contact Mrs Coombs or Miss Clark in the office.

### Lost property

We have a growing box of lost property in the cupboard! On each Parents' Evening, we will lay what we have out on tables in the hall, so if your child is missing something, please do have a good hunt through!

### Reports

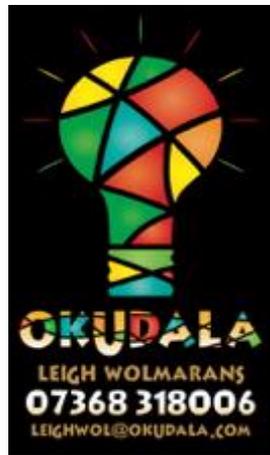
As this is my last newsletter of this term, I would just like to remind you that your child's report will come home with them next Friday, the 5<sup>th</sup>. Just like the Winter



Reports, your child's class teacher will detail attendance, attitude to learning, and the progress that your child is making towards their end of year target.

Any areas where your child is starting to go off target will be coloured amber, and the teacher will detail the key elements that your child will be working on in school to help them close the gap and meet their target. At Parent's Evening, the teacher will talk you through any of these areas in depth, and you will also get a chance to look at the work in their Maths & English books.

### Romeo & Juliet - Y5 & 6



In September, the fabulous Leigh Wolmarans ran some Shakespeare workshops for all of our children. He is returning on Tuesday morning with his youth theatre to give a touring performance of Romeo & Juliet to our Year 5s and 6s.

Many of the cast performing were in the main production of Romeo and Juliet on the main stage of the RSC, and there will also be a Q and A session with the cast afterwards, so it should be a fantastic event.

### A FINAL NOTE

Could we ask that if you wish your child to be collected by another adult who is not on your 'contact' list (such as going home for tea with another child), would you let your child's teacher or the office know, as we cannot let your child go home with another person without this permission.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April** -End of Spring Term Reports Out and school closes for Easter break



**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April** – Children return to school

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April** – Parents Evening

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April** – Parents Evening

Have a fantastic weekend and a wonderful Easter break! Thank you again from all of us here at the school for your continued support.

A few images from the last week or two:

Netball in action:





## Year 4 Mandarin Lesson:



## Year 5 Archery:





Learning about Paddington's adventures in English in Year 1:

