



# OSWESTRY

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Henry Potter (member First XI Football Team)  
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## A WORD FROM THE HEADMASTER

On behalf of the Robb family, may I say how much we have enjoyed our first year here at Oswestry School. Lucinda, the children and I have been made extremely welcome; the warmth and friendliness shown to us is something we quickly realised makes both the School and the town so special.

Defining what makes any school individual is not easy. All schools aim to provide the best education they can, combining academic success, a caring pastoral environment and a busy extra-curricular life. Oswestry School offers all these, striving to achieve the balance between tradition, innovation and improvement.

While GCSE results in particular were very pleasing this summer, we are looking forward to improving the academic side of life at Oswestry to ensure they are even better in 2012 and for many years to come. Oswestry would not be the school it is without a strong system of pastoral care, where every pupil feels that their voice is heard and understood. For these reasons two Deputy Heads have been appointed this year, Tim Jefferis and Sue Nancini, whose respective specific responsibilities are to oversee the academic and pastoral sides of the School. The boys and girls should leave enriched by their involvement in activities not only outside the classroom, but in both the local and wider communities where they can make such a positive contribution.

Finally, I would like to wish Douglas Laundy and Victoria Whittingham the very best of luck in their new roles as Head Boy and Girl respectively.

I look forward to seeing you at various functions this term.



# A glowing report

## The Independent Schools Inspection 2011



It is pleasing enough when Oswestry School is praised by a parent or someone associated with the school, but when the praise comes from an independent body it is doubly gratifying.

The Independent Schools Inspection 2011 report made glowing remarks both about the Senior School and Bellan House, Oswestry's prep department.

Oswestry School was commended by ISI inspectors as offering a "high quality of pastoral care" which supports pupils' development.

The news delighted Sue Nancini, one of the school's two Deputy Heads, whose special responsibility is for pastoral care.

"We firmly believe that the pastoral side of life at the school is crucial to pupils' success," said Ms Nancini.





“It underpins their academic and personal progress. If a child isn’t happy he or she just won’t succeed and that is why I, along with the Headmaster and all the staff, place such a great emphasis on pastoral care.”

Ms Nancini said it made all the difference that the school had been praised in this way by an independent body.

The report continued: “Staff know their pupils very well and the pupils are confident that they will be listened to and will receive any help or guidance they require.”

“The family atmosphere engenders excellent relationships between staff and pupils and among the pupils themselves.”

Meanwhile Headmistress at Bellan House, Jackie Greatorex, said she was delighted after inspectors rated the Early Years section of the school as outstanding in all categories.

“We have always had a good track record at Bellan House, but to receive such a good report is a real accolade for all the hard work that goes on here both from staff and pupils,” said Mrs Greatorex.



The inspection, which is carried out every three years, commented that leadership and management were outstanding with well structured policies.

“Staff have established very positive relationships with parents and carers who are encouraged to be involved in their child’s education and are kept extremely well informed of progress,” the report said.

“A wide range of excellent quality resources, both indoors and outdoors, are accessible to the children, and are used very well, supporting them in decision making and working independently.”

Commenting on the quality of the Early Years Foundation Stage, the report said that learning for each child is enjoyable and challenging.

“Within a family atmosphere, children are encouraged to strive to meet high expectations,” it added.

“Through the well-planned curriculum children are helped to develop an understanding of the world around them and also of technology.”



A new activity which takes place outside of the school grounds has been much appreciated by people and organisations in the local community, as well as by the pupils taking part.

# Community action



As the name suggests, Community Action was set up to encourage the pupils of Oswestry School to become more involved with the local community.

The students spend Thursday afternoons visiting and helping out at a variety of venues, ranging from the Cambrian Railway to several local retirement homes.

At the Cambrian Railway the pupils help with the work to preserve the railway, one of the country's most historic heritage sites. Clearing rubbish from the line, painting gateways and general maintenance of the site are just some of the activities involved with the upkeep of the railway.

Andrew Tullo, ecology co-ordinator for Cambrian Heritage Railways, said: "We very much welcome the school's interest in helping us.

The students who join us from the School each Thursday afternoon are an interested and enthusiastic group of Sixth Formers.

The railway has been prioritised as an area for development and Oswestry as a town is keen to see its continuation as a much loved heritage site.

The Oswestry School students seem genuinely interested and enthusiastic in contributing to the project and for that we are very grateful."

Several local retirement homes receive visits from various pupils who come to chat and play board games and discover that a competitive streak doesn't diminish with age!

