# OXFORD International School News

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OXFORD INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL











Oxford International School celebrated International Week with a final cumulative project day on Friday. All classrooms were transformed representing 17 different countries. All students traveled to all of the countries learning about the culture, food, costumes, music, geography, and more. Our students enjoyed this school wide project planning, creating, and working together to represent their countries with great pride and teamwork. We believe that it is very important for our students to learn about different countries, cultures, and traditions.



#### Director's message

Dear OIS Families,

November was very busy with Field Trips, International Week, Special Presentations, Assemblies, Parent Participation Week, Spirit Day, and more. We are almost at the end of Term 1 and are looking forward to our Winter Concerts. We will also have our Mid-Year exams and prepare the report for each student. On behalf of Oxford International School we wish all of our students, parents, and staff a wonderful Winter Break and a Happy New Year 2017. We will resume school on January 9, 2017.

#### **Upcoming events**

December 1 Parent Tea for new student's parents/ 4 pm/ Theatre

December 9/ KS1 Winter Concert/ 4 pm/ Bakes Sale After

December 13/ KS2 Winter Concert/ 4 pm/ Bake Sale After

December 14/ KS3/4 Winter Concert/ 4 pm/ Bake Sale After

December 8, 9, 12, 13 Mid Year Exams

December 8- 16 Minimum Days/ Dismissal at 2 pm

December 19- January 6 Winter Holidays January 9 Back to School/ Welcome to 2017 January 10 Term 1 Parent Conferences/ 2 pm to 5 pm

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#### **British Ambassador Visit**





HM British Ambassador Mr. Robin Ord-Smith visited Oxford International School. Students were excited to see him. OIS celebrated International Week. Every classroom chose a different country and prepared presentations, songs, dances, food, decorations, and more. He visited every single classroom and participated in different presentations getting to see all 17 countries and all students. Later he spoke to our secondary students during an assembly and answered questions. It was a great day and very special visit.





### Spirit Day Halloween



OIS celebrated it's first spirit day. Students dressed up for Halloween. We have began a competition to see which classes dress up the most. At the end of the of school year the class who shows the most school spirit will get a Pizza Party.











#### **Motivational Speech By Iron Man**





The first Iron Man in Kyrgyzstan gave an inspirational presentation to our KS3/4 students

### Year 4 Settlement Project



In Humanities Y4 have been learning about villages and early settlement. To build a good village we need to search for a dry site. We need shelter, so we to make it near a forest for building materials. Near a river is good, so people can fish and have clean water. We also need to be safe from attack.

We thought about the best place for settlements and we drew a plan in our books. Then at home we made our models. Some of us used modelling clay, paint, paper and we recycled cardboard boxes or other materials

## **Parent Participation Weeks**



Children invited their parents to come and visit their classroom and their Key stage. The children themselves played 'host' or 'hostess', proudly showing parents and grandparents their own work, their art and other displays. Meanwhile some of the eldest members of KS2, our lovely Year 6's, prepared tea and sweet treats for visiting parents.





## Sushi Experience in Reception





For International week, Reception students were studying about Japan; the culture and the cuisine. As such, we were honored to have chef Janish Israel from Furusato create beautiful and delicious sushi and Japanese dishes. Making sushi is an art. All it takes is some time, an eye for detail, the right tools and ingredients, and most of all: love for sushi. Our students enjoyed their sushi experience. We thank Mr. Israel for coming to Oxford International School and giving our students this experience.



### Field Trips







Year 3 enjoyed a great day out at the ostrich farm, and learned a great deal about this spectacular flightless bird. We had the opportunity to see and learn about many other animals on the farm as well, including peacocks, pheasants, deer and eagles. We used the day to help us with our writing, and afterwards we wrote some wonderful information texts all about ostriches. We enjoyed lunch together in Victory Park with our guides and teachers, and generally had a great day out!







The Year 6 students enjoyed their field trip to a shop called "White Rabbit". Each student enjoyed learning how to decorate their own cake as well as eat it too! The students also enjoyed a walk around a park and the square in the center of the city. All in all, the students had a fabulous time!





The Field Trip with Year 10 was wonderful and great community service. Year 10 Oxford International School students visited the Bishkek Homeless Children Rehabilitation Center. The visit left an impact on our students who had a great time playing and dancing with the center children. Our students bonded very quickly with the center boys and girls. It was a bit emotional when it was time to say Good Bye. OIS students were happy to donate toys, books, clothes and groceries.





The Field Trip with Year 5 was a fantastic trip to ATA's factory. The chocolates were amazing and the students loved getting Toffino at the end of the tour. If my students complained at all it was only that the field trip wasn't longer. Getting to see how ATA sweets and chocolates were made was fascinating and gave everyone a appreciation for the hard work and time it takes to run a successful.





The Field Trip with Year 9 On Thursday, 24 Nov 2016, the year 9's made a visit to the Republican Children's and Youth Library of Bayalinov a part of the Kyrgyz National Library. They were very welcoming and showed us around, answering all our questions. They have a very large room sponsored by the American Embassy where all the books are in English. There is a room dedicated to other languages, sponsored by the Goethe institute, and a room dedicated to very young early readers! They have wifi and access to an on-line library of thousands of titles. Books are available to borrow, but a library ticket needs be set up first. It was a very informative visit. We delayed our departure long enough to help them stage a Mannekin Challenge in the English reading room and went to have a bit of lunch in Bishkek Park before coming back to school.

#### **Sports**





Boys and Girls in years 6 to 10 had the chance to play football against the teachers and staff. This was a great way for our students and staff to come together in a fun and healthy environment. A highlight of the tournament was the Oxford Student Girls team defeating the Oxford Female Teachers, 3-1. This demonstrated hard work and determination by our student girls football team.