

Weekly Newsletter
7th October 2024



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



Dear Parents/Carers,

Key dates for secondary school admissions 2024

We do hope that most Y6 pupils will have taken the opportunity to visit secondary school open evenings. The deadline for all applications is **31st October 2024**.

At Oakdene we continue to find new ways to promote **reading for pleasure**. This week we launch **'Libraries Week'** and on Thursday we look forward to celebrating **'World Mental Health Day'**.

School life can be super busy and it isn't always easy to find time for yourself. **Reading** can help you **relax, boost your mood** and escape elsewhere. As a **North East Partner School** with the **National Literacy Trust** we are taking part in the **Take10ToRead** project to capture a school moment in support of World Mental Health Day. **Keep reading!**

National Poetry Day

On Thursday, 3rd October the whole school celebrated **National Poetry Day**. The theme this year was **'Counting'**. Early Years **explored** counting / number poems, In KS1 pupils **read** and explored **'Your Voice Counts'** by Alina Brdar and produced collaborative poems. Pupils in Y3 & Y4 shared **'My Voice'** by Hai Ni Paw & **'My Voice'** by Lesil Smith's Project.

Y1-Y4's linked perfectly with **Voice 21** and **Oracy**. Y5 & Y6 took part in the **Guinness World Book of Record Challenge** with **Laura Mucha** online alongside hundreds of other schools. The challenge was to co-write a poem **'What Counts'**. We joined **273,000** others worldwide for what we hope will be the **world's biggest poetry class**. We submitted live video footage and we hope to hear very soon if the attempt was successful.





Enjoy your week!

Mrs E Bramley and Mrs S Osborne

The Rights
Respecting Group needs you!
Please donate to the food bank!
Monday 21st October last day for donations.

Long Life UHT Milk
Small bottles of squash
Tinned Fish
Tinned Fruit
Tinned Tomatoes
Tinned Rice pudding/Custard
Coffee
Washing up liquid
Washing capsules
Toilet Roll/Deodorants/Shampoo
Shower gel

Oakdene Primary School

Halloween Disco - Wednesday, 23rd October 2024

The Halloween Disco has been planned for **Wednesday, 23rd October**. The DJ is booked!

Tickets will be available from the class teachers from **Wednesday, 9th October** to **Friday, 18th October** for £3.00 in **CASH**. This includes the price of a hot dog, fries, 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 **Y3's** disco will be **4.00-4.50pm** and **Y4-Y6** 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) & Y3s** pupils should be collected at **4.50pm** from the **dining hall (KS2 yard)** to avoid congestion as the **KS2** pupils arrive.

Pupils in **Y4-Y6** should be collected from the main entrance at 6.00pm.

It's going to be **frighteningly fantastic!**

FREE POP UP SHOP

Monday 21st October:
 at Oakdene Primary, TS23 3NR
 3.15pm-4.45pm

Give your preloved coat a **NEW** Home!
 Taking Donations now till 18th October!

Coats for All
2024

Coat Donations drop off at:
 ABC Office 23a The Green,
 Billingham, TS23 1ES

Dates For Your Diary - Autumn Term

ORACY OCTOBER

W/c Mon 7th Oct

Tues 8th Oct

Wed 9th Oct

Thurs 10th Oct

Tues 15th Oct

Mon 21st Oct

Tues 22nd Oct

Wed 23rd Oct

Fri 25th Oct

Black History Month

Libraries Week

PM Y1 Visit Forum Theatre to see the Gruffalo

Rearranged Tag Rugby Festival - PM

9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Y6 Pupils

Y2 Sports Festival, Y4 visit Binchester Roman Fort &

Y6 Pupils visit Beamish Museum

Billingham Food Bank Assembly

9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Y1 Pupils

3.20pm ABC Coats For All Pop Up Shop

9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Y3 Pupils

Y1 Sports Festival (7 Girls)

Halloween Disco 4-4.50pm Y1-Y3 and 5-6pm Y4-Y6

Children Break Up for Half-Term

Half-Term Break Monday, 28th Oct - Friday, 1st Nov

NOVEMBER

Wed 6th Nov

Tues 7th Nov

w/c Mon 11th Nov

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Wed 13th Nov

Thurs 14th Nov

Fri 15th Nov

w/c Mon 18th Nov

Wed 20th Nov

Wed 27th Nov

Fri 29th Nov

9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Y2 Pupils

Boys Y5/Y6 Football

Y1 visit Wharton Park (Percy' The Park Keeper's Snowy Weather)

Parent Consultation Evenings (**No Extra-curricular Clubs this week**)

Phototronics (Individual and Sibling Photos)

Remembrance Day Activities

Y3 Danelaw Viking Visit & Y4 K'Nex STEM visit at EDF

Flu Nasal Spray (pupils from Rec-Y6)

Children In Need Day

Road Safety Week & UK Parliament Week

Y2 visit Preston Hall

9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Y4 Pupils

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

DECEMBER

Tues 3rd Dec

Wed 4th Dec

Thurs 5th Dec

Mon 9th Dec

Tues 10th Dec

Wed 11th Dec

Fri 13th Dec

Tues 17th Dec

Wed 18th Dec

Thurs 19th Dec

Fri 20th Dec

'School's Big Gig - Rocking Christmas' 1.30-2.30 at Middlesbrough Town Hall.