Closer to home, the pupils have also been working with younger children within Prepcare and Bellan House, turning their hand to anything from helping out at Forest School to feeding young babies and playing games.

The School places great emphasis on the pupils' involvement and understanding of their roles in both the local and wider community and hopes that they will gain as much from their involvement in this scheme as those they help.





# Winter warmer

## Lunchtime clubs

Extra curricular activities are an important part of life at Oswestry but have tended to be confined to after school hours.

This term longer lunch hours were introduced which have allowed pupils to take part in daytime clubs to supplement those which take place after school hours.

Pupils are welcome to sign up to as many clubs as they wish.

Here is a list of the lunchtime clubs:

- Orchestra
- Kayak Club
- Investment Club
- Latin
- Debating/Public Speaking
- Sixth Form Social Enterprise Club
- Hockey/Football/Netball/Sports Leaders
- Poultry
- Maths Team Challenge
- African Drumming
- Italian For Beginners
- Chess
- Magazine/News Club
- Choir
- Spanish Culture
- Concert Band
- Horrible Histories
- Book Club
- Samba Band
- Metal Modelling
- J-Soc
- Table Tennis
- ICT
- Shooting

For further information about any of these clubs please contact School Secretary Debbie Grice.



It won't have escaped the notice of any student with a good appetite that hot snacks at break time have been introduced at the tuck shop.

The addition of sausage rolls, pork pies and vegetable pasties to the shop 'menu' seemed to be a very popular move, sausage rolls selling the fastest.

All products are freshly made by local suppliers and are very reasonably priced at £1.



## Verse and prose festival

During half term several pupils from both Bellan House and the Senior School took part in the 17th Annual Festival of Verse and Prose, hosted by Moreton Hall.

This noteworthy festival saw over 300 young people competing in some rigorous categories including Prose Speaking, Duologues, Public Speaking and reading from the Book of Common Prayer.

In Year 5 Beth Williams, Ellie Chadwick, Jenny Cyffin-Jones and Phoebe Munford took part in Prose Reading and Duologue.

Ellie succeeded in coming first in Prose Reading and Jenny Cyffin-Jones and Phoebe Munford came a commendable second with their choice of Duologue.

Kyle Phillips in Year 9 took part in the Public Speaking and was awarded first place in his category. Jacob Tidridge (Year 6) recited a reading from the Common Book of Prayer and came second in his class.

Many congratulations in what was a tough competition with many schools taking part.

Mrs Price, Junior School Art and Drama teacher, added: "I think The Shropshire Festival of Verse and Prose is a wonderful festival and pupils can gain so much by taking part. As always I felt very proud of the way my pupils performed and conducted themselves."

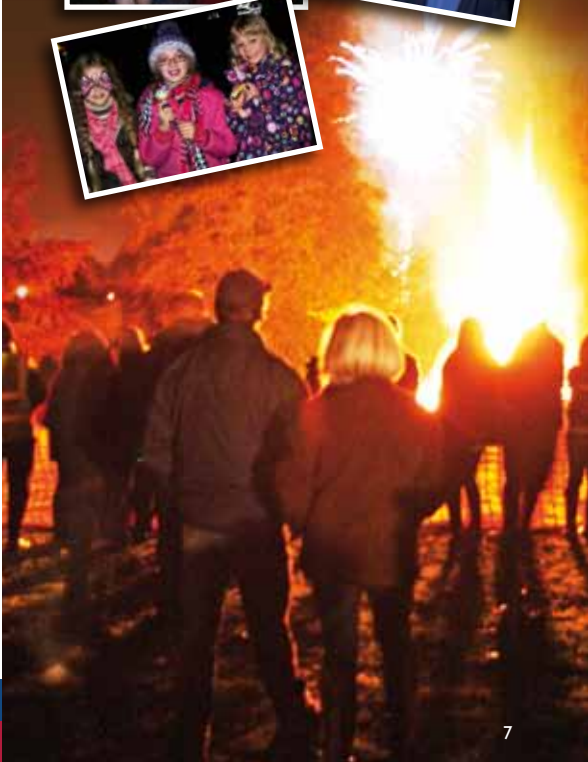
## Bonfire night

The weather stayed fine for the annual bonfire and firework display which, as always, was much enjoyed by all who attended.

Headmaster Mr Robb, with assistance from Mr Pottinger, Head of Design Technology and the maintenance staff, was in charge of setting off the fireworks on this ever-popular evening organised by the Parents Association.

The fundraising evening also included face painting and mulled wine, popcorn and sweets were also available.

Many thanks to the PA for organising such a great evening and thanks too to the Sixth Form face painters who did such a splendid job.



# French trip



## School recital

The new Season – our 22nd – of the Oswestry School Recital Series was launched in glorious style by one of the most sought-after string quartets in the UK, the Elias Quartet.

These four young players performed before an audience of over 300, and the highly enthusiastic applause which followed their playing quite properly rewarded the brilliance of their performance.

During half term Mrs Chidlow, Head of Modern Foreign Languages, and ten lucky Year 11 pupils benefitted from a marvellous week in Besançon in north eastern France.

To keep costs down, travel was by coach to St Pancras station, London, Eurostar to Paris, then high speed TGV train directly to Besançon. For most of the time, the weather was more like summer than autumn! The pupils attended some lessons at the Lycée and enjoyed interesting excursions.

Most importantly, their comprehension and fluency in French has improved by having been immersed in 'le bain français'.



As Series Director Christopher Symons said: "Of course, impeccable intonation, ensemble and formidable technique one takes for granted in quartets at this international level.

"The 'extras' that marked these players out was their interpretative thoughtfulness and insight, and their ability to create atmosphere and colour. The intensity and concentration evident in the audience's listening bore clear witness to this."

Tickets for the next concert, to be given by the pianist Benjamin Grosvenor, have all sold out, as have tickets for violinist Tasmin Little and the English Chamber Orchestra in February.

For further information please contact School Secretary Debbie Grice



# The academic year



**This academic year has seen a new structure put in place at the top of the staff team where Headmaster Douglas Robb has two deputy**

**heads: Tim Jefferis, whose title is Deputy Head (Academic) and Sue Nancini who is the new Deputy Head (Pastoral).**

Mr Jefferis joins Oswestry from Uppingham School in Rutland where he has spent the last nine years. A keen sportsman and an enthusiastic advocate of IT both in and out of the classroom, Mr Jefferis was Head of Geography for four years and housemaster for the last five.

There have already been several curricular changes since Mr Jefferis took up his post. These include Latin being brought into the curriculum in Lower School, Economics becoming an A-level subject, Religious Studies is being introduced and pupils will now be able to take Spanish as well as French at A-level.

Despite the very good exam results in the summer – especially in GCSEs – Mr Jefferis is keen to see an improvement in results with more pupils going to the top universities. Those pupils with the very best results at GCSE have been invited to join the newly formed Luidius Society. This Society meets once a week with the stated aim of stretching the most academic pupils in the school and preparing them for top university courses, including Oxbridge.

“Our main aim is to ensure that if a pupil comes to Oswestry with a certain intellect, he or she will leave with it enhanced further than if they had gone to another school,” said Mr Jefferis.

“Exam results are not the be all and end all by any means. We have a non-selective admissions process and it is our duty to make sure that whatever academic level a student is at, they do the very best they can.”

Another change which is coming into force this term is a ‘test week’ for all the exam year groups at the end of November so that both pupils and their parents are aware of what they might be expected to achieve and flag up any problems.

Sue Nancini has been a well known figure at Oswestry for the last four years, having been Deputy Head of Sixth Form for the two years prior to starting her new role this year.

Ms Nancini sees the quality of pastoral care as being one of the school’s strongest, and most important, assets and one which she has been greatly looking forward to overseeing.

“Oswestry is a relatively small school and one of the advantages of this is that it has a family structure in place,” said Ms Nancini, a mother of four herself.

“Everyone is accessible, regardless of their position, and that is so important; it is crucial that students’ voices are listened to and pupils should be comfortable in the knowledge that this will be the case.

“The pastoral care does not just come from the staff. One of Oswestry’s real strengths is how peers mentor and help each other.”

## New staff members



Pictured are four of our seven new members of staff who are all welcome additions to the Oswestry community.

From left to right: Mrs Danielle Walters joins us from Walford and North Shropshire College to teach Psychology; behind her, Miss Jane Johnston joins us from the Field Centre at Montford Bridge as Head of Geography; in the front is Mrs Colleen Hadfield who joins us from the Grange School, Shrewsbury to teach Maths while Mr Nicholas Derbridge joins us from Christ’s College, Surrey to teach Science.

As already mentioned Mr Tim Jefferis joins us from Uppingham as Deputy Head (Pastoral) and to teach Geography; Rev. Gareth Parry joins us from Prestfælde as School Chaplain and as Teacher of RS and EAL; and finally Mr Jonathan Miles has joined the PE staff to coach football and cricket throughout the School after his very successful help with the Cricket 1st XI last year.

# Bellan House



Thanks to the Bellan House Parents' Association, there is now a brand new shelter on the premises which has been built so that the school's children can enjoy being outside even when the weather isn't good.

The shelter, which can accommodate several children at any one time, is situated on the tennis courts.



This photograph was taken minutes after 11am on the 11th November, 2011, after the children from Year 4 went outside to observe the minute's silence on Remembrance Day.

The pupils proudly wore their poppies and were grateful to get back into the warmth of the school after standing in the cold and drizzle outside.



Bellan pupils have been busy getting creative designing this year's Christmas cards as part of Arts Project for School.

This popular activity takes place every year and most children, from pre-school upwards, take part; the designs are reproduced into Christmas cards which are then sent out with their names on the back. Well done to all pupils – and their parents – who have done such a good job with their designs.

Congratulations to those pupils in Years 3 and 4 who have been taking the first steps into competitive sport away from the school.

There has been much excitement among all those who have been keen to represent the school. Although Bellan lost against Whittington Primary School in our first ever fixture away from the school, it was unsurprising as our opponents were much more experienced players.

It was a courageous effort from all involved and the future looks bright for our sporting stars!



Children at Bellan House (not to mention their parents!) have been participating in Operation Christmas Child with gusto.

Several shoeboxes, all prettily wrapped in Christmas paper, have been packed with goodies and are ready to send off to far-off lands.

Operation Christmas Child is the world's largest children's Christmas project and it has been bringing joy into the lives of underprivileged children across Africa, Eastern Europe and Central Asia since 1990.



Last year, nearly 1.2 million shoeboxes were packed with gifts and goodies and sent from the UK.

This is an annual school event that has been organised for many years and help and support is always needed to continue this tradition. The boxes do not take very much time to create and they are very much appreciated. We sincerely hope the children who receive these parcels feel loved and not forgotten.



# EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

This term it has been a huge pleasure welcoming Alois Sikuka to Oswestry who came to the school as part of an exchange programme with Prince Edward School in Harare, Zimbabwe.

The exchange system was set up by Headmaster Douglas Robb who taught at Prince Edward for two years after leaving university.

Alois has certainly been a major asset to us both on the sports fields as a key member of our 1st XI, and also in the school in general where he has been popular with fellow students and staff alike.

“Everyone at the school has been very friendly, welcoming and helpful,” said Alois.

“The staff have been especially committed and supportive. They are happy to talk about anything during class and outside the classroom – they don’t stop the discussion.

Academically I like it that the students and staff are so focused.”

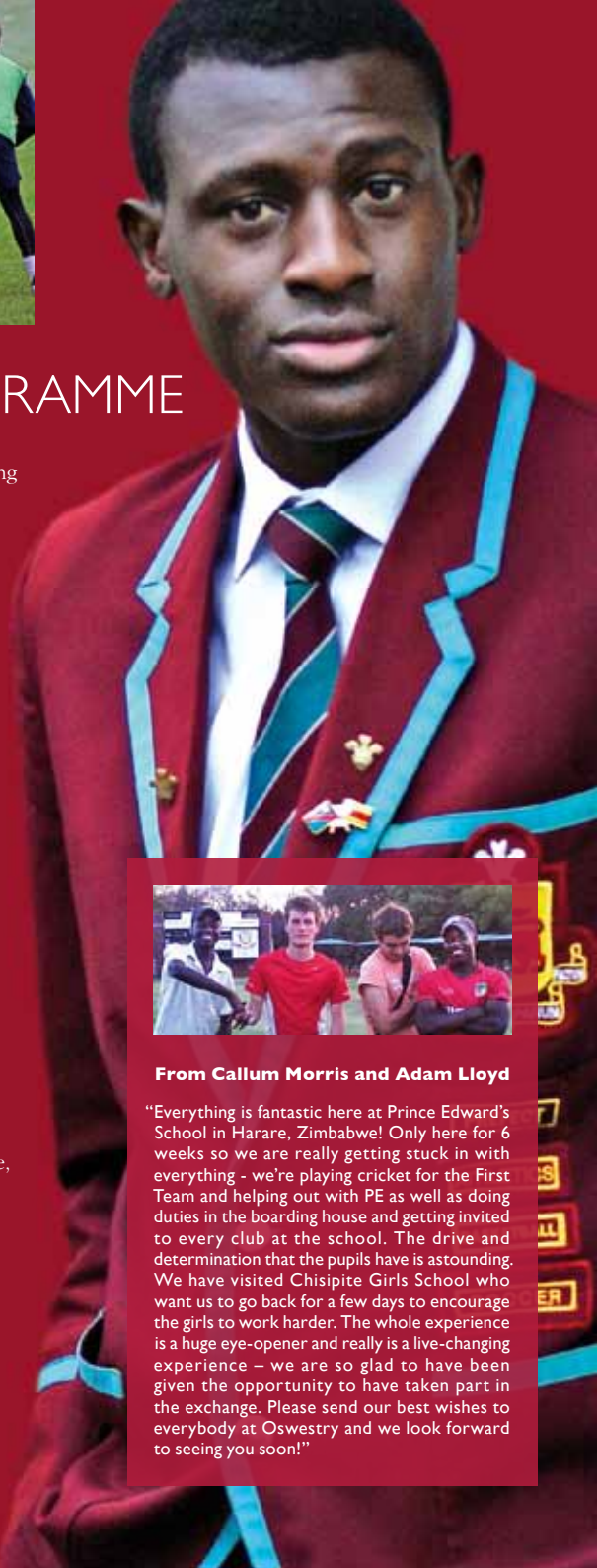
Other observations have been that boarding wise the expectations are the same – you play by the rules.

