



**Welcome back to Chit-Chat!**  
 We've had another very busy term – not only have we had lots of learning to do, we've had chilly weather to contend with and most of us have had some tricky assessments to do! But, again, Oakley Vale never fails to show itself as a school filled with determined and capable young leaders of tomorrow.



**Book-Bucks**  
 Everyday we read, it's another Book-Buck; for each signature, we've been earning reward tokens to be entered into Mrs Clarke's "Reading Reward Raffle". This term, Brook in Y5 won the prize. We wonder who will be this term's winner. Apparently, the more you read, the higher the chance you have of winning..!



**Welcome Mrs Mason**  
 This term, we've had lots of changes, but all of them good! We've had heaps of new resources in Maths and Literacy, alongside having new people in school! Mrs Mason is our new VP. She's also been the Teacher Star of the Week – on her very first week too! A very nice Y2 child said, 'Mrs Mason is so smiley!'



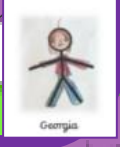
**Change for Life**  
 Each week, Mrs Butler and her team of amazing Change for Lifers meet in the hall (ridiculously early!) to learn loads of new and interesting skills. Over the last few weeks, one of the Y6 pupils has even been teaching some tricky gymnastic skills and everyone had an amazing time.



**All about the Snow!**  
 Over the last term, some of that horrible white stuff has come. Some of us wanted a snow-day, whereas some of us were glad when it wasn't too much, but lots of us have had some fun with it! Reception took it into their classroom and experimented with what would happen – they should've asked Y4; they'd have been able to tell them, snow inside = lots of puddles!



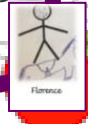
**Wonderful Wizarding World of Harry Potter**  
 The 17th of January 2019 has been a date Y5 have spent months waiting for; an early start, a late finish, and a long (very long) bus ride, but it was well worth it! As part of our Topic, we visited the WB's Studios and the Making of Harry Potter. There, we met magical creatures, flew brooms and even had a play in the snow. Daniel said that the trip was the best thing he's ever done! And, we know the Y5 children represented the school well of them were that Week's Star of the Week!





### Reading Ambassadors

This term, we have elected our own Reading Ambassadors from each class. These are the 'Go-To-People' for all things book related. They have specific responsibilities related to reading and have started doing an amazing job; they've been ensuring all the book spaces in school are tidy.



### Sports Crew

In school, we have a dedicated team of talented pupils who work every break and lunchtime to offer some amazingly fun activities! As part of the Sports Crew, pupils arrange competitions (like the dance offs!) and keep lots of us busy with games they create themselves - with the help of a beanbag or two..!



### Valentines Disco

The Hall was filled with hearts, harps and little flying Cupids. Ok - that's an exaggeration. However, the whole school came together to celebrate Valentines with the help of the PTA. Everyone had a fabulous time, with a Y3 student saying: 'I need more opportunities to dance!' From where we were stood, some people needed to dance a lot less...!



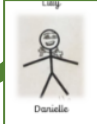
### Year Five Tag-Rugby

On 21st of January, Y5 sent out six of their athletes to represent the school. They played 'Very, very well' according to Mrs Andrew. Although the other teams were 'tricky', according to Fmilu. they tried their best!



### Polar Bears

The 17th of January is a perfectly normal date, thank you very much. Nevertheless, at OVPS, we like to do things our own way and there isn't a day that goes past that there isn't some sort of weird and wonderfulness happening. The 17th was no different; Y4 entered their classroom to discover it had been turned into the lair of a Polar Bear! They all became news-reporters and followed their leads to find out why a Polar Bear had appeared in Corby... if you see some of the budding journalists, why not ask them about their work.



### Science Galore

Y3 never fail to inject a lot of fun into their learning and of course, it helps a lot that they're all really amazing scientists. This term, they've investigated which surfaces caused the most and least friction. They also used their Maths skills to measure and compare the results. One child said, 'My team should've won, our surface was invisible, so no friction..!'

