

Weekly Newsletter 2nd December 2024



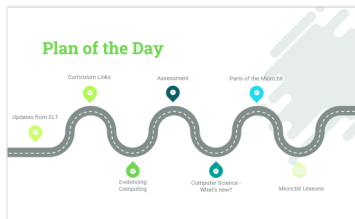
Right of the Fortnight: Article 23:
Your right to have special support
if you are disabled



Dear Parents/Carers

The only part of the curriculum which is prescribed by **the Enquire Learning Trust** is the **Computing Curriculum**. This has been recently updated and teachers had a productive PD day on Friday, led by our new Computing Lead, Mr Horkan. We spent the day looking at the **updates**, weaving in **curriculum links** with our topics, looking at **assessment** and evidencing **computing**. We spent time on the **'Computer Science'** strand and the highlight of the day was building staff confidence using **Micro:bit**.

Mrs Osborne (Wellbeing Lead) spent the morning with Teaching Assistants sharing new resources to support the Mental Health and Wellbeing of children. We have developed a huge toolkit of resources over the years.



The children at Oakdene have been learning about many **festivals of light** at this time of year, including **Diwali** and **Hanukkah**. We are busy preparing for **Christmas** in school and the children are enjoying the atmosphere in both halls created by the Christmas trees, decorations and lights. Classrooms are also beginning to look very festive. Our new school cook, Karen Smith is looking forward to serving **School Christmas Lunch on Thursday, 5th December**.

We continue to really appreciate all your support and we will ensure that the children have an exciting build-up to the Christmas break.

Have a fantastic week everyone!

Mrs E Bramley and Mrs S Osborne

It was fantastic to welcome so many parents & carers of Y4 pupils to a **Caribbean-themed Open Morning**. Activities included baking **Fairtrade banana & chocolate muffins**, creating **Caribbean-themed clay sea-life creatures** and Mrs Osborne shared our **approach to reading in Y4**.

Miss Robinson showcased all the different methods we use to prepare the children for the **Multiplication Tables Check** which takes place in the summer term.



Dates For Your Diary - Autumn Term

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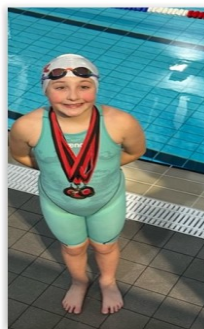
Tues 3rd Dec	Y4 'School's Big Gig - Rocking Christmas' 1.30-2.30pm at Middlesbrough Town Hall
Wed 4th Dec	Y3 Speed Stacking Event 12.30-2.45pm
Thurs 5th Dec	3.30pm Friends of Oakdene Christmas Fair 9.30am 24 Pupils Ice Skating Event Christmas Lunch (please order on MCAS asap)
Fri 6th Dec	10.15am Y3 & Y4 Christmas Tableau at St Luke's Church (Y3 & Y4 parents/carers welcome—ticketed event)
Mon 9th Dec	2.10pm Nativity Performance
Tues 10th Dec	Y5 Visit Centre for Life, Newcastle
Wed 11th Dec	2.10pm Nativity Performance
Thurs 12th Dec	AM Y1 Christmas Event at St Aidan's Church 10.30am Reception visit Arc - 'The Light Princess'
Fri 13th Dec	9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Nursery Pupils
Tues 17th Dec	9.10am Y5 & Y6 Christingle PM Y1 & Y2 Christmas Parties
Wed 18th Dec	PM Y3 & Y4 Christmas Parties
Thurs 19th Dec	AM and PM Little Sycamores and Nursery Christmas Parties PM Reception Christmas Party PM Y5 & Y6 Christmas Parties
Fri 20th Dec	LAST DAY OF TERM

Christmas Holiday: Monday, 23rd December 2024 - Friday, 3rd January 2025

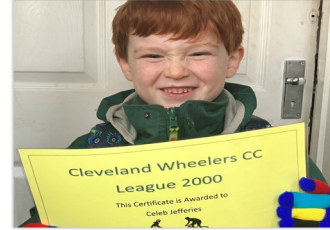
Children will return to school on Monday, 6 January 2025



Last week both **Indi** and **Roman Chesworth** raced exceptionally well. Indi (Y6) competed in the age 10-12 years category and won **gold** in 200m freestyle, 100m IM, **silver** in 100m freestyle, 400m freestyle and **bronze** in 100m butterfly. Roman (Y3) competed in the age 8 category and came **first** in 25m freestyle, backstroke, butterfly and **2nd** in breast stroke. They also attended their **annual presentation** night where Indi was awarded with a trophy for the **most Personal Bests** achieved this season in the district swimming squad. Phenomenal!



Caleb (Y1) and Nathaniel (Rec) Jefferies competed at the Pontefract Park in the **Yorkshire Cyclo-Cross Association Round 5** hosted by Knottingley Velo. This proved to be a very **technical** course with terrain the boys have never experienced before. Caleb came in as the final finisher of the race for Manilla Cycling Under 9s. Nathaniel was 18th boy and 24th overall whilst Caleb was 20th boy and 26th overall. The boys were presented with **certificates** for achieving such **successful seasons** at the **Cleveland Wheelers CC League** presentation evening too. Fantastic news!



Y4 pupil Milo Hancock was recently awarded his **6th Mon grade** with **Aspire Judo Academy**.

The yellow belt represents an increased level of **experience** and **knowledge** gained in **mastering** Judo skills.

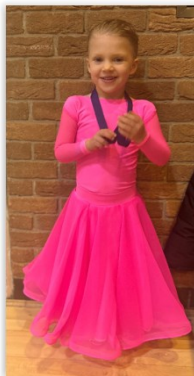
This is a great reward for Milo's hard work and dedication this year.



Y1 pupil **Bonnie-Rae Scarth-Ferguson** enjoyed recent **success** in a **gymnastics** competition.

Bonnie-Rae performed a complex routine which was graded according to **10** different skills. She was **judged** amongst many girls in the **region**.

Bonnie-Rae's **execution** of the sequence received high praise and she scooped a **silver medal!**



Y1 pupil **Izzabella Matthews** attends dancing lessons at **Smith and Jacques**.

Izzy was presented with a medal for being placed **4th** in recognition of her brilliant **ballroom** and **Latin** routines.

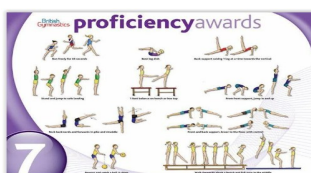
Izzy has now qualified for her **first final** which will be held in the **Tower Ballroom, Blackpool**.

Huge congratulations!

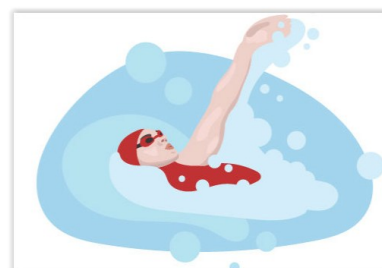


*Very well done to Y3 pupil **Darcie Berry** who was delighted to receive a **certificate of achievement** and a **medal** for the progress she has made in **gymnastics**.*

Y4 pupil **Lily Scott-Mullin** has achieved her **Level 7 Trampoline Proficiency Award**. Lily had really practised her routine which consisted of a **straddle, seat drop, 1/2 twist to feet, pike, front drop to feet, tuck, hands and knees, forward turnover to back, to feet**. Richly deserved!



Y5 pupil **Lily Lloyd** took part in a **swimming gala** at the Forum recently. Lily achieved 4th in backstroke, 5th for front Crawl & breast stroke and 11th in butterfly & freestyle. Wonderful!



Recommended Read

This week's recommended read is from
Mrs Jackson
'One Snowy Night'
By **Nick Butterworth**



This wonderful story was Nick Butterworth's first published book and is perfect for bedtime storytelling — snuggling up with a blanket and a hot chocolate.

This classic brings Percy the Park keeper & his animal friends to life in a heartwarming story about friendship, fun & kindness.

Last week, Mrs Osborne organised a visit from award winning author **James Nichol** as part of the Northern Children's Book Festival. James delivered an **enthralling** workshop to all **KS2** pupils based on his latest novel, **'The Cloud Thief'**. This text explores **important themes** such as **climate change**, **animal rights** and **inequality** in an **engaging** child-friendly and accessible way.



Reception & KS1 pupils enjoyed a very interactive session with author **Alan Windram** based on his new book **'Kevin The Orange'**. A story full of fun and quirky humour, Kevin the Orange is a laugh-out-loud story with serious messages **'the uniqueness of us all, friendship and being happy as you are.'**

Props, drawing and singing games. It was really brilliant fun and hopefully will leave them inspired to want to read and write their own stories.

It was heart-warming to see so many children purchasing his latest book and have them signed by the author.



HOLIDAYS ARE FUN

Free, fun activities for school age children from Reception to Year 11.

To be eligible, families must be in receipt of benefits/food on school meals, in receipt of Universal Credit, or experiencing financial difficulties.

Check if you are eligible for free school meals and apply at www.stockton.gov.uk/free-school-meals.

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

Class	Star of the Week 	Star Reader 	Star Writer 	Star Mathematician 
Nursery Mrs Guest	Theo Bell	Zac Love	Jessie-Rae Allison	Harper-Rose Hill
YR Miss Dixon	Nellie Puckering	Elijah Wilson-Hill	Harriet Smith	Coen Beadle
Y1 Mrs Brown & Mrs Thompson	Michael Smith	Elliot Hardy	Harry Robinson	Amelia Wright
	Prashwita Bhimavarapu	Delilah Dodds-Day	Tommy Wilks	Hallie Richardson
Y2 Mrs Durham	Issac McCarthy	Sava Ali	Jacob Jackson	Saga Svedlund
Y3 Mr Horkan	Lillymae Morgan	Max Prout	Lilly Dixon	Riven Mansell
Y4 Miss Robinson	Jacob Edgar-Simpson	Lacie Love	Albert Balanescu	Oscar Prince
Y5SW Mrs Wilson & Mrs Smith	Harry Laws	Skye Stainsby	Dolly Rogers	Hollie Dale
Y5M Mr McConnell	Olivia-Grace Allison	Kayci Scott-Mullin	Sophie-Alysa Minter	Finley Orley
Y6 Mrs Cowan	Indi Chesworth	Eliza Unsworth	Jaden Ridley	Noah White

	YR & KSI Olivia Curry	Y3 & Y4 Quinn Parkin	Y5 & Y6 Jake Atkinson
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