The students who came on exchange last term really recommended Oswestry and Alois said he’s happy to do the same. He loves being here, he said, and would like to stay longer than one term.

When Alois returns to Harare he will be concentrating on his A levels and he has the responsibility of being Deputy Head Boy.

“We have all really enjoyed having Alois at Oswestry and we will be wishing him every success for the future when he leaves us at the end of term,” said Mr Robb.

“The exchange programme is working very well and in the future we will be having two pupils from Prince Edward at any one time.”



**From Callum Morris and Adam Lloyd**

“Everything is fantastic here at Prince Edward’s School in Harare, Zimbabwe! Only here for 6 weeks so we are really getting stuck in with everything - we’re playing cricket for the First Team and helping out with PE as well as doing duties in the boarding house and getting invited to every club at the school. The drive and determination that the pupils have is astounding. We have visited Chisipite Girls School who want us to go back for a few days to encourage the girls to work harder. The whole experience is a huge eye-opener and really is a live-changing experience – we are so glad to have been given the opportunity to have taken part in the exchange. Please send our best wishes to everybody at Oswestry and we look forward to seeing you soon!”

# Adventure weekend

**The first Adventure Education weekend group of the new academic year set off to Capel Curig in Snowdonia to take part in a mix of activities.**

Edward Green successfully gained his British Canoe Union Three Star Award for Open Canoe on a blustery, wet day – certainly not a giveaway award!

The walkers who braved the weather managed to summit Y Garn in the Ogwen Valley before descending to the warmth of a cafe and a welcome hot chocolate – the cake selection in particular was enjoyed by Rufus Malim. They were rewarded, however, with the weather lifting for a time allowing a very 'Lord of the Rings' landscape to expose itself with a descent into an atmospheric Devil's Kitchen.

The scramblers also braved the wet weather and made a spirited ascent of Bristly Ridge before again sensibly retreating to the warmth and comfort of the Pinnacle Cafe in Capel Curig.

Sunday was a much drier day with Leo Banks and Mollie Robinson taking part in a first for the AE Department. They elected to scramble and being in the luxurious position of having two instructors the scramble turned into a climb with both pairs making an ascent of the classic Second Pinnacle Rib on the East Face of Tryfan.

The walkers scrambled up the north ridge under the guidance of Edward Green who was being assessed for his practical A level in Mountain Activities.

The weekend's success could be measured by how quickly the bus became quiet during the journey home as a fly catching competition ensued!

Here's to the next one in November where paddle sport is also an option!



# Old Oswestrians

The growing band of Old Oswestrians returning to their alma mater has been joined by Phil Bowd OO following his appointment as Bursar. A graduate of Liverpool University, Phil joins us from Accountants Whittingham Riddell, the School auditors, where he was Senior Manager Corporate Finance.

Phil is married to Rachel Jones OO, daughter of PS Jones, retired Head of Games. Phil and his family



look forward to following the family tradition and becoming even more involved with School life!

Pictured with Phil is our very own Director of Sport, Darren Hollingsworth OO who took over the reigns from Phil's father-in-law, PS Jones. As well as his post in the PE Department, Darren is also Head of Holbache House, Oswestry School's boarding house for Sixth Form boys.