3.30pm Friends of Oakdene Christmas Fair

Christmas Lunch

2.10pm Nativity Performance

Y5 visit Centre for Life, Newcastle

2.10pm Nativity Performance

9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Nursery Pupils

9.10am Y5 & Y6 Christingle, PM Y1 & Y2 Christmas Parties

PM Y3 & Y4 Christmas Parties

AM and PM Little Sycamores and Nursery Christmas Parties

PM Reception Christmas Party

PM Y5 & Y6 Christmas Parties

LAST DAY OF TERM

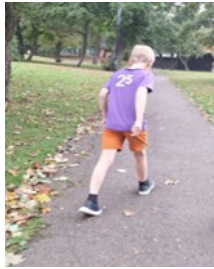


Christmas Holiday: Monday, 23rd December 2024 - Friday, 3rd January 2025

Children will return to school on Monday, 6 January 2025

(More dates will be added as they arise)

Y3 pupil **Alex Wainwright** has achieved two huge **milestones** and has literally got the T-shirt to prove it. Alex has completed a **phenomenal 25** 5K park runs and he was presented with a wristband to mark his **100** 2k park run.



Y4 pupil **Scarlett Allon** completed her 1st grading at **Zi Shiyong Tang Soo Do**.

Scarlett has only attended lessons for 3 months and has made so much **progress** that she was **double graded** to a **yellow belt**.

Well done!



Y3 pupil **Rosie Daniel** was presented with a **trophy** for her **brilliant ballet presentation**. Rosie also won **5 medals** (2 Gold, 1 Silver & 2 Bronze) in recognition of her singing, character, ballet, modern and tap. Amazing!



Y3 pupil **Freddie Bell** has played for **Billingham Juniors Football Club** for two years. Freddie was delighted to be nominated **'Player of the Match'** in recognition of his **fancy footwork** and **teamwork**. Congratulations!



Many schools promote the Summer Reading Challenge. At Oakdene we have a challenge for each of the **four seasons**.

Mrs Osborne has promoted the **Autumn Reading Challenge** in assemblies.

Please remind your child about this, **x2 Dojos** for every challenge completed, **x10 Dojos** for all challenges completed & the best effort from each class will get to **choose a book**.

Final date for completion: **Friday 18th October**.

Challenge: Key Author

When: September-October

Complete a range of activities about your new key author & return to class by end of September.

Key Author: Neil Gaiman	Key Author: Mark Twain	Key Author: Eric Carle	Key Author: Margaret Joffe	Key Author: Lisa Jackson	Key Author: Nick Butterworth	Key Author: Julia Donaldson
Key Author: Anthony Browne	Key Author: Jackie Morris	Key Author: Rick King Smith	Key Author: Anna Friel	Key Author: Robert Balf	Key Author: Michael Rosen	Who is your favourite author?

Recommended Read

This week's recommended read is from

Mr Horkan

'Goodnight Starry Night'

by **Joseph Coelho**




So many parents/carers have shared that their child's **sleep habits** are not good. This book beautifully **connects poetry** with **famous works of art** including Van Gogh's **Starry, Starry Night**.

It's a perfect choice to **snuggle up** and **ease your child off to sleep** reading these **lullaby-like poems**.

Week Ending 4th October 2024
Stars of the Week at Oakdene Primary Academy

Class	Star of the Week 	Star Reader 	Star Writer 	Star Mathematician 
Nursery Mrs Guest	Mason Walker	Alfie Lynch	Theo Bell	Mylah Thompson
YR Miss Dixon	Oscar Stainsby	Rose Westmoreland	Junior Scarth-Ferguson	Ivy Laing
Y1 Mrs Brown & Mrs Thompson	Amelia Wright	Jason Adenkunle	Izzy Matthews	Elliot Hardy
	Darcy Hammond	Tommy Wilks	Dylan Allon	Louie Walker
Y2 Mrs Durham	Keesha Griffin	William Nimmo	Louis Ferguson	Gia Hindmarsh
Y3 Mr Horkan	Darcie Berry	Malachi Worth	Freddie McQuilling	Max Prout
Y4 Miss Robinson	Daisy Thompson	Lily Scott-Mullin	Jacob Edgar-Simpson	Alyza Bateman
Y5SW Mrs Wilson & Mrs Smith	Reuben Edgar-Simpson	Hollie Dale	Brooke Love	William Marshall
Y5M Mr McConnell	Logan Daniels-Owen	Kayci Scott-Mullin	Eddie-James Midgley	Florence Bruce
Y6 Mrs Cowan	Hayden Jackson	Ellie Smith-Sewell	Teddie Edmenson	Cassius Dobson

	YR & KSI Eli Prince	Y3 & Y4 Lily Archer	Y5 & Y6 Leighton Harvey
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