

Weekly Newsletter
1st July 2024



Right of the Fortnight: Article 3:
All adults should do what is best for you.



Dear Parents/Carers,

Choosing the **right primary school** can set your child up with a **lifelong love of learning**. Over the weekend the Hartlepool Mail published 'The 21 top primary schools in the North East, according to Ofsted and league tables'. We are delighted that Oakdene was ranked **11th in the whole of the North East and ranked in 1st place for the best primary school in Stockton On Tees!**

Last week we hosted members of the **Academy Improvement Committee** and a number of **leaders/serving inspectors** from the North and East hubs of the Enquire Learning Trust. They could see how our **outstanding curriculum** is meticulously planned to ensure we provide the **winning formula** of the precision of literacy and numeracy skills with **memorable, exciting and challenging** learning opportunities.

Mrs E Bramley and Mrs S Osborne



Year 6 enjoyed two sessions delivered by **Children Challenging Industry** prior to their site visits. 6B tested the best materials for medicines, such as the right amount of glycerine, linked to their visit to Fujifilm. 6M tested cooling hot water down as quickly as possible, linked to their visit to Micropore, who make different emulsifiers.

6B visited **Fuji Film in Billingham** they had a tour of the building and moved around four different activities which demonstrated how they test the **viscosity of liquids**, how they create carbon dioxide in medicines using yeast and sugar and how they mix liquids. Y6B had a race to see how fast they could put on the **safety equipment** of goggles, overalls and gloves. All children received a gift bag with a water bottle, seeds and passports linked to careers and activity books.

6M visited **Micropore, Redcar** where they worked alongside two engineers. They created their own version of hydrogel tablets by adding two substances together to **create a porous structure around a fluid**. This is used when creating different medicines, where the outer shell encases the inner fluid before it would be released.

Following this, 6M looked at how to **create an emulsifier** by adding oil and water together. Next they shook the substances to see if they could create an emulsifier as well as the machine. Some of the children came very close.



Dates For Your Diary - Summer Term

Mon 1st July	4.30pm Meeting for Parents and Carers of September 2024 New Reception Pupils
Wed 3rd July	Reception Visit Hardwick Park 'Step into Storytime' Y5 Eden Camp Visit
Thurs 4th July	Y1 Beach Schools Visit Y4 Independence Day Celebrations
Tues 9th July Wed 10th July	Academy Hub Music Events for some Y3 Pupils Summer Reading Challenge Assembly led by Angela Foster (rearranged)
Mond 15th July Tues 16th July Wed 17th July	Y6 Boys Football Competition 2.15pm Sports Day for Pupils in Y1-Y3 Y5 VE Day Y6 Hancock Museum Visit
Thurs 18th July Fri 19th July	Y2 'Lost Words' Visit Y3 Captain Cook Visit 2pm Sports Day for Pupils in Y4-Y6
Mon 22nd July Tues 23rd July Wed 24th—Fri 26th July Wed 24th July Thurs 25th July Fri 26th July	Meet My New Teacher Event 6.00pm Y6 Leavers' Performance (Tickets Only) Some Y6 Pupils Attend Summer School @ Northfield 3.30pm Friends of Oakdene Summer Fair Rec pupils Olympic Celebratory Event Little Sycamores and Nursery AM and PM Teddy Bears' Picnic
Tues 30th July	LAST DAY OF THE SUMMER TERM



Year 3 and 4 girls participated in a **girls' football event** at Northfield focussing on the school games values: **honesty, passion, determination, teamwork, respect, and self-belief.**

Their **exceptional** performance earned them a well-deserved trophy for demonstrating unwavering determination.

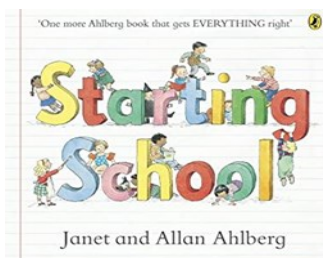


Three of our talented Y5/Y6 children attended the **athletics qualifiers** event last week. **Teddie Edmenson** for his 80m Sprint, **Hayden Jackson** for his Howler Throw and **Kiera Ibbotson** for her Triple Jump. These incredible individuals showed a **fantastic attitude** and promoted our school to the highest standard with their sporting ability. All children put in maximum effort and represented our school proudly. They all sustained **excellent performances** to secure themselves a place in the **Tees Valley District finals. Wow!**



Recommended Read

This week's recommended read is from
Miss Dixon
'Starting School'
By **Janet and Allan Ahlberg**



This timeless book follows a number of children's first experiences as it takes children right from their very first day to the end of the school year. This reassuring read will support, with care, even the most nervous school-starter, exploring each emotion, from fear to excitement.