After a honeymoon visit to Sri Lanka had opened the eyes of Tim Pare OO (1985-1992) and his new wife Yasmene Shah, to the poverty and squalor endured by Sri Lankan tea pickers, they founded The Tea Leaf Trust.

This is a UK registered charity to provide free education to the tea picking youth of the plantation areas “providing opportunities and promoting ethnic cohesion through education”.

Tim and Yasmene now live in Sri Lanka and their project continues to go from strength to strength. Find out more here at [www.tealeaftrust.com](http://www.tealeaftrust.com)

# The Old Oswestrian Society

The Old Oswestrian Society is delighted to announce that the guest speaker at the this year's Founder's Day Dinner is Frank Gerstenberg. Frank was Headmaster of Oswestry School from 1974-1985; his children Anna, Neil and Wendy are all Old Oswestrians and have settled around the world.

Now living just outside Edinburgh, Frank, a former Principal of George Watson's College, is now an education writer for the Scotsman and Chairman of the Governors of Glenalmond College.



Headmaster Douglas Robb with Donald Usher OO (1936-1946)

In the summer around 50 players turned up for the Golf Day at Oswestry Golf Club. Stuart Williams' team won the Men's section and Barbara Warner the Ladies'. Both teams scored well and should be proud of their efforts. Bad luck to Mike Scott and Ian Potter whose team came second by one point!

The course and food were excellent; particular thanks to John Evans who quietly helped things along throughout.

Thanks too to Alan Crowe, who although not playing, was an enormous help on the day. Headmaster Douglas Robb very kindly donated a rare bottle of 1968 single malt whisky which helped raise a significant amount in the raffle.

A decent sum was raised for the School's prospective Sports Hall and a good time was enjoyed by all.

Sally Newman-Carter, Head Girl in 2000, and her friend and OO, Mimi Lawrence (née Pearce), took part in the Chester Marathon at the beginning of October in aid of Cancer Research.

## CANCER RESEARCH UK



Coming to the event as a novice to running, Sally had trained seriously for months beforehand. This is a brief record of the day.

Sally said: "Mimi was disappointed with her time of 4:14hrs as she was trying to better her time in Berlin last year of 3:57hrs. However, as she pulled a muscle in her neck at mile 18, I think she was amazing to continue and finish when she must have been in so much pain!

"I finished with a time of 4:23hrs which I'm absolutely delighted with. The first 15 miles were at a pretty good pace, but I slowed down a lot after that, especially at mile 23 when I developed a terrible stitch and had to adopt a walk/jog technique to keep me going. But I did manage a sprint finish so I must have had some reserves left to use!

"Thanks to everyone for the support, from the strangers on the sidelines to the friends and family offering donations and words of encouragement – I couldn't have done it without them!"

# SPORT ROUNDUP



**1st XI football team** – The 1st XI football team travelled to North Cestrian Grammar and Shrewsbury School where they played outstandingly well with 12-1 and 4-0 wins respectively. With players back from injury and a new kit, the team had their reputations to uphold! The team's spirit and confidence has grown during the season which has been clear to see with the latest results. The whole team is contributing, in particular Alois Sikuka who has scored three hat tricks and centre forward Freddie Anderson. The U15 team also played against North Cestrian with a well-deserved win.



**Martial Arts and Self Defence** – Mixed Martial Arts and Self Defence classes are being run by Jonathan Bates in the school gym. Please see Mr Hollingsworth, Director of Sport, for more information.

**1st hockey team** – On a drizzly Wednesday in November Oswestry 1st hockey team travelled to Ellesmere for a much anticipated match. Ellesmere have always been a strong team but it was clear from the beginning that Oswestry were the more dominant side and finished the match 4-1 winners. Well done girls!

**1st netball team** – After successfully winning the Plate competition last year, Oswestry's 1st netball team was promoted to play in the Trophy Tournament in the U19 County Netball Tournament. This year they faced very strong opposition and despite their efforts drew one game and were defeated in the rest, narrowly losing a couple of their matches. Player of the tournament was awarded to both Captain Sophie Yates and Jade Perry for excellent play and effort throughout.

**Lifeguards** – Congratulations to Emma Bell, Sam Bell, Josh Hunt, Becky Adcock and Chris Jones who used their summer holidays productively to become qualified as Royal Life Saving Society National Pool Lifeguards.

**Football training** – We were pleased to welcome ex professional footballer Keith Osgood to run football training sessions with the U13, 1st and 2nd teams. Keith played for Tottenham Hotspur between 1973 and 1977 as a central defender.





