# Weekly Newsletter 7th November 2022



Right of the Fortnight: Article 31:

Your Right to Relax & Play







Welcome back! I hope that you all had a wonderful half term break. School was a flurry of activities on the last day of term with our Reception Superhero Day and the Y6 Victorian Day. We've really hit the ground running this week with so many events taking place. The CEO of the Enquire Learning Trust, Mr Holmes, joined myself and Mrs Osborne conducting a learning walk of our most recently qualified teachers. Mr Holmes contacted me after the visit to let me know how much he'd enjoyed and appreciated his visit to Oakdene. He shared "I was massively impressed and quite moved by the astonishing level of commitment and care that we demonstrate towards our pupils. You were all magnificent".

To end the week, I was invited to present a **case study of excellence** to leaders in schools in Jersey via Teams. Marc Rowland (a National Pupil Premium adviser) introduced Oakdene as a school that has developed some of the **very best practice in the country** around disadvantaged pupils, in a community that has sustained some exceptional outcomes.

Mrs Hood hosted our first 'Friends of Oakdene' meeting in almost three years. Many thanks for those who attended and helped plan our Christmas Fayre. It will be

Christmas before we know it as our feet don't touch the ground and we work at such a fast pace to ensure the children get an excellent education in every classroom every day.

Have a wonderful week!

뿾 Mrs E Bramley and Mrs S Osborne





It was fantastic to welcome so many parents & carers of Y3L & Y3/4H pupils to a Hedgehog themed Open Morning. The morning was inspired by the whole class reading text 'The Hodgeheg' by key author Dick-King Smith. Activities included creating Hedgehog Bread, creating a Road Safety Hedgehog Bookmark and Mrs Osborne shared our approach to reading in Y3 & Y4. Parents & carers were introduced to this term's whole-class texts and found out how we assess the children. Chris from the CHPS (Cleveland Hedgehog Preservation Society) led an informative session about how to look after Hedgehogs. Mrs Osborne applied this knowledge when we were advised to rehome a hedgehog from our school grounds to her garden.









## Dates For Your Diary - Autumn Term

Mon 7th Nov Phototronics (Individual Photographs)

Fri 11th Nov 9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Y2D and Y2Willows

Remembrance Day

Week commencing 14th Nov: UK Parliament Week

Parent Consultation Evenings

(blended offer phone & face to face)

Wed 16th Nov 9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Y4 Pupils

Football Competition

9.00am - Assist Stockton, Parent Carer Forum Coffee Morning Fri 18th Nov

Children In Need Day (non-uniform)

Fri 25th Nov Y1 Visit to the North York Moors—One Snowy Night

Y2 Visit to Preston Park

Fri 2nd Dec Friends Of Oakdene Christmas Fayre

Y4 TVMS Snappy Christmas at Thornaby Pavilion Tues 6th Dec

Thurs 8th Dec Christmas Lunch for Pupils & Staff

Tues 13th Dec Nasal Flu Spray

Wed and Thurs 2.00pm Nativity Performance for Parents & Carers of

14th and 15th Dec Reception, Y1, Y2 and Willows

10.00am y3 & y4 Tableau at St Luke's Church Fri 16th Dec

Dates to be confirmed for: Christingle for Y5 & Y6

Mon 19th Dec AM and PM Little Sycamores and Nursery Christmas Parties

AM Reception Christmas Party PM Y1 & Y2 Christmas Parties AM Y3 & Y4 Christmas Parties

Tues 20th Dec

PM Y5 & Y6 Christmas Parties

Break up for Christmas Holiday

Wednesday, 21st December 2022 - Tuesday, 3rd January 2023 Christmas Holiday

Wednesday, 4th January 2023 Spring Term Commences Pupils Return to School



### REMINDER

Once again the Rights Respecting Steering Group would like to support Children in Need Day on Friday, 18th November 2022.

This year's theme is:

'Do your part to change young lives'.

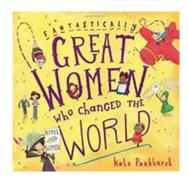
Non-uniform or pyjamas are welcomed. Whatever your child chooses to come dressed in, please just make sure that it is appropriate for the school day, eg, sensible shoes for playtime.

We would like to encourage the children to bring in a voluntary donation (£1 suggestion) to contribute towards this fundraiser.



#### Recommended Read

This week's recommended read is from Mrs Durham.
'Fantastically Great Women
Who Changed The World'
By Kate Pankhurst

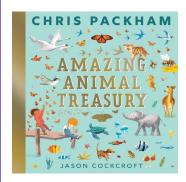


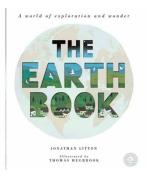
Discover fascinating facts about some of the most amazing women who changed the world we live in.

This book is bursting full of astounding women who achieved amazing things by following their hearts, talents and dreams.

Fly through the sky with the incredible explorer Amelia Earhart, and read all about the Wonderful Adventures of Mary Seacole.

**Non-Fiction November** provides a wonderful opportunity to **expand children's reading choices** and **learn new facts** about the world. Providing pupils with the opportunity to read and explore non-fiction plays a vital role in helping them to **learn about their world**, as well as fostering **reading for pleasure**. Therefore, ensuring the provision of variety, a wide range of topics and exciting texts in our non-fiction **library** is key to meeting children's varied interests, and to also inspire new ones! **Non-fiction has the power to spark curiosity and in turn, conversation**. Here are some recommendations from the National Literacy Trust.







Y3 L and Y3/4 H classrooms were transformed into living history museums last week. A Viking visited the children to establish a timeline and where the Vikings fits in with other periods which we study. He wore authentic clothes and brought artefacts for the children to handle. The children explored Viking life as sailors, settlers, farmers, traders and craftspeople using evidence.







Y 6 visited **Beamish** Open Air Museum to experience what life was like in Britain in the early 1900's. They learnt lots about how life in Britain has changed, rode on trams, visited the old school and coal mine and visited the town to do some shopping. The busiest shop was the old sweet shop.





The **Children Challenging Industry** programme, (CCI), is an excellent programme that **raises the aspirations** of school children to become the **scientists** and **engineers** of tomorrow.

The programme combines classroom science lessons led by expert advisory teachers, with visits to industry, tailored to meet the needs of the science curriculum.

Last week Y6's visit built on their **science capital** as they visited Aplek, Wilton.

The Y6s were extremely enthusiastic to see **STEM** subjects (Science, Technology, Maths & Engineering) brought to life and could recognise the value of them in life and in **careers** within this industry.



In RE, our Year 3L & Y3/4H pupils engaged in enquiry-based learning to uncover the answer to the question 'Why did Monks copy the Gospels?' They attended a workshop at Durham cathedral called 'Life in a Monastery'. The children made ink using a medieval recipe, looked at manuscript designs, and used quills to write and design their own manuscripts. The workshop also included historical content about the purpose of medieval libraries and the roles of the monks in storing and disseminating important information, both religious and practical.





Ian & Lisa visited Oakdene last week. They were very appreciative of our **fundraising** for the **Ukraine appeal.** They were so impressed with our children and their well thought out questions. Ian and Lisa led an assembly. They explained their role in **helping the refugees** here in the UK as well as in the Ukraine. They said the money we raised would feed a school of 100 children for 4 weeks. They explained how supplies are difficult to buy in the Ukraine so they buy them here and take the people of Ukraine what they need most. At the moment, as it is approaching winter, they were stocking up on warm clothes, shoes, blankets, little camping cookers, paracetamol, sore throat sweets etc. This information, and meeting real life people with photos showing the children exactly how we are helping, allowed the children to really appreciate the **impact** of their fundraising. Ian said he would evidence exactly how our money will be spent and come back and share this with the children. They also offered to take letters to the Ukrainian school from us and hopefully bring some back for us too.

They would love to come back and share photos from their trip in January to show the impact our fundraising has had.





Our pupