

Weekly Newsletter 3rd October 2022



Right of the Fortnight: Article 42:
The government must let children and families know about children's rights.



Dear Parents/Carers

I can't believe that we have already completed four weeks of the Autumn Term. It's been another BUSY and PRODUCTIVE week with so much learning taking place. Our new starters have settled in BRILLIANTLY! Mrs Hood is currently busy completing one-to-one baseline assessments with reception pupils.

October marks the start of 'Black History Month'. During this month, our pupils will be taking part in a wide range of enriching cultural activities. At Oakdene, October is not the only time that we talk about and share in the achievements of black people in history - our curriculum is rich in opportunities to learn about their many wonderful achievements and contributions they have made. We will continue to **celebrate** successes of **all cultures** and **backgrounds** across the curriculum over the course of the coming year such as: authors, artists, scientists, musicians and inventors, to name but a few. Over the next month, this will have a particular focus on 'Black History'.

Due to the pandemic, we have not been able to host **fundraising** events for school. Mrs Hood has now sent out messages as we would like to encourage parents/carers to be part of our new group. If you are a parent/carer of a pupil in school and would like to be involved in supporting school events such as: discos, fundraising and fayres, please complete the 'Friends of Oakdene' form and return it to school.

Wishing you a wonderful week!
Mrs E Bramley and Mrs S Osborne

Hallowe'en Disco - Tuesday, 18th October 2022

The Hallowe'en Disco has been planned for **Tuesday, 18th October**. The DJ is booked! Tickets will be available from the class teachers from **Monday, 10th October** for £3.00 in CASH. This includes the price of a hot dog, a drink and sweets.

As usual this event will be organised as two separate discos.

We have tried to invite reception and nursery pupils historically, however, they became too distressed. KS1 (Y1, Y2 and Willows) disco will be **4.00-4.50pm** and KS2 will be **5.00-6.00pm**.

All children will need to be dropped off at the main entrance, KS1 at 4.00pm and KS2 at 5.00pm. **KS1 (Year 1 and 2) pupils should be collected at 4.50pm from the dining hall (KS2 yard)** to avoid congestion as the KS2 pupils arrive.

KS2 pupils should be collected from the main entrance at 6.00pm. It's going to be frighteningly fantastic!

We are also offering a 're-spook, re-wear & re-scare'; we will be inviting parents/carers (& staff!) to bring in any **gently worn Halloween costumes**, accessories, masks etc by 10th October. Then we'll make these available to buy for a small donation.

Dates For Your Diary - Autumn Term

OCTOBER

Black History Month

Mon 3rd Oct
Tues 4 Oct
 Thurs 6th Oct

Libraries Week
Open Morning for Parents and Carers of Y1L and Y1W Pupils
 National Poetry Day

Mon 10th Oct
 Tues 11th Oct
 Wed 12th Oct
 Thurs 14th Oct

Billingham Food Bank Assembly
 9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Y5 Pupils
 Y4 Visit to Housestead Roman Fort
 KS2 'All Aboard the Sea Monster'

Mon 17th Oct
 Tues 18th Oct
 Wed 19th Oct
 Thurs 20th Oct
 Fri 21st Oct

Y6 Children Challenging Industry
 KS1 & KS2 Hallowe'en Discos
 9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Y3 Pupils
 Foodbank Collection
 Superhero Day for Reception Pupils
 Victorian Day for Y6 Pupils

Fri 21st Oct

Children break up for half term

Mon 24th Oct - Fri 28th Oct
October Half-Term Break

Mon 31st Oct

PD Day 3 for Staff Training (school closed for pupils)

Fri 11th Nov

9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Y2D and Y2W Pupils

Wed 16th Nov

9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Y4S Pupils



European Day of Languages

Thank you to Miss Robinson who organised our 'European Day of Languages' last week which was a huge success. We were super excited to participate in the Lingotot European Day of Languages Festival on Monday, 26th September! The children had a fun filled afternoon of lively sessions in French, German, Spanish and Ukrainian to celebrate this wonderful day! Activities included: Spanish Superheroes, My Face in German, Harry Potter in French and Ukrainian Greetings. Rosie, our specialist language teacher, led activities based on everyday life in France.

**Celebrating European
Day of Languages**

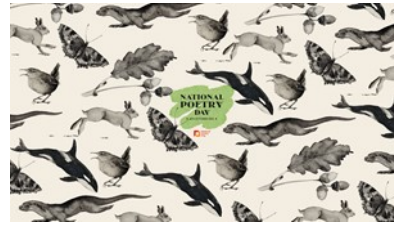


The Tiger Who Came To Tea by Judith Kerr is a key text for the Y1 science curriculum. Last Friday the Y1s visited the Theatre Royal, Newcastle to see the book brought to life. On return to school the Y1s enjoyed a special tea party— it was delicious! The Y1s also played tiger games and wore their tiger masks. Which they had designed earlier in the week.



