



Weekly Update

15th of November 2019

“Do not indoctrinate your children. Teach them how to think for themselves, how to evaluate evidence, and how to disagree with you.”

— Richard Dawkins

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

As the winter weather draws nearer, we have secured a local hall to ensure that we can continue our PE despite the rain and cold. As you can see, it is quite large and even has a stage area. It lends itself to all sorts of activities, including ball games, drama, gymnastics and dance!



Cameraman Luke visited us to film the school and a number of the children leapt at the chance to experience an interview. They were very confident, which reflected the strong drama and acting we have been seeing in Lisa's drama classes.

We have much to talk to you about when you come to our parent's afternoon on Wednesday the 27th. We are proud of the coverage our curriculum provides and how your children have been engaging in it.

We have a formalised assessment system including flight paths for future progress, reflecting both primary and gcse grading aligned. Our subject long-term, mid-term and weekly planning have been in action for nearly a term now and we have noticed how rapidly your children are moving through the content due to the very small class sizes.

We will also be providing new homework books this week, which will be sent home before the week's end.

The teachers have been busy in ascertaining the pupils' current attainment and by the end of the term we will have strong indicators of how they have progressed academically from their individual starting points.

Having passed rigorous standards and an inspection, Odyssey House School is an accredited examination centre able to provide gcse examination.



Abby also had the pupils using spray paint, tape and stencils to create a series of art pieces.





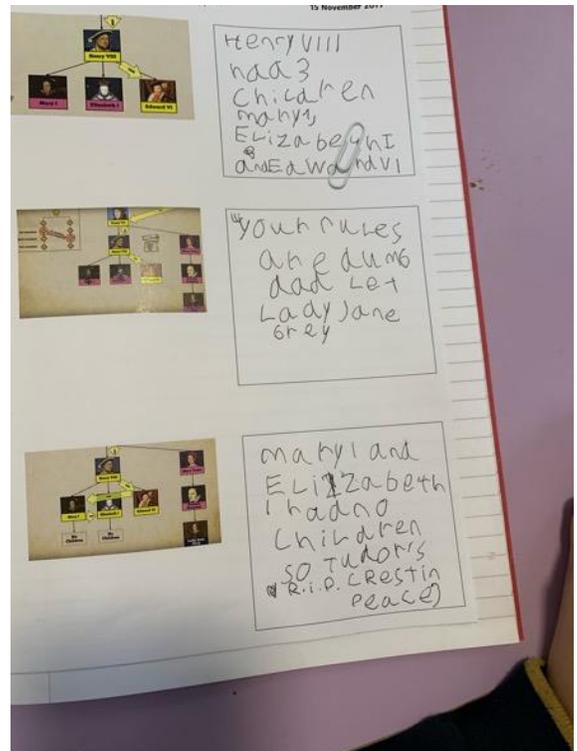
Key Stage 2 used acrylics this week creating vivid patterns such as Joey's circle of Colour.

Alex has been determined to get stuck into Geography with Caity. He somehow managed to focus for 3 hours plus out of pure determination. Very impressive.



In history at Key Stage 3 with Barb, the children have moved from the Vikings and are journeying through time. Oliie even asked me for pictures of time machines.

They most recently have been looking at the Tudors and one of England's most imposing figures, Henry the Eight. Barb supported their learning using 'Horrible Histories' songs and comic strips.



Oliie's amazing Tudor facts.

Further information:

Sadly, had an accidental breakage of a pupil's laptop this week. Though we managed to have it fixed, we remind you that any property brought from home is the responsibility of your child and we ask that they take care of it, transporting and storing it in appropriate protection.

Term Dates for Pupils

Wednesday the 27th of November – Parents' Afternoon between 2pm and 5pm.

Wednesday the 11th of December at 1pm – Snow White in the Swinging sixties at the Chicken Shed Theatre. Details will be emailed soon.

Friday the 13th of December – Winter holiday party between 12 noon and 1pm – all parents invited!

December Holidays

End of term: December 14th to January 5th

Spring

Half-term: February 15th to February 23rd

End of Term: March 28th to April 15th

Summer

Half-term: May 23rd to May 31st

End of term: July 10th to September 3rd

Back to School: September 3rd

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