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Dear families of OMS

Welcome to the new academic year and, for our new parents, welcome to Newsflash. Newsflash is our weekly newsletter which lets you know about upcoming events and celebrates all that has been going on in school. We also have our facebook page where we share the achievements of pupils, and our website where you can find lots of information about our school. Now we are part of Cheviot Learning Trust we will be getting a new website address which we will share with you shortly.

It has been an absolutely fabulous week and our new Year 5 pupils have started to settle in so well - there is so much to remember in the first week as everything is new, but they have done a brilliant job at adapting to their new school.

Uniform

All our pupils looked very smart in their first week back but please remember that jewellery or any makeup should not be worn for school. Jewellery will be kept in the front office to be collected by the pupil at the end of the day and if pupils arrive at school with makeup on they will be asked to remove it. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Curriculum Changes

We are very proud of our curriculum at OMS as it provides such a broad breadth of subject areas. We have made further changes for this year which we feel, added to our existing timetable, will add even more exciting learning opportunities for our pupils.

Art: All pupils will now have an Art lesson every week as opposed to it being included on the carousel where pupils studied Art for one block of 9 weeks every year. This change has been made to increase the time pupils spend on Art to enable them to develop their skills in more depth and consistently throughout the year, and as a result of feedback from both pupils and parents.

History and Geography : Pupils will now be taught history and geography by our subject specialists, Mrs Watson(history), and Mr Wright(geography). This is a great way of supporting progression as pupils move from year to year through the school.

Carousel: All pupils study some subjects on a carousel in which they focus on four different areas over the course of the year. Our carousel has changed to include some new subjects:

Year 5: DT(resistant materials), Food Technology, Textiles, Friends Resilience

Year 6: DT(resistant materials), Food Technology, Textiles, Touchtyping/Reading Fluency

Year 7: DT(resistant materials), Food Technology, Textiles, Drama

Year 8: DT(resistant materials), Food Technology, Textiles, Drama

Friends Resilience is a programme delivered by Mrs Tweddle and aims to help pupils develop strategies to manage their social and emotional health effectively. You will be invited in during the course of the year to see what your child has been covering in these sessions.

Textiles has been included in the carousel as we feel it provides visual, tactile and sensory experiences as well as teaching useful life skills and is an important way to encourage pupils to explore, enjoy, and develop their creative thinking, design and textile skills.



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Touch Typing is a key skill which will enhance pupils' learning and be important in whatever they choose to do in the future. [Here](#) are some of the reasons why we have introduced a course in Year 6.

Reading Fluency has been proved to have the following impact on pupils:

- increased stamina – able to read more text for a longer period whilst retaining understanding
- increased accuracy – children make less substitutions, omissions, mispronunciations, additions when reading a 'cold' text
- increased enjoyment – pupils read more and are more willing to explore a wider range of literature
- increased confidence – pupils tackle challenging texts with greater willingness and show improved tenacity in teasing out meaning
- increased engagement – pupils offer more extended contributions in group discussions about challenging texts.

Food Technology: We are changing the way we organise Food Technology and school will now provide ingredients rather than pupils having to bring them in. We acknowledge that in the past, you have had to buy a whole packet of an ingredient to only send a small amount into school, with the possibility of wasting the remainder of the packet. We also acknowledge that it's another job for you to remember - and I've been in the position where my daughter has told me she is cooking in the morning and needs the ingredients, causing a last minute plea to our neighbours! We will be asking you to pay £10 per year to cover the cost of food ingredients, and £10 as a contribution to the materials for DT and textiles. There will be a message coming out shortly regarding these payments.

Introducing our new staff:



Mr Hetherington - Mr Hetherington is our new PSHE curriculum co-ordinator and joins the Year 6 team as a form tutor. Mr Hetherington will also be working with our School Council to ensure that all pupils' views are heard via our Student Council.