Recommended Read

This week's recommended read is from
Mrs Osborne



It's National Poetry Day on 7th October.
I chose **Daisy Chains** by **Daniel Walz**.

This poem asks you to think about how our environment can be transformed through description and detail, as the daisy is woven into a chain.

How might we use setting as a metaphor for relationships?

You can find this poem and many more at:-

[National Poetry Day - the UK's biggest mass-participation celebration of poetry](#)

Great Quotes About Reading

by famous people

Eerdmans.com/YoungReaders

Never trust anyone who has not brought a book with them.

- Lemony Snicket

You can never get a cup of tea large enough or a book long enough to suit me.

- C.S. Lewis

Show me a family of readers, and I will show you the people who move the world.

- Napoléon Bonaparte

From an early age, books were my constant companions and my local library a place I could find a new friend on every shelf."

- Sarah Jessica Parker



Reading is essential for those who seek to rise above the ordinary.

- Jim Rohn

'Classic' - a book which people praise and don't read.

- Mark Twain

A capacity, and taste, for reading gives access to whatever has already been discovered by others.

- Abraham Lincoln

Books were my pass to personal freedom. I learned to read at age three, and there discovered was a whole world to conquer that went beyond our farm in Mississippi."

- Oprah Winfrey

School Attendance -

An important Message

Oakdene Primary Academy is working in partnership with parents /carers, the Trust and the Local Authority to improve school attendance.

Your efforts, working in partnership with school, will ensure that your child will have the **best chance** to **achieve** their **academic potential** and have real opportunity in further education and the **world of work**.

It will also enable your child to:

- access the lessons needed to **achieve** their potential
- maintain **friendships** and develop new ones
- have access to **social** and **sporting** events offered by the school
- explore potential **careers**
- develop **work habits** such as good punctuality which are essential to thrive in the **world of employment**

If you are worried about your child/children's attendance, the first port of call is to discuss your concerns with school directly.

A HUGE congratulations to all our superstar runners that represented the school so well in the **Cluster Cross-Country Competition** last week. Everyone tried their very best. A special mention to **Reuben Quinn** who achieved an outstanding 2nd place and qualified into the Stockton finals. We wish Reuben every success in this event.



Key dates for secondary school admissions 2023

We do hope that most Y6 pupils will have taken the opportunity to visit secondary school open evenings last week.

Mrs Hood can offer support to parents/carers, printing, answering questions or completing application forms.

**The deadline for all applications is:
31st October 2022**

On Friday, 30th September, we held our first **Macmillan Coffee Morning** in 3 years. Many thanks to all of you who baked and donated cakes for this amazing cause. Many thanks to **Alison Earnshaw-Akers** from ELT who had the difficult task of judging the cakes. Congratulations to **Dannielle Russell** who won 'Star Baker'. **Jemma Skipp** made the most accurate guess for the coffee beans and **Erica Titlestad** guessed the number of sprinkles on Colin the Caterpillar. A huge thank you to everyone who came along to support the coffee morning or gave their children money to purchase sweet treats. There was a lovely atmosphere.



**This year we raised just over
£300.00 - THANK YOU**

Finally, a huge thank you to **Mrs Hood** who organised this event and for our wonderful TAs **Mrs Jackson & Mrs Robson** who helped set up the refreshments. and cake sale.

Week Ending 30th September 2022
Stars of the Week at Oakdene Primary Academy

Class	Star of the Week 	Star Reader 	Star Writer 
Morning Nursery Mrs Guest	Bonnie-Rae Scarth-Ferguson	Dylan Allon	Hallie Richardson
Afternoon Nursery Mrs Guest	Caleb Jefferies	Elodie Richardson	N/A this week
YR Miss Robinson	Eli Prince	Callum Hall	Miley Dodds-Day
Willows Mrs Farnaby & Mr Brown	Jakobi Moody-Blackburn	Alyza Bateman	Jack Blasco
Y1L Miss Leonard	Roman Chesworth	Malachi Worth	Oliver Coates
Y2D Mrs Durham	Daisy Thompson	Harley Wallace	Gabriel Wraith
Y3/4H Mr Horkan	Kayci-Lei Scott	Max Devlin	Ben Bainbridge
Y3L Mrs Largan	Archie Hall	Hollie Dale	Alyssa Frost-Usher
Y4S Miss Smith	Emily Smith	Morgan Titlestad	Indi Chesworth
Y5W Mrs Wilson	Blake Jeffrey	Oliver Copland	Arez Ali
Y5M Mr McConnell	Kaci-Leigh Moody-Blackburn	Kallum Squires	Lucy Macklam
Y6B Miss Bestwick	David Eguegu	Lucy Westmoreland	Holly Chapman

Star of the Week: High no of Dojos, Rights Respecting both in class & at lunchtime, PE Readiness, read at home, learnt spellings etc

Star Reader: Read at least minimum number of times depending on key stage therefore in Reading Raffle, using myON at home etc

Star Writer: Joined handwriting, presentation of written work, creative content, quality/quantity of written work, correct letter sizes etc