

Weekly Newsletter
7th May 2024



Right of the Fortnight: Article 15:

You have the right to meet with friends & join groups.



Dear Parents/Carers,

As an **Artsmark Platinum School** we have a strong commitment to the arts. Last week, we had great fun celebrating **International Dance Day**. The children followed **Michal Krcmar's** inspirational journey from ice-hockey player to **Lead Principal Dancer of the Finnish National Ballet**. We also shared the gifts and talents of many of our pupils and our staff. Thank you to all the children and staff who brought items into school to represent their favourite dance. We saw a whole range from many forms of dance including: **Ballroom, Hip-Hop, Ballet, Ice-skating, Irish Dancing, Latin and Contemporary**.

Dancing in any form is another 'tool' to support **wellbeing** and it brings people together. Teachers included 'dance' as their 5 minutes wellbeing activity in their classrooms last Monday. Examples included Zumba Kids, watch & copy a dance video and Yoga.

A small group of Y3 pupils were invited to attend a **Multi Sports Festival** last week. The festival included eight events which promoted individual skills-building, as well as gaining awards for team competitions. Mrs Thompson was so proud of the children who demonstrated **terrific teamwork** and **resilience** as they tried some new games.

Now that the weather seems to be improving please ensure that your child/ren **apply suncream** before school, bring a **water bottle** to school daily and wear a **hat** to provide shade. Thank you.



Mrs E Bramley and Mrs S Osborne

Last week we held another exciting **Open Morning** for the Parents & Carers of Year Four pupils.

The activities included:- **STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)**.

Science - designing an experiment to analyse what drinks are best for our teeth,

Technology - coding,

Engineering - building a structural bridge using craft sticks and marshmallows and

Mathematics - showcase our methods of teaching and learning times-tables ready for our Summer times-table check.



Dates For Your Diary - Summer Term

Tues 7th May Reception & Y6 Height & Weight Check
 Fri 10th May Y1 & Y2 Virtual Author Event with Leigh Hodgkinson

Mon 13th May - Thurs 16th May **Key Stage 2 SATs** are Timetabled
 Fri 17th May Y6 Post SATs Bowling Trip

Tues 21st May Y3 Visit Teesside Princess River Cruise
 3.20pm Friends of Oakdene Coat Swap and Uniform Sale

Wed 22nd May Y4 TT Rockstar Day
 KS2 Virtual Author Event with Frances Durkin

Thurs 23rd May Friends of Oakdene Summer Raffle

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 2024** and will
return to school on Monday, 10 June 2024.

June PRIDE Month
 Wed 5th June World Environment Day

2-week period commencing 10th June: **Y4 Multiplication Tables Check**
 Week commencing 10th June: **Y1 Phonics Screening Check & Y2 Resits**

Tues 11th June Class Photographs
 Thurs 13th June Y6 Pupils Attend Children Challenging Industry Lesson 1

Mon 17th-Wed 19th June Y6 Residential
 Mon 17th June Y5 Virtual Author Event with Michael Rosen
 Mon 17th -24th June National Schools Sports Week
 Wed 19th June National Writing Day
 Thurs 20th June World Refugee Day
 Y2, Y3 & Y4 Virtual Author Event with Mark Arrigo & Steven Chatterton

Mon 24th June Y6 Pupils Attend Children Challenging Industry Lesson 2
 Tues 25th June AM - Y6M CCI Visit to Micropore, Redcar
 Wed 26th June AM - Y6B CCI Visit to Fujifilm, Billingham

Mon 1st July Summer Reading Challenge Assembly led by Angela Foster
 4.30pm Meeting for Parents and Carers of September 2024
 New Reception Pupils
 Thurs 4th July Y1 Beach Schools Visit

Mon 8th July Lee Owston, National Director, Education Ofsted Visits Oakdene
 Tues 9th July Academy Hub Music Events for some Y3 Pupils

Tues 16th July 2.15pm KS1 Sports Day
 Thurs 18th July Y2 'Lost Words' Visit
 Fri 19th July 2pm KS2 Sports Day

Mon 22nd July Meet My New Teacher Event
 Tues 23rd July 6.00pm Y6 Leavers' Performance (Tickets Only)
 Wed 24th-Fri 26th July Some Y6 Pupils Attend Summer School @ Northfield
 Wed 24th July 3.30pm Friends of Oakdene Summer Fayre
 Fri 26th July Little Sycamores and Nursery AM and PM Teddy Bears' Picnic

Tues 30th July **LAST DAY OF THE SUMMER TERM**



Recommended Read

This week's recommended read is from
Y6 librarian **Isabelle Branley**
'**Skandar and the Unicorn Thief**'
By **A.F. Steadman**



A.F. Steadman's first fantasy novel is a thrilling story set at an intriguing island school called the Eyrice. It follows Skandar Smith's journey from ordinary teenage boy to fierce unicorn rider.