**Under 12 football** – The U12 boys travelled to Thomas Adams School in Wem to take part in the annual football tournament against several local comprehensive schools.

Oswestry was pooled into a group with The Marches, Sir John Talbot and The Grove. With goals coming from seemingly all directions, we won our group having won two and drawn one. The composure of Dennis Bates and quality of Xavier Clarke saw us build plays from keeper Mikar Fisher (who also saved an incredible penalty attempt) right the way across the sports hall.

Passing triangles and taking early shots were in the game plan and Zak Dobie showed us the way by opening the scoring from his left foot. With six goals each from Dennis and Xavier, we were well placed going into the semi final.

Jacob Lloyd was solid at the back and showed that determination combined with skill will be rewarded. Sam Chesworth, Matthew Cooper and Will Baker gave us confidence in defence whilst an injury to Zak Dobie resulted in him missing the Final against hosts Thomas Adams.

Captain Dennis Bates got us underway and we dominated throughout. The score finished up 2-0 to Oswestry.

Well done to all of the boys who broke school history by becoming North Shropshire U12 five-a-side Champions for the first time!



**Tag rugby** – Oswestry School U11 tag rugby team were invited to attend the first tag rugby tournament at Oswestry Rugby Club.

The tournament involved 16 primary schools all competing to win the competition, Oswestry were drawn in Group 4 which involved The Meadows, Woodside and Ellesmere Primary.

The first game was Oswestry vs The Meadows and the game ended in a draw with two tries each.

The second game was against Ellesmere Primary. After an exciting game which saw Ellesmere rally after Oswestry got an early lead, Oswestry won the game 5 tries to 3.

The third Group game was against Woodside who were 2 points ahead of us within the group, the game started well for Oswestry with an early try but Woodside then got on top and ran out winners at 4 tries to 1.

As a result Woodside went forward to the semi finals and final and won the competition, as Oswestry came second in the group we went into the second competition.

We had drawn to play Trefonen, and Oswestry ran out easy winners in the end, scoring 5 tries to our opponents' 1.

The final of the runners up stages was a match against Ifon Heath. This was an end-to-end game resulting in a 2-all draw. This resulted in an extra two minutes to be played. Oswestry conceded a try within the first 10 seconds but then replied quickly with a well-worked try. With 30 seconds to go Tom Jones scored in the corner to win the game.

Special mention goes to all the boys but most importantly the three girls, Miranda Robb, Jennifer Cyffin-Jones and Phoebe Munford who gave 100% in every game.

# Cross country

Pupils braved horrible weather in the North Shropshire Primary Schools cross country competition and have every reason to be proud given the conditions.

The boys in Year 5 and 6 performed well with Jacob Tidridge coming first. The team came third overall in a pack of 69 runners.

The Year 5 girls came second overall in their age group with 58 runners.

Years 3 and 4 were led on by Dan Counter who came fourth and Katy Scott who took part as the only girl from Oswestry School in this category.

Well done and we hope for better weather next time.





# Christmas fair

The annual Christmas Fair will be held on Tuesday 13th December in the PHC from 9.30-11.30am.

