



Welcome to the first edition of Chit-Chat!
 This is a newsletter that has been entirely compiled by our fabulously talented students! They have followed their own leads, found photos and uncovered breaking-news for you. Our Press Team will publish once a term and we look forward to bringing you the best of Oakley Vale News.



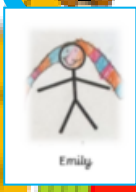
Sing-A-Long
 On Tuesday 4th December 2018, Y4 performed a wonderful carol service; they sang authentic Christmas Carols loud and clear, before performing a delightfully clear poem: *The Night Before Christmas*. Year 4 were recorded by Corby Capital. They were also very funny – especially during Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer and Rocking Around the Christmas Tree.



Odd sock day!
 Crazy colours and fabulous feet stomped through the halls of Oakley Vale this term! Everyone did it – even teachers and we spotted one of two people even wearing odd shoes! This was for an amazing cause; we did it to celebrate differences and show that everyone is the same, but different!

Numbers Everywhere
 On 29th November, some Year 5 pupils went to a Maths competition at Compass. I was fortunate to have attended, and although we didn't win, we gave it our all! We spent the day investigating numbers, interrogating triangles and having a generally Maths time! We were proudly second to Gretton.

Football madness
 On Wednesday 28th November, our girl's football team (Made up of Year 5 and 6s) went to Lodge Park. They faced Studfall, Oundle, St. Patrick's and Danesholme. They took ten players each – with three subs. Our school played four games. The weather was miserable, rainy and cold. Even though we lost, the teams really enjoyed the experience.



Ralph the Reindeer
 On 3rd December, Year 1 performed an amazing 'Ralph the Reindeer' play. This was a story about a reindeer, who wants to help by leading the sleigh. Sadly, he doesn't know how to fly!
 The Year 1s did an incredible job and their costumes were stunning! I'm looking forward to seeing them perform again soon; the narrators were not too quiet, but not too loud. I was really impressed; they didn't struggle reading anything! Everyone had a stunning role and really impressed their audience! Well done!

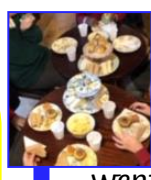




Florence, Oh Florence!
 The Year 2s really wowed us on the 4th of December; they performed a truly interesting assembly to their parents about the term's learning: Florence Nightingale... the assembly was full of facts, personality and a real flare for story telling... We could even spot a few budding nurses in the group!



The Nativity
 On Monday, Y1 did a Nativity and, I am like Simon Cowell; I don't smile that much, but during the opening song, a smile came through the windows and landed right on me. I smiled. I laughed along. It was the best yet and Rudolph definitely put all the other plays to shame! A very well done to everyone involved!



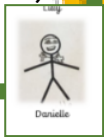
Blitz Café
 On Wednesday 5th December, Y5 went to the Blitz Café in Kettering. They had mini sandwiches, crisps, drinks and cakes! This was part of their Woeful World War topic. Y5 rated the Café 5*! 'It was very atmospheric,' one child said. This was in response to the Air Raid siren horns that bleared throughout the otherwise tranquil lunch!



Big Band - Big Sound!
 CBA came to town and brought all of their instrument with them! They sang to us and played song after song. At first, they only rated our singing a 5/10 (which, was very rude!). But, with a little bit of OVPS gusto, we belted out the tune and got to a 9.5! There was lots of talent on show and we enjoyed it as much as last year!



He's Behind you!
 And, oh yes he was! We were spoilt rotten in the run up to our Christmas Party Day; we came together as the whole school and laughed, cheered and boored our way though the afternoon... Some of the costumes were a little questionable, but everyone - from reception to Year 6 (And even some of the adults - Mrs Andrew..!) Had an amazing time.



Christmas Fate
 Santa really did come to town! As we do every year, Oakley Vale held our annual Christmas Fete on 14th December. There was lots of chocolate, cupcakes and stalls from each of the year groups. My favourite was Year 5s Snow-men, but I'm not at all bias..!
 We also spotted lots of little people meeting the big-man in the grotto - no doubt, trying to convince him that our handwriting really is good enough to be on his "Good List" this year..!
 Thank you to everyone who came and supported us!





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Meet the team of dedicated Year 5/6 reporters!

- Hi! I'm Emily M and I'll bring you updates of the latest school news! There's loads more that will be included in our work too, so parents - watch this space!
- Salutations. My name is Rudra and I'm in Year 5 - Stags. I love all subjects at school and my dream is to be a cricketer, or journalist.
- Hello, I'm Florence and welcome to my imagination. In my head, millions of bouncing ideas zoom around. Some of the time, so much goes on in my miniature brain, I forget some bits, mainly spelling. Even though my spelling is a bit wobbly, it doesn't mean I'm not a writer; I have a deep understanding and try to be the best me I can be.
- I am Danielle - a nine year old girl in Year 5. I'm perfect for the job of Press Team - I absolutely love English and I know just what's going on in school, all of the time! Being a part of this team will give us all an opportunity to keep parents informed and show off the amazing work we do.
- My name is Oscar James Edwards. I like Fifa and chess. When I grow up, personally, I want to be a YouTuber. Also, I love schools, Maths and Science.
- Hi. My Name is Lily and I'm in Year 6, Hawks. I like English and answering questions in comprehensions. I feel like the Press Team will be a fantastic opportunity for me to improve my writing skills in letters, articles and newspapers.
- My name is Benjamin. My hobby is sports (wrestling mostly). My favourite word is 'Forever' and this will really help me in my writing; I'll be able to use all my interests in travel (New York is the best place I have ever been) to help bring you the best news!
- My name is Rhys. I love ART. What I like about ART is that anything you do can be art, even if it's a squiggle, or just a line. I also like playing guitar and play in a band called: The Dark Bombers. I'm very creative and think this is an amazing opportunity to develop more skills!