

SCHOOLS FOCUS

Busy pupils put to the test with fun challenges and much more

1: Pupils in P6 are working towards the Prince William Award, with fun challenges that focus on developing their personal skills and equipping them with the character, courage and resilience to be their best selves.

2: Tuning up for tuition, members of the brass band regularly perform at school events, as well as taking part in performances at neighbour-



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Lion King performance is a roaring success for school

AT the end of last term, Primary 7 performed the Lion King Junior.

There was a dress rehearsal on the Wednesday afternoon which was performed to the whole school, including the nursery, as well as an evening performance on the Wednesday and the Thursday.

The pupils and staff, including our drama student and parents, had been working extremely hard since the Easter holidays. The backdrop for the stage and all the props were created by the staff, parents and pupils.

The pupils learned all the script and all the lyrics of the songs. The songs were very demanding, with two or three part harmonies and many solo singing parts. Some of our pupils were taught the drumming parts by a parent and performed with real confidence.



The pupils worked very hard, working out when they were on and off stage, as did the backstage crew of pupils with props on and off. The technical team of pupils were fantastic, working the balances of the backing tracks as well as the microphones and the lighting.

There were 60 pupils to cast, some with the main parts and others who were grouped into Lionesses, Grass, Hyenas, Monkeys, Buzzards, Wildebeest, Giraffes, Zebras, Gazelles and the Drummers. The staging was cleverly used on three levels. The dancing and acting was incred-



ible thanks to the two P7 class teachers, Ms

Banks and Ms Savage and Emma McCormack, our drama student.

The parents and carers helped immensely with the costumes, and the colourfulness of each grouping can be seen from the photographs.

Mrs Kennedy, Music Teacher said, "The talent the pupils displayed was absolutely superb, I really hope they consider a future in the arts and get fully involved in what the high school can offer, a great bunch of kids to work with. Well done everyone; staff, our drama student, par-

ents, pupils for all your hard work, it certainly paid off!" Last year the school performed Peter Pan Junior and the year before that Bugsy Malone. The new P7s are already talking about what they want to do next year. Well done Oxfangs Primary School!



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Big plans for playground in the coming year

AT Oxfangs Primary School, the Playground Development Group have been busy raising funds and making a plan to develop the playground all around the school over the next academic year.

The plan includes a large sand area, willow dens and tunnels, climbing equipment, and 'loose parts play'. Loose parts are basically natural materials, scrap or old building materials, and random found objects eg tyres, crates, planks, rope, branches, logs, etc.

The Scottish Government promotes this approach: "Loose parts create richer environments for children to play, giving them the resources they need to do what they need to do. Loose parts aren't prescriptive and offer limitless possibilities."

The children have started playing with loose parts with their buddy classes and at playtimes. Initial feedback has been great, with staff, parents and children all very enthusiastic about this opportunity.

We can see that this type of play encourages cooperative play and team working skills, and facilitates communication and discussions around what can be done with the equipment. "The problem solv-



ing going on between the children is fantastic." (Ms Craigen, P5).

"It makes it way better! Playtime is more fun with more variety of things to do." (Caiden and Rebbecah, P6)

Children learn responsible use of loose parts and safety measures required. Practical skills such as tying knots, making tripods, and lashing items together are acquired, all the while learning how to apply skills and manage risks in a 'real world' setting. "For people that struggle to think what to do at break they can now use their imagination to create what they want" (Skye, P7)



Some children have even noticed a greater respect for the environment around us.

"Nobody needs to break stuff off trees and damage things as there's branches already cut" (Katie, P3)

Parents are very supportive of this approach too. "Brilliant idea as the playgrounds have been need-

ing some positive change!" (Mum of two girls in P3 and P5)

We are all looking forward to having even more fun outdoors during the new school year. If you have any loose parts items you are able to donate, please call the school on 441 3649.

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OXFANGS PRIMARY SCHOOL



TODAY'S CINEMA LISTINGS

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HOME STREET 0871 902 5723
BlackKlansman (15) 11:45 14:45 17:45 20:45.
Cold War (15) 12:00 14:10 16:20 18:30 20:40.
The Children Act (12A) 12:30 18:00. Yardie (15) 15:00 20:30.

Cineworld
FOUNTAIN PARK 0871 200 2000
Action Point (15) 16:40 19:00 21:20 23:20.
Alpha (12A) 10:10. Ant-Man And The Wasp (12A) 11:10 14:10 16:50 19:40. Ant-Man And The Wasp 3D (12A) 12:50. BlackKlansman (15) 10:40 13:50 17:00 20:00. Christopher Robin (PG) 11:40 14:20 17:10 19:50. Incredibles 2 (PG) 17:20. Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again (PG) 12:00 14:40 20:15. Mission: Impossible - Fallout (12A) 11:50 19:45. Searching (12A) 10:45 13:15 15:45 18:15 20:45 23:15. Slenderman (15) 11:50 14:10 22:30. The Children Act (12A) 12:20 14:50 23:10. The Equalizer 2 (15) 12:30 15:20 17:20 18:20 21:00. The Festival (15) 10:00 23:00. The Happytime Murders (15) 11:00 13:30 16:00 18:30 20:50 22:50. The Meg 3D (12A) 10:10 15:40 21:10. The Meg (12A) 11:30 14:00 17:00 18:20 20:10 22:40. The Spy Who Dumped Me (15) 15:00 17:45 20:30. Yardie (15) 10:30 13:00 15:30 18:00 20:40.

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Filmhouse
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2001: A Space Odyssey (70mm) (U) 20:10. Citizen Kane (U) 15:00. Compulsion (12A) 12:45 17:50. C'est la vie! (15) 11:30 15:15 17:55 20:30. Madame (15) 11:10 15:50 18:00. The Beaches of Agnes (18) 13:20 20:15.

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