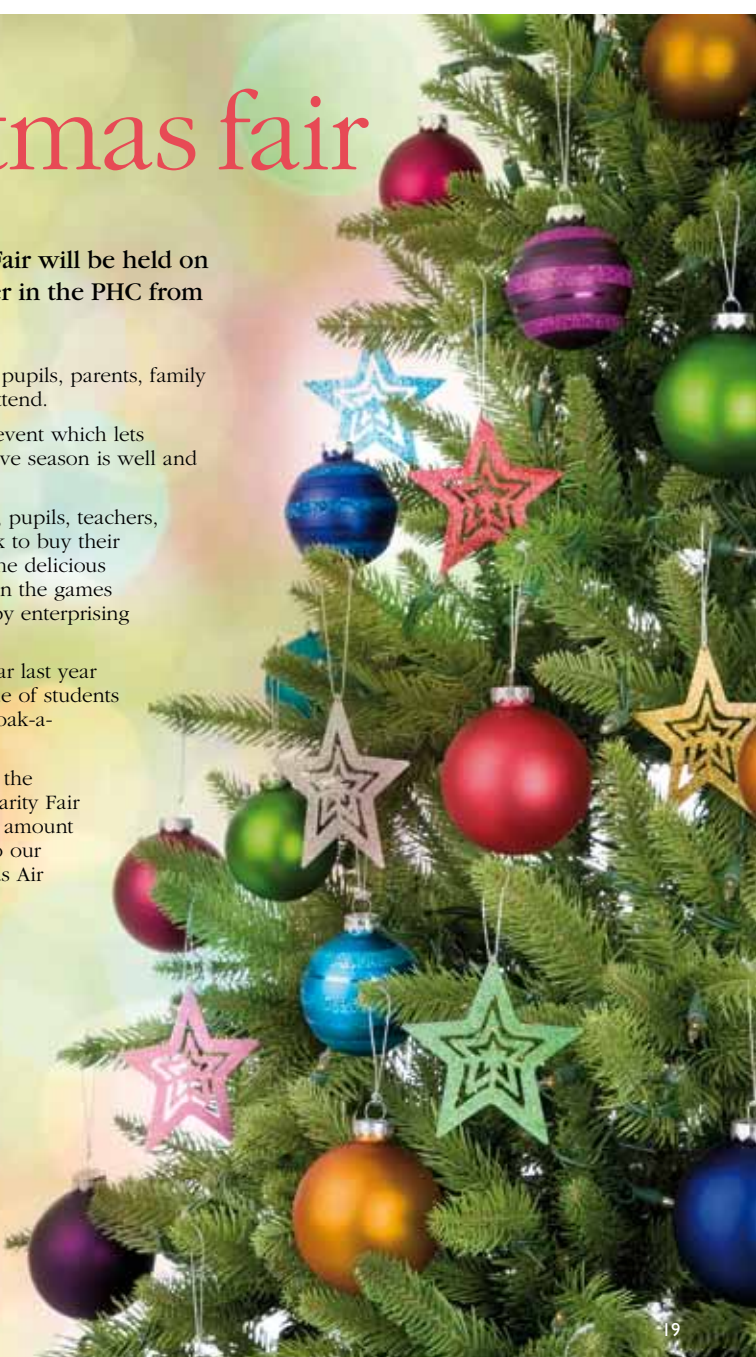
We are hoping that as many pupils, parents, family and friends will be able to attend.

This is a keenly anticipated event which lets everyone know that the festive season is well and truly under way.

If it is anything like last year, pupils, teachers, parents and friends will flock to buy their stocking-filler presents, eat the delicious food on offer and take part in the games and competitions prepared by enterprising young entrepreneurs.

Santa's Grotto proved popular last year and there was a steady queue of students waiting for their chance to soak-a-teacher.

We will be looking to match the funds raised at last year's Charity Fair which achieved the fantastic amount of £650. This was donated to our adopted charity, the Midlands Air Ambulance.



# Forthcoming Events

## **Saturday, 26 November 2011**

Founder's Day

11.00 Founder's Day Service, St Oswald's Church

13.30 Football 1st XI v Old Oswestrians (h)

19.15 Old Oswestrian Society Founder's Day Dinner, Wynnstay Hotel

## **Tuesday, 29 November 2011**

14.30 Hockey U13 v Kings School (a)

14.30 Netball U12 v Kings School (a)

## **Wednesday, 30 November 2011**

St. Andrew's Day

13.30 Football 1st XI & 2nd XI v Wrekin College (a)

15.00 Netball 1st VII, U16 v Llanfyllin (h)

15.30 Netball U15 & U14 v Shrewsbury School (h)

## **Saturday, 3 December 2011**

10.00 Football 1st XI, 2nd XI v Liverpool Ramblers (h)

## **Tuesday, 6 December 2011**

18.30 Carols by Candlelight, School Chapel

19.30 Senior School Christmas Concert, Peter Humphreys Centre

## **Wednesday, 7 December 2011**

13.00 Football 1st XI, 2nd XI, U15 & U13 v Kings Chester (a)

15.30 Netball U16 & U15 v Corbett School (a)

18.30 Carols by Candlelight, School Chapel

## **Thursday, 8 December 2011**

15.30 Hockey U13 7 a-side

19.00 Wine Tasting Evening with Momentum Wines

## **Tuesday, 13 December 2011**

09.30 Christmas Fair, Peter Humphreys Centre

## **Wednesday, 14 December 2011**

10.00 Christmas Nativity Performance, St Oswald's Church

15.15 Senior School Carol Service, St Oswald's Church

16.30 Michaelmas Term ends

## **KEY DATES FOR EARLY 2012**

### **Monday, 9 January 2012**

Start of Lent Term

### **Saturday, 4 February 2012**

Scholarship Exams

### **Friday, 10 February 2012**

Half Term

**For full details on these and other events, please see the School website or telephone the School.**

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