



# Otters Class News



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Welcome once again to the Otters class page!

This half term seems to have flown by and we're now on the way to Easter – and thankfully the weather seems to be improving and we're now having more access to the field.

Since returning from half term, as always, we have been extremely busy in class, learning through a range of opportunities both in and outside the classroom.

## Year 5/6 Music News

In music we have travelled back in time to study music through the ages. We have focused on the most notable composers from the Renaissance, Baroque and Classical periods of Music History. We particularly liked

listening to Renaissance instruments such as the serpent and the harpsichord.



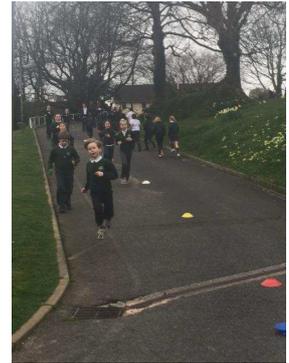
Our project culminated in a whole class ensemble performance of Pachelbel's Canon. Each group had to learn a different part of the melody on a different instrument; this included the recorder, keyboard, and xylophone. We had great fun putting the performance together and working as a class to make a fantastic sound.

## Safer Internet Day

We marked Safer Internet Day with some very interesting discussions around staying safe online. After watching an informative video regarding the importance of privacy settings on social media, and also acting out a play about the dangers of online gaming, we created 'Safer Internet Day' posters. We recognise how important it is to keep ourselves safe and have learned more about this through our SMSC lessons.

## The Daily Mile

Since September, we have been taking part in a daily run, where we are encouraged to complete as many laps of the school as we can, in ten minutes. The results have been very positive – we have risen to this challenge with many of us completing the six-lap mile each day. This challenge has gone hand-in-hand with our growth mindset themes of determination and resilience.



Many of us have truly given it our all and have come back into class, red-faced and ready to focus!

## Documentary scripts

Inspired by the series, 'The Blue Planet', we have been writing documentary scripts to accompany some of the amazing footage seen on screen. We have closely investigated the features of David Attenborough's narration and tried to mirror this in our own texts. The results have been incredible. Below is an excerpt from the introduction to one piece of writing:

*Far to the south, in the Antarctic, penguins are heading towards land; this is to breed. They have been swimming for many months and must rest. Most penguins have managed to escape the deep, icy, treacherous waters. It is not easy getting onto this icy beast – but they don't give up. Although for now they are safe, where they really want to be is on land*  
....by Lara

## Photos online

All of our stunning photos from this year's events can be viewed on our Flickr account. Please feel free to explore the albums; they really are worth a look:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/96595782@N08/sets/>

The year is fast whizzing by as we look forward to an even busier Summer term ahead!

Regards,

The Year 5/6 Team