Ouston Primary School

Promoting British Values & SMSC Calendar of Activities

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Promoting British Values at Ouston Primary School

The DfE ask schools 'to promote the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.
At Ouston Primary these values are reinforced regularly and in the following ways:

Democracy
OPS holds the Rights Respecting Schools Silver Award. As such two pupils from each class are ambassadors promoting the principles of the RRSA forming a focus group. Each year the children decide upon their class charter and the rights associated with these. All the children contribute to the drawing up of the charter. Children have many opportunities for their voices to be heard. We have a school council which meets regularly to discuss various emerging issues and give their points of view. Two members for each class are voted in by their class. We hold weekly Rights Respecting Schools Assemblies which explore different aspects of the Rights of the Child.

The Rule of Law
The importance of Laws, whether they be those that govern the class, the school, or the country, are consistently reinforced throughout regular school days, as well as when dealing with behaviour and through school assemblies. Pupils are taught the value and reasons behind laws, that they govern and protect us, the responsibilities that this involves and the consequences when laws are broken. Visits from authorities such as the Police and Fire Service help reinforce this message.

Individual Liberty
Within school, pupils are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. As a school we educate and provide boundaries for young pupils to make choices safely, through provision of a safe environment and empowering education. Pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and advised how to exercise these safely, for example through our Online Safety and RSE/PSHE lessons or during Forest School and other outdoor adventure activities. Whether it be through choice of a learning challenge, participation in our numerous extra-curricular clubs and opportunities or daily school meal choices, pupils are given the freedom to make choices with support with this as needed.

Mutual Respect
As a Rights Respecting School, mutual respect is at the heart of our values. We teach respect for children's rights. Children learn that their behaviour can have an effect on their own rights and those of others. All members of the school community treat each other with respect. We support many charities throughout the year and take part in national events, such as Children in Need. We have 'Friday Fundraisers' where pupils organise their own event to support a charity of their choice.

Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs
OPS is situated in an area which is not greatly culturally diverse, therefore we place a great emphasis on the understanding of diversity with our children. Our annual One Britain Week teaches children about equality and diversity in Britain. During this week our pupils participate in the Show Racism the Red Card campaign and explore themes linked to a variety of faiths and communities. Assemblies are also regularly planned to address this issue either directly or through the inclusion of stories and celebrations from a variety of faiths and cultures. Our RE, PSHE and RRSA teaching reinforce this. Members of different faiths or religions are encouraged to share their knowledge to enhance learning within classes and the school. Children visit places of worship that are important to different faiths.
Below are a range of events and activities that help us to promote these values throughout the school year:-

The activities below link particularly to the following Children's Rights/Articles:

Article 12 *You have the right to give your opinion, and for adults to listen and take it seriously*

Article 17 *You have the right to get information that is important to your well-being*

Article 19 *You have the right to be protected from being hurt and mistreated, in body or mind.*

Article 29 *Your education should help you use and develop your talents and abilities. It should also help you learn to live peacefully, protect the environment and respect other people.*

Article 30 *You have the right to practice your own culture, language and religion*

Article 31 *You have the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities*

Article 42 *You have the right to know your rights! Adults should know about these rights and help you learn about them, too*

Dates		**Events**
Autumn Term		
September		**Each class chooses 2 School Council/Rights Respecting School Representatives.**
September		**Yr6 & YR Buddies meet each other for the first time. Events planned across the year.**

W/B 5th October

Book Fair- an opportunity for children, parents/carers to browse/buy the latest books or a pre-loved book.

W/B 12th October

Harvest festival - Our whole school will collect food for the People's Kitchen & a local food bank and celebrate Harvest with parents/carers in a shared act of collective worship

6th November

Armistice day - Assemblies and one-minute silence to remember those who lost their lives in the service of their country.
Yr6 attend a service at our local community centre

W/B 16th November

Positive behaviour and Anti-bullying week.

Children will be engaging in a range of activities all week. Friendship Friday (14th) Children can wear non-uniform – bright colours

Children in Need day (13th November). Non-Uniform Fundraiser

Advent/Christmas

The whole school will take part in a range of activities and acts of collective worship.

Christmas Lunch (15th December) Christmas jumper may be worn
Christmas Performances for parents/carers
School Choir sing at Chester View Care Home, Ouston Community Centre and Durham Cathedral (NSPCC event)
Salvation Army Toy Appeal
Christmas Parties

<u>Spring Term</u>

Yr 5 take part in Samba or African drumming sessions and perform for the rest of school and parents/carers.

9th February

Safer internet Day.
On this day we will highlight the positive uses of technology and explore the role we all play in helping to make the internet a better and safer place for our community.

W/B – 22nd February

'One Britain' theme Week (part of our half – term RSE theme)
Children take part in a range of activities to understand equality and diversity in Britain.
Fundraiser for the charity 'Show Racism the Red Card' and taking part in their poster and creative writing competition.

2nd – 4th March

Yr5 Residential to Boggle Hole YHA, North Yorks.

4th March

World Book Day. Children participate in a range of activities and dress as a favourite book character

4th & 5th March

Mother's Day Breakfast
Mothers, grandmothers, aunts, carers etc invited to join a special breakfast with their child/children in school

23rd March

Theatre Production of 'Pinocchio' in school for Years 1 -6.

17th March

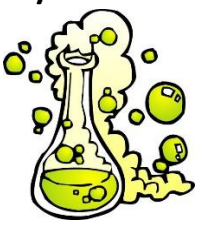
Easter coffee afternoon
EYFS performances. Parents/carers invited to have a coffee (or tea) and see their child's entry for the decorated egg competition.

Assembly led by Holy Trinity Church, Pelton.

<u>Summer Term</u>
19 – 21st May

Year 6 Residential with TASFL at Gibbs Hill Farm, Brandon Mill, Northumberland (TBC)

W/B - 7th June



Science Week

From W/B 7th June

Yr 6 – Rock & Pop – increase confidence, performance skills and enjoyment of singing/performing. Weekly sessions. Pupils prepare for a performance at their Leavers Assembly in July.

17th June

Father's Day Breakfast
Fathers, grandfathers, uncles, carers etc invited to join a special breakfast with their child/children in school

W/B - 5th July

Careers & Enterprise Week

8th July

Ouston Art Gallery & Café (3.30 – 4.30pm)

15th July

3.30pm
Summer Fair and Family Picnic - Celebrating school community and enjoying activities together with the local community.

20th July

Yr 6 Leavers Assembly
Awards, prize giving and recognition of achievements.

Friday Fundraisers

Throughout the year children organise, prepare and present small fund raisers to raise money for the charity of their choice.

School Choir

Our KS2 Choir sing for the residents at Chester View at Christmas and Easter.

They also sing at Durham Cathedral as part of the NSPCC Carol Service.

Holy Trinity Church Pelton

Visitors from the Church deliver ‘Open the Book’ Assemblies to pupils each half term.