Mr Wright - Mr Wright is a geography specialist who has been recently teaching at Prudhoe Community High School. He has joined us to teach geography to all classes which provides pupils with an excellent continuity in the curriculum from Year 5 - Year 8.



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Ms Bell

Ms Watson



We are so lucky to have Ms Bell and Ms Watson as part of our Learning support team. They join us from Ovingham First School and therefore already know many of our pupils.

Dinner Money

Unfortunately the issues we experienced with our till software provider following the change from parentmail to Bromcom in July have not yet been fully resolved. Your balances on MCAS are probably incorrect but we will let you know as soon as this has been rectified. We appreciate your patience with this and we apologise once again for any inconvenience caused.

Headteacher's Award

We started the year with 5 well deserved Headteacher Awards! Noah, Harry, Edward, Ben and Isaac from Year 8 took the OMS sponsored walk at the end of last term to the next level by challenging themselves not only to walk the 12 miles, but also to kick a ball to each other as they went and for every 100 passes they added £1 to their sponsorship money raising over £200 in the process! Thinking of others in our community is one of our Heart values and the boys really demonstrated their commitment to raise money and help others. They are now thinking of what they can do for the next sponsored walk...did someone mention cartwheeling round the route????!!!



Sophie in Year 6 had a Hi-5 moment over the summer. She had the opportunity to go to Disneyland Paris with her dance school. They performed 4 dances on one of the stages and also took part in the street parade! She absolutely loved it! What an opportunity!! Well done and Hi-5 to Sophie.



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A huge Hi-5 to Charlie in year 6 and his team at Stocksfield Football Club for winning their under 11's leagues tournament on Saturday 22nd July in which 12 teams took place. It was a super victory in very wet weather and showed fantastic teamwork and commitment from all players. Well done Charlie and all the other players from OMS!



We really enjoy hearing about your Hi-5 moments. Send them in and let us know about any of your achievements and fantastic things you are involved in out of school so we can share and celebrate with the OMS community. Please send them into admin@oms.cheviotit.co.uk

Settling into Year 6 - 6 DH

Children were challenged to get into order of shoe size and then month of birth, all without speaking - they used their non verbal skills and creativity to successfully rise to the challenge!



See our facebook page for more photos of pupils enjoying their first week back at OMS.



Knitting and Crochet Club - Special request

I will soon be starting a knitting and crochet lunchtime club. If you have any unwanted yarn, knitting needles or crochet hooks they will be greatly appreciated.

Mrs Heslop



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Tuesday 12th Sept - Key Stage 2 Football Festival - 3.30pm to 4.30pm at Ovingham Middle School, pupils come to school in PE kit and bring in football boots and shin pads if they have them. All pupils welcome.

Friday 15th Sept - Key Stage 3 Football Festival - 3.30pm to 4.30pm at Ovingham Middle School, pupils come to school in PE kit and bring in football boots and shin pads if they have them. All pupils welcome.

Thursday 14th Sept - Boys KS3 Football Fixtures v's Highfield at Highfield Middle School. 3.30pm to 4.45pm.

Skipping Day - we are very excited to announce that we are holding a full school skipping day on **Monday 18th September**. Each pupil will get an hour's skipping lesson, learning new tricks and fun activities they can use with a skipping rope. All pupils will come into school in their PE kit and we are asking parents for a £1 contribution towards the day.

Extra Curricular Clubs at OMS

Here are the clubs we have so far. Please check next week as further activities, including the music groups, will have been added.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
12.30pm-1.00pm	Year 8 Boys Football -TB Girls Football - Yr7/8 -DG Homework club - all years	Badminton – Year 7/8 -DG Football Year 7 Boys -TB Homework Club - all years	Netball - Year 7/8 -DG Basketball - Year 7/8 - TB Homework Club - all years	Dance - Year 7/8 Homework Club - all years Art Club - KS3	Skipping/ Boxing - DG/TB ECO Club - all years Homework Club - all years Crochet club - all years
1.00pm-1.25pm	Girls Football - Year 5 & 6- DG Boys Football - Year 5 & 6- TB Homework Club - all years	Basketball – Year 5 & 6 - DG Homework Club - all years	Netball Year 5/6- DG Homework Club - all years Science Club - all years Art Club - KS2	Cross Country - Y5 & 6 -TB Dance - Y5 & 6 Homework Club - all years Singing Club – all years	Dodgeball - Yr 5 & 6 - DG ECO Club - all years Homework Club - all years Crochet club - all years



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Honesty
We have the courage to always tell the truth and take responsibility for what we have done.

Excellence
We aim high and are the best that we can be at all times.

Acceptance
We respect and accept ourselves, others and the environment around us.

Resilience
We work hard, are determined and we keep trying.

Teamwork
We are friendly, helpful and co-operative.

Music@OMS

PEARL OF AFRICA CHILD CARE

THE PEARL OF AFRICA CHILDREN'S CHOIR UK TOUR

SINGING SO OUR FRIENDS CAN GO TO SCHOOL

Your local concert:

Prudhoe Community High School
Tuesday 19th September, 6.30pm
Adults £5 Children and concessions £4

Contact Leonie Bell for tickets reservations. Details below
DO NOT CONTACT PRUDHOE COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL FOR TICKETS

Find us on:

WWW.PEARLOFAFRICA.ORG/DONATE

Tel: 0772 505 6233 Email: leonie@pearlof africa.org.uk
UK registered charity number: 1128809

We are so lucky to be hosting the amazing Pearl of Africa choir who will be visiting us on Tuesday 19th September to perform to all pupils and then carry out some singing, dancing and drumming workshops with our pupils. Miss Armatage is currently finalising the workshops and will be asking pupils to sign up if they would like to take part. After we have had tea with the choir, they will be doing a public performance at Prudhoe Community High School starting at 6.30pm. I have been lucky enough to see the choir perform in another school and it is one of the most uplifting performances I have ever seen! If you would like to go, I would strongly encourage you to book your tickets quickly. Tickets are available from **Leonie Bell, Tel: 07725056233, email: leonie@pearlof africa.org.uk**



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Recycle!



A reminder that you can recycle unwanted and unloved clothing, bags, shoes (pairs) and small toys for collection and redistribution at our collection point in the school car park . We think this project is so important to encourage our pupils to be aware of the effect waste has on climate change. We are hoping that by starting with recycling, your child will also begin to ask the right questions about climate change and the ways in which they can begin to look after the planet for future generations.

Food Studies

In Food Studies, next week we are cooking:

Year 8 Mac n cheese - please bring an ovenproof dish with lid/ foil or container

Year 6 Pizza toast

Year 5 Rainbow salad- please bring a jam jar with lid or foil or container

Year 7 Carrot cakes

Ingredients will be provided, but pupils must bring a named container to take their food home.

Have a great week!

The OMS team

Upcoming events/Dates for diary - please check weekly for further events added

18/09/23: Whole School Skipping Day

19/09/23: Pearl of Africa Choir performance and workshops

19/09/23: Pearl of Africa Choir performance, Prudhoe Community High School, 6.30pm. See flyer for information about tickets.

04/09/23: Open Evening for Year 4 pupils.

11/09/23: Pastoral parents evening. 3/45 - 6.30pm. This will be an opportunity to meet your child's new form teacher.

19/10/23 - 20/10/23: Year 5 Residential to Beamish

28/10/23 - 05/11/23 Half Term. School reopens on Monday 06/11/23

22/11/23: Whole School Road Safety Assemblies

15/12/23: School Fair, 1.30 - 3pm

22/12/23: Last day of Autumn term



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Community Notices:

O.M.S. is a key part of the local community and we would like to support any events by advertising them here. Our Newsflash goes out to all parents and carers, but is also put on our facebook page which links to many other local fb pages. Please send any flyers, adverts etc to admin@oms.cheviotlt.co.uk