Storytime fun for toddlers



Sign up for family fun with storyteller Louise Clark.

Enjoy four interactive story and play sessions, aimed at children under 5.

Starting Tuesday 2 July at Billingham Library, 1.30 - 2.30pm.

For booking and further information email Angela:
stocktonborough.libraries@stockton.gov.uk



Local author **Lisette Auton** visited Oakdene last Friday, along with Linzi Winn from **The National Literacy Trust**, and delivered an inspirational presentation to Y5 & Y6 pupils.

Lisette shared, **"I'm a disabled, neurodivergent, working-class, Tees Valley multidisciplinary artist based in Darlington"** and encouraged the children to be proud of who they are and to **follow their dreams**.

Lisette also shared top tips to **write, redraft and edit**. She highlighted the importance of how local landmarks have shaped her work. Her latest publication was based on the **Darlington Hippodrome Theatre**.



The author **Jamie Smart** led a brilliant virtual **draw-a-long** for Y3 & Y4 pupils last week.

Matt also inspired the staff to join in and Mr Horkan proved to be quite a talented **illustrator** too!



Y5 pupils Kara Dixon, Thea Birch, Morgan Titlestad and Brienna May-Thomas are so proud to play for BUFC U10 Bees team. Everyone of them received 'Golden Boot trophies' acknowledging their participation and unwavering commitment to their training and performance in games. All girls received nominations for awards.

Morgan was both surprised and delighted to achieve the 'Parents' Player Award'. What a dream team!



Y5 pupil **Emily Smith** attends **Zi Shiying Tang Soo Do** to learn an adaptive approach to martial arts.

Emily was pleased to accept two new medals for controlling fighting and for her excellent performance and technique.



Wimbledon season is just beginning and Y1 pupil **Eli Prince** has been brushing up on his tennis skills. Eli has completed the second level of the 'Tennis Stars' programme and received a very prestigious medal and certificate (endorsed by **Dame Judy Murray**) to celebrate his achievements so far. Eli could be the next Andy Murray!



Y2 pupil **Malachi Worth** plays football for **Billingham United**.

In a recent game he played phenomenally well and scored a tremendous goal. Malachi was rewarded with this trophy, many congratulations!



It's always good to try new adventures. Y1 pupil, **Holland Finley**, is a doing just that. Although Holland is a fairly novice horse rider, she has already showed great promise and, as a result, won two beautiful rosettes to recognise her potential. Holland really looks the part and is at ease even when trying jumps.

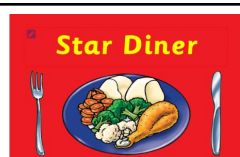


Y2 pupil **Alex Wainwright** completed a 'Junior Warrior 3K Muddy Run' alongside his Dad. They took on a number of challenges including:- 'Muddy Mayhem', 'Canopy Climb' and the 'Slideaway', to name a few. Alex ran, climbed, jumped, crawled and slid his way around 15 challenging obstacles. What an amazing way to spend the weekend and bond with your family!



Week Ending 28th June 2024
Stars of the Week at Oakdene Primary Academy

Class	Star of the Week 	Star Reader 	Star Writer 	Star Mathematician 
Early Years Unit Mrs Guest	Oscar Edgar	Parker Purvis	Annie Tunney	Emmie Marshall
YR Miss Dixon	Axyl Edgar	Louie Walker	Lucas Lee	Bonnie-Rae Scarth-Ferguson
Y1 Mrs Brown	Jacob Matthews	Charlie Beken	Hunter Lake	Lincoln Wardle
Y2 Mrs Durham	Alex Wainwright	Freddie McQuilling	Lola Pearce	Leo Archer
Y3 Mr Horkan & Mr Brown	Lewis Harris	Anna Cooley	Charlie Owens	Albert Balanescu
Y4R Miss Robinson	Piper Noon	Hollie Dale	Brooke Love	Harry Laws
Y4S Miss Smith	Leighton Harvey	Fearne Fisher	Nancy Green	George Reeve
Y5 Mrs Wilson & Mrs Smith	Kara Dixon	Amelia Wilks	Ellie Smith-Sewell	Max Harris
Y6M Mr McConnell	Arez Ali	Kallum Squires	Monica Dobson	Rocco Garthwaite
Y6B Miss Bestwick	Amelia Wood	Meghan Dyson	Amelia Richards	James Luker



YR & KSI
Harper Cooper

Y3 & Y4
Annie Harris

Y5 & Y6
George Robinson