

The Oyster Catch Up



A NOTE FROM THE EDITORS

MISS BRIGGS AND MRS INGE

Over the last eight weeks, our talented team of Year 4, 5 and 6 aspiring journalists have been busy researching, writing and carefully editing their articles. They've explored every corner of the school - conducting interviews, gathering opinions and tracking down the latest news for you to read.

A huge congratulations to them all for their dedication and hard work. They should feel incredibly proud of the fantastic newsletter they've created. We hope you enjoy reading it!

Musing on Makaton

I was lucky enough to interview Mrs Godden as I wanted to find out more about how Mrs Godden plans our wonderful Makaton assemblies. She reported that she loves learning and teaching about Makaton because it is a language that everyone can enjoy and use. It was interesting to hear that it takes Mrs Godden an hour to plan her assemblies because she likes to thoroughly check and practice them before she shares them with key stage 2 children. This year it was so exciting to perform in the Christmas assembly using Makaton. We finished our interview by finding out that Mrs Godden loves signing too.



Meet the team

Year 4

Matthew Knowles

Year 5

Ezra Bradberry-Kenedy

Abel Bradberry-Kenedy

Teddy Moore

Felicity Hoekman

Izzy Viner

Alexis Lock

Emily Nice

Edie Rowe

Year 6

Audrey Vambe

Wonderful Wellbeing

A few weeks ago, we interviewed Mrs Feist from our supportive wellbeing team here at Joy Lane. We were intrigued to find out what she thought about us walking in as she is one of the lovely people on the gates in the morning. We were surprised to hear that we already come in beautifully and safely. She beamingly mentioned that she enjoys seeing us smiling and enjoying ourselves. She wanted to remind everyone that if they had any worries that it is always best to speak to an adult they can trust and feel safe around. We loved talking with Mrs

Feist!



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Teacher Spotlight: Mr Rogers

We were delighted to interview year 6 teacher and key stage 2 lead, Mr Rogers. We were interested to find out what job he would have picked if he was not a teacher. Interestingly, he mentioned he wanted to add music to films- what a cool job that would have been (not as cool as teaching though!) He went on to say he loves teaching with year 6 being his favourite year group to teach. We were intrigued to learn about his hobbies and what he does whilst he is not teaching.

We learnt that he loves to run and collecting music. We couldn't believe it when he told us that he had previously worked in a fish and chip restaurant being a chef! We spoke at length about what his future holds, he hopes to see New Zealand as he said it is such a beautiful scenic place. The interview concluded with finding out his favourite animal. Surprisingly, Mr Rogers mentioned a donkey being his favourite!



Headteacher Spotlight: Mr Ashley-Jones

Here at the newsletter club, we have interviewed Mr Ashley Jones on roles and responsibilities. Here is what he had to share with us.

When we interviewed Mr Ashley Jones, he said that he expects us to have fun, follow the 3 Rs and be a great role model. According to him, he thinks the most important of the 3 Rs is 'Responsible' because it links them all together. He went on to say, that to pick himself up, he drinks tea and checks his diary for organisation. Interestingly, to make school rules, he says you should talk to the children, research and talk to parents and staff. It was surprising to hear that if he was not a teacher, he would be a sports journalist or commentator. Like on cue, he said if one of his pupils was to be bullied outside of school, he would talk to parents and SGL (safeguarding leadership team) members. Funnily enough, if he were to add a fun rule at school, he would get all the teachers to always give the pupils a high five, fist bump or hug. Since we wanted to see what life was like before he became a headteacher, he wanted to be a pro rugby player. In my opinion, this is the funniest one, when he was young (a long time ago) a squirrel fell through his roof, he picked it up and it bit him all the way through his finger! Ouch!



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Kitchen Stars

For the first time, we decided to interview the kitchen staff and they told us some interesting facts. Like who knew roast dinner and all day breakfast are the most popular meals? Amazingly, the school food hygiene rating is 5 (very good). Incredibly, all the Key Stage 2 years are the best behaved in the hall. Well done! Interestingly, Mrs Crocombe's favourite food is Mexican or beef wellington. Interestingly, Mrs Crocombe first started cooking in 1994 and cooked because her mum was terrible at it. The kitchen staff power through the busiest days: Monday and Tuesday and census day. So above all, our kitchen staff are amazing and we are lucky to have them.

Amazing OPAL

Since we won the platinum OPAL award, I decided to interview Mrs Ames about OPAL, as well as remind you about OPAL news.

We found out that her favourite feature is the mud kitchen because it allows children to be creative and get dirty! She would recommend OPAL to other schools because it allowed all children to join in and learn through play! She started OPAL because she wanted to give children more options to be creative, build resilience, team building, explore and have fun. She is proud of what we have achieved and how the children have responded to OPAL. She thinks it's going extremely well with the whole school now mixing. People like the different areas and choose their activities, suiting all emotions.

Some features that are coming up includes the building with pallets. Mrs Ames has already got the pallets, so we haven't got long to wait. In the summer, we are going to have tents on the playground! Remember to stop, get ready and take a minute to think about how you are using equipment and you can keep yourself safe. Any ideas? Contact Mrs Ames or head to the ideas box, outside the conference room!



Marvellous Music

We interviewed Mrs Bottle and we found out she started playing recorder in year 1 in 1983. She had lessons with her mum before having proper music lessons at 13, with her teacher Anita. The recorder note with the most fingers is low C. She also said that recorders don't have minor or major notes because you can't combine notes.

We spoke to Mrs Rawlings and found out that the most tricky instrument that she can play is a French horn, which she spent 10 years learning. Interestingly, her favourite instrument is a guitar. Her dream job is an Army musician. When we investigated further, the countries she'd like to live in would be Australia for the sunshine or America for the amazing rollercoasters.

FUN MUSIC FACT

The saxophone was invented in 1842 by Adolphe Sax. He was born in Antoine-Joseph and he was a talented musician and inventor. 10, 000 saxophones were produced in 2025!