This enthralling adventure contains elemental magic, sky battles, ancient secrets and ferocious unicorns.



The Queen's Reading Room is a Charity working to celebrate and promote the power and benefits of reading.

The project has revitalised library spaces in 50 primary schools so far. We will be applying for help to further strengthen our library areas. Queen Camilla believes that reading will open doors for children and make a 'huge difference' to their lives, "the more books you read, the more you're going to learn".

Recent research undertaken by the Charity has found that reading for just 5 minutes per day reduced stress by 20%. The study also found that high-frequency fiction readers found it easier to read a map, find a new place and follow a newspaper story—skills for life!

Thanks to Drake The Bookshop, our two Y6 classes were lucky to meet Skandar author A F Steadman. The Skandar series is described as *HEROES AND UNICORNS AS YOU'VE NEVER SEEN THEM BEFORE.*

It is an award-winning, international hit fantasy adventure series for children age 9+, and also for fans of Harry Potter, Percy Jackson, Eragon and Fireborn.

Annabel's latest book was released just last week so the Y6s were amongst the first to be given a sneak preview into the fabulous world of the Island and the latest secrets from the Eyrice about Skandar, Kenna and his friends. Children were able to buy signed copies and we also purchased some for our Hogwarts school library.

Annabel is an inspirational speaker and the books are widely seen as the biggest thing since Harry Potter hit the shelves!



Friends of Oakdene COAT SWAP

**Tuesday, 21st May:
Dining Hall from 3.20pm**



**Give your preloved coat a NEW home!
We are taking donations now until
Friday, 17th May!**

Y5 pupil **Indi Chesworth** has really impressed her swimming coaches with her **commitment & dedication**. Indi has progressed to the next training group and is the '**youngest in the lane**'. Indi will attend more training sessions and for extended times to prepare to represent this region in swimming galas across the UK. Wow!



OAKDENE PRIMARY ACADEMY

Friends of Oakdene Summer Raffle



We are extremely lucky to have such wonderful grounds and opportunities for children to learn outside. Some of our outdoor equipment for breaktimes and lunchtimes needs to be replenished and some of our existing features have been damaged through wear and tear/vandalism.

We need your help to raise funds towards improving our **outdoor environment** (buying more **outdoor equipment**, replacing the **willow panels** near the greenhouse, new **storage sheds** etc). **Your children deserve the very best.**



We are going to hold a **Summer Raffle** in school. Tickets will be priced at **£1.00 per strip** payable via the **My Child At School app**. **Please buy your tickets by Thursday 16th May**. The raffle will be drawn on **Thursday, 23rd May 2024**.

There will be lots of chances to win **perfect picnics treats, vouchers for days out, gardening or outdoor games and toys**.

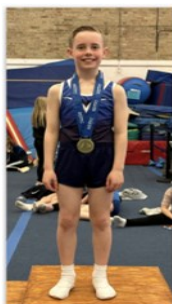
There's something for everyone!



Thank you for your continuing help and support.

Good Luck!

Mrs Bramley and Mrs Osborne




Y5 pupil **George Robinson** brought his **Regional Final trampolining medal** for DMT into school on Friday. We are so proud - he was awarded **Gold** in the DMT 9-10 years category. He has worked so hard and was over the moon to beat his **personal best**.

George is also a **gifted mathematician** so he is constantly calculating what he needs to do to beat his personal best and **qualify!**

Reach for the stars George!

Week Ending 3rd May 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	Sophia Peers	Edith Lewis	Jude Gibson	Ruby Bunn
YR Miss Dixon	Olivia-Jane Midgley	Isla Featherstone	Finley Short	Harry Robinson
Y1 Mrs Brown	Jospeh Luker	Oliver Hall	Noah Selvon	Neave Bateman
Y2 Mrs Durham	Riven Mansell	Rosie Daniel	Charlotte Eley-Carberry	Roman Chesworth
Y3 Mr Horkan & Mr Brown	Milo Hancock	Lewis Harris	Aalia Dobson	Quinn Parkin
Y4R Miss Robinson	Dolly Rogers	Lily Lloyd	Jake Atkinson	Leah Cooley
Y4S Miss Smith	Nancy Green	Fearne Fisher	Finley Orley	Ben Bainbridge
Y5 Mrs Wilson & Mrs Smith	Cassius Dobson	Arta Ahmadi	Phoebe Donnelly	Joey Marshall
Y6M Mr McConnell	Isaac Dobson	Cody-Lee Fitzpatrick	Olly Harris	Monica Dobson
Y6B Miss Bestwick	Isabelle Bramley	Amelia Wood	Haiden-Marc Cotterill	Eleanor Lewis

	YR & KSI Isla Featherstone	Y3 & Y4 Lily Lloyd	Y5 & Y6 Joey Marshall
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