

SPRING TERM NEWSLETTER



JANUARY 2007

OPEN EVENING JANUARY 25TH

Once again we extend a welcome to parents and pupils to the school's Open Evening. There will be many activities taking place during the evening, giving parents and new pupils a flavour of what Olchfa is about. Of course the evening allows an opportunity for parents to also meet staff. We hope you find the evening enjoyable and for those Year 6 pupils, we look forward to welcoming you in September.

Hugh Davies

EXCITING NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PROVISION OF SCHOOL MEALS

We are delighted to announce that there will be some major changes in the provision of school meals at Olchfa. Olchfa has been successful in gaining the Phase 1 of the Healthy School Meals Award last term. The school is not directly responsible for the provision of meals, but we are pleased that the LEA and the kitchen staff have compiled new menus which are attached for information.

The new menus will come into effect after February half term, and we hope that the pupils will enjoy the extended options and variety.

Meal of the day £1.45

A La Carte—varies from 85p to £1.05

Popular Choice—60p to £1.05

Hot filled Jackets—£1.05

Annual Presentation Evening

27th March 7pm

We are delighted that the First Minister has accepted our invitation to be guest speaker at the Annual Presentation Evening at the Brangwyn Hall on the 27th March.

An invitation is extended to parents to attend this prestigious event and further details will be issued nearer the date.

Parent Governor

Vacancy

There is currently a parent Governor vacancy on the Governing Body and details and ballot forms will be issued to pupils shortly with a closing date of the 12th February.

Should you have any queries relating to the Governing Body, please contact Mrs Platt, Clerk to the Governors

OXBRIDGE SUCCESS

We are pleased to report that the following students have been offered places to Oxford or Cambridge. Our congratulations are extended to each and we wish you well in your exams and university life.

Jenny Brokenshire	Biology Science/Education	Homerton, Cambridge
Sarah Chu	Economics	Pembroke, Oxford
Angela Eshun	English	Corpus Christi, Oxford
Charlotte Francis	History	St Catherine's Camb.
Angelina Lonnqvist	Jewish Studies	Mansfield, Oxford
Charlotte Rees-Roderick	Maths	Queens' Camb.
Scott Riseborough	Physics	St Catherine's Oxford
Rhian Willson	Medicine	St Anne's Oxford
Lauren Axtmann	Biological Sciences	Trinity Hall, Camb..
Katy Yoganathan	Medicine	Place in the Cambridge pool

VACANCIES AT OLCHEFA SCHOOL

Due to the rising cost of recruitment advertising, Olchfa, like many other schools has subscribed to a recruitment web site www.eteach.com. In future all teaching and non-teaching posts will be advertised on this site, and details and application forms can be downloaded from the website. We currently have three temporary vacancies as follows:

CURRICULUM RESOURCES ASSISTANT (Temporary)

18 hours per week (Weds/Thurs/Fri) to cover term time from

28th February until 31st August 2007 in the first instance

Salary – Level 1 (4-10) (£11,193 - £13,014) pro rata

Commencing on SCP 8 (£12,372) pro rata which equals £5,280 per annum based on 18 hours per week and new appointments to the Authority

The School wishes to appoint a Curriculum Resources Assistant from 28th February 2007. The role will entail supporting teaching staff with administration duties which include data management, managing and updating databases, managing subject resources, preparation of drafts of exam papers/worksheets/minutes etc, photocopying, filing etc.

The willingness to work flexibly as part of a team and a good level of initiative are essential for this post.

The closing date for this post will be 3.30pm on 1st February 2007

Interviews will be week commencing 5th February.

Application form and further details can be downloaded from www.eteach.com alternatively please forward an A4 sae (41p) to Mrs D Edwards, School Manager

CHEMISTRY LABORATORY TECHNICIAN (Temporary)

37 hours per week / 41 weeks per year

Salary : Level 2 (11-15) (£13,854 - £15,096) pro rata

Commencing on SCP 13 (14,523) pro rata which equals £13,076 per annum based on 37 hours per week and new appointments to the authority)

The School is seeking to appoint a Chemistry Laboratory Technician on a temporary basis effective immediately until the 31st September 2007 in the first instance.

The role will entail responsibility for the daily running and general upkeep of the Chemistry Department and associated equipment. IT skills would be an advantage. You should have a minimum of five GCSE's (grades C or above), preferably in Mathematics/Chemistry or other relevant qualifications.

The willingness to work flexibly as part of a team and a good level of initiative are essential for this post.

Further information and application form can be downloaded from www.eteach.com or alternatively send an A4 sae (41p)

to Mrs D Edwards, School Manager
The closing date for applications is 3.30pm 1st February 2007.

Interviews will be held week commencing 5th February.

TEMPORARY TEACHER OF WELSH

(Main Scale)

A temporary teacher of Welsh as a second language is required to commence with immediate effect to cover a member of staff sick leave.

The post will involve the teaching of KS3 and KS4.

This is a challenging opportunity for an enthusiastic and well qualified teacher who has a good command of spoken and written Welsh.

The willingness to work flexibly as part of a team and a good level of initiative are essential for this post.

The closing date for this post will be 3.30pm on 1st February 2007

Interviews will be held week commencing 5th February.

Application form and further details can be downloaded from www.eteach.com, alternatively please forward an A4 sae (41p) envelope to Mrs D Edwards, School Manager

Routine Vacancies

If you are interested in becoming a Dining Room Assistant, please contact Mrs Baglow on 534304 for further details.

If you are interested in becoming an exam invigilator please contact Mr Helliwell Exams Officer on 534309. Training will be provided.

CHARITY FUNDRAISING UPDATE



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In order to keep pupils and parents abreast of our charity fundraising activities, the school, yet again had a very successful year in 2006. With our thanks to pupils, parents, and the community, pupils raised a total of £8,000 during the 2006 walk and year group charity committees selected to support Childline (£1,252), Wateraid (4,553), Singleton Hospital Cancer Research (£387) and the Ramakrishna Orphanage in Sir Lanka, who we continue to support in their work with victims of the tsunami (£1,516). In March, £1,140 was raised to sponsor events at the 2006 National Eisteddod in Swansea. In October a non-uniform day was held to raise money for charities nominated by the families in the school community where either a current or former pupil had died recently. Cheques for £670 were sent to each of Headway, CRY, Ty Hafan Hospice, Cruse Bereavement Centre and LATCH. In November the pupils raised £2,600 for Oxfam Unwrapped buying goats, school meals, fishing nets and many other items. Pupils and staff also support the Christmas Shoe Box Appeal annually, and also this year the Blue Peter Shoe Appeal.

Our thanks is also extended to Mr Turpin who organises these fundraising events.

A PLEA TO PARENTS to notify the school of any change of address, contact numbers, circumstances relating to their child (ren). It is crucial that the school has the correct contact details in order that the parent/guardian can be contacted immediately in the event of an emergency/ accident.

There has been an incident when a pupil had to be taken to hospital following an accident, but the school could not reach parents to advise them, this is not acceptable.

LOST PROPERTY

Can we remind pupils and parents to make every effort to collect lost property items from the Pupil Welfare Officer. As usual this accumulates to a vast amount of clothing, trainers, shoes and jewellery which has to be disposed of at the end of every term due to lack of storage

SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAY DATES 2006-2007

			<i>Mid Term Holidays</i>			
Term	Term Begins	Term ends	Begins	Ends	Term begins	Term ends
Autumn 2006	Monday 4 September	Friday 27 October	Monday 30 October	Friday 3 November	Monday 6 November	Friday 22 December
Spring 2007	Monday 8 January	Friday 16 February	Monday 19 February	Friday 23 February	Monday 26 February	Thursday 30 March
Summer 2007	Monday 16 April	Friday 25 May	Monday 28 May	Friday 1 June	Monday 4 June	Friday 20 July
BANK HOLIDAYS	6 April 2007 – Good Friday		9 April 2007 – Easter Monday			
	7 May 2007 – May Day		28 May 2007 – Spring Bank Holiday			

INSET DATES : 7 March / 6 July /