

Weekly Newsletter 3rd July 2023



**Right of the Fortnight: Article 22:
You have the right to special
protection if you are a refugee.**



Dear Parents/Carers,

As we end another week, this leaves us just over two weeks until the end of term and the end of another school year! I really don't know where the time goes. Please make sure that you've looked at our published key dates as we have a lot of **events** and **celebrations** planned over the last 14 school days!

As we have reached the end of **Pride Month**, we are proud to say that we achieved the **Rainbow Flag Award**. The Rainbow Flag Award is a national quality assurance framework that focuses on **positive LGBTQ+ inclusion and visibility**. Over the past year, we have been committed to creating a positive environment of **LGBTQ+ education** across our school, resulting in many positive changes and new initiatives taking place. As we continue our journey, we recognise the need for ongoing improvements and the introduction of further initiatives. For now, we hope you will support us in **celebrating** this wonderful achievement. We are one of the first school's in the **North East** to have achieved this award.

Children in Y5 and Y6 recently watched an NSPCC '**Speak Out, Stay Safe**' virtual assembly, which had been refreshed and resources updated since we watched it during Safer Internet Day in February. This assembly prepared the children for the **NSPCC workshops** which were delivered last Wednesday to each Y5 and Y6 class. The children learnt about the different types of abuse in a child-friendly and age-appropriate way, so they can get help should they need it. They identified **safe adults** they can talk to if they are ever worried about themselves or a friend. They learnt about **Childline** and how it can support them. We also received some **Buddy Kits** which were handed out following the workshops.

Have a wonderful week!

Mrs E Bramley and Mrs S Osborne



Dates For Your Diary - Summer Term

3rd- 7th July	Transition Week for Y6 Pupils	
Mon 3rd July	Launch the Summer Reading Challenge	
Tues 4th July	Y3 Visit to Captain Cook Museum	
Wed 5th July	2pm KS2 Sports Day	
Thurs 6th July	Y5 Eden Camp Visit	
Fri 7th July	KS2 author visit Harry Meredith	
Mon 10th & Tues 11th July	Y6 Residential	
Mon 10th July	Academy Hub Music Events for some Y3 Pupils	
	4.30pm Meeting for Parents and Carers of New Reception Pupils September 2023.	
Tues 11th July	2pm KS1 Sports Day	
Wed 12th July	Meet My New Teacher Event (changed from earlier newsletters)	
Tues 18th July	6.00pm Y6 Leavers' Performance (Tickets Only Via MCAS)	
Wed 19th July	Little Sycamores and Nursery AM and PM Teddy Bears' Picnic	
	Y5 VE Day Celebration	
	Reception Celebrate Me Day (new date)	
Thurs 20th July	LAST DAY OF THE SUMMER TERM	

School Year September 2023 – August 2024

PD Days

- 4 September 2023
- 5 September 2023
- 6 November 2023
- 3 January 2024
- 16 February 2024



Autumn term 2023

The Autumn term runs from: Monday 4 September to Tuesday 19 December 2023. Monday 4 and Tuesday 5 September are PD days so children will return to school on Wednesday 6 September 2023

Half-term holiday runs from: Monday 30 October to Friday 3 November 2023 inclusive. The children will break up on Friday 27 October. As there is a PD day on Monday 6 November 2023, the children will return to school on Tuesday 7 November 2023.

Christmas holidays run from: Wednesday 20 December 2023 to Tuesday 2 January 2024 inclusive. The children break up on Tuesday 19 December 2023. As there is a PD day on Wednesday 3 January the children will return to school on Thursday 4 January 2024.

Spring term 2024

The Spring term runs from: Wednesday 3 January to Thursday 28 March 2024. The children will return to school on Thursday 4 January 2024 (PD day on 3 January).

Half-term holiday runs from: Monday 19 February to Friday 23 February 2024 inclusive. As there is a PD day on Friday 16 February, the children will break up on Thursday 15 February and will return to school on Monday 26 February 2024.

Easter holidays run from: Friday 29 March to Friday 12 April 2024 inclusive. The children will break up on Thursday 28 March and will return to school on Monday 15 April 2024.

Summer term 2024

The Summer term runs from: Monday 15 April to Tuesday 30 July 2024.

Bank holiday (school closed): Monday 6 May 2024

Half-term holiday runs from: Monday 27 May to Friday 7 June 2024 inclusive (**two weeks**). The children will break up on Friday 24 May and will return to school on Monday 10 June 2024.

The children's last day at school before the summer holidays will be Tuesday 30 July 2024.

Last Tuesday, members of the Trust Central Team, Principals, members of the Academy Improvement Committee and four colleagues from Scarborough visited our school for the day. They conducted a **deep enquiry** into evaluating the progress within the **Academy Improvement Plan**. The enquiry is designed to **evaluate the quality of education** provision through our academy improvement priorities, to **celebrate progress** made throughout the academy and to define **next steps** to make our place of learning even more extraordinary. The visitors (including the lead enquirer who is a serving Ofsted inspector) agreed with our judgements that we continue to be outstanding in all areas. We had already identified **three next steps** for 2023-2024. These were agreed and no new steps were suggested by the team.

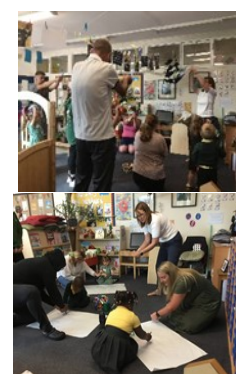
Some of the highlights of the report included:-

- The academy has high aspirations for all pupils – teaching to a greater depth standard and uplifting all – reducing scaffolds gently to create independent learners.
- All staff and pupils show high ambition through their planning, pedagogy, conversations, and expectations of the curriculum.
- Writing stamina is evident in all classes and pupils are experienced and confident with extended writing.
- Pupils show pride in their learning and are confident to share their learning with each other and visitors.
- Leaders have thought deeply about the resources each class needs which really supports next steps and the purpose of learning.



It was fantastic to welcome so many parents & carers of **nursery** pupils to the **Open Morning and Afternoon**. Activities included **squiggle while you wriggle**, creating healthy fruit kebabs and games to promote coordination and colour recognition.

Mrs Osborne (Vice Principal) shared our **approach to number in nursery** during the morning session whilst Mrs Brown (Early Years Lead) led the same session for afternoon nursery.





The **summer reading challenge** is back this year! All our children have been invited to participate in the 2023 Summer Reading Challenge at **Billingham Library**. Each year, the Summer Reading Challenge has a new theme. This year, The Reading Agency have teamed up with the Youth Sport Trust to create 'Ready, Set, Read!', a Challenge that's all about **sports and games**.

Children aged **4-11** can visit Billingham Library from Saturday, 8th July onwards to meet the **Gadgeteers** and participate in our Summer Reading Challenge! Angela (Billingham Librarian) has led one assembly already to promote the rewards: certificates, stickers and medals.

If there's one thing you can do over the school holidays—keep up the daily/regular reading habits.

Y1 Pupils Beach Schools Visit to Saltburn-by-the-Sea

As a **Beach School** we recognise there is scope for outdoor play and learning on the shore.

Coastlines offer a unique environment for children's **discovery** and **learning**. The children explored **rock pools**, took **digital photographs** from the pier and created **sand sculptures**. We hired two beach huts—Elizabeth and George, to provide shelter from the wind at times and shade from the sun. Many tourists approached staff to **congratulate the children's beautiful manners** and **exceptional behaviour**.



Y2D and Y2 Willows enjoyed a lovely day exploring the wildlife highlighted in the bestselling book '**The Lost Words**' when they visited **Danby Education Centre**. Children hunted for the lost words in **Crow Wood** and made a collective acrostic poem.

They were led on a gorgeous 1km **story walk** through woods and fields down to a small stream. Through the **story**, the children discovered some of the 'lost' creatures and took part in **minibeast hunts** and games, whilst making **weasel homes** and **natural artwork**. The children were **REMARKABLE** in every way and demonstrated all of our school values.



Year 3 and Year 4 girls had an amazing time at the **Disney Sports** themed morning!




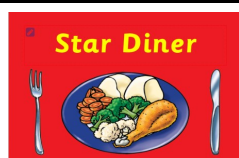
They participated in a variety of sports activities, including, **football, dodgeball, rounders, and golf**, all with a Disney twist.

The event was designed to encourage girls to get involved in sport and **celebrate the power of girls**. It was a fantastic morning filled with **fun** and **excitement**.



Week Ending 30th June 2023

Stars of the Week at Oakdene Primary Academy

Class	Star of the Week 	Star Reader 	Star Writer 
Morning Nursery Mrs Guest	Delilah Dodds-Day	Jack Bourne	Harry Robinson
Afternoon Nursery Mrs Guest	Finley Short	Elena Uzor	Poppy Daniel
YR Miss Robinson	Saga Svedlund	Joseph Luker	Bella Mansell
Willows Mrs Farnaby & Mr Brown	Joshua Wood	Leanne Fletcher	Edward Gardiner-Jukes
YIB Mrs Brown	Darcie Berry	Oliver Coates	Frankie Jeffrey
Y2D Mrs Durham	Jessica Dunn	Spencer Jardine	Archie Donnelly
Y3/4H Mr Horkan	Amber Hammond	Yener Arslan	Olivia-Grace Allison
Y3L Mrs Largan	Dolly Rogers	Lily Daniel	Landon Quinn
Y4S Miss Smith	Brienna May-Thomas	Jacob Smithson	Indi Chesworth
Y5W Mrs Wilson	Arez Ali	Isaac Dobson	Emily Daniel
Y5M Mr McConnell	Harleigh Ramsey	Cody-Lee Fitzpatrick	Casey-Lee Morgan
Y6B Miss Bestwick	Jessica Noon	Coden Owens	Holly Chapman
	YR Amani Mohammad	KS1 Freddie Bell	KS2 Kara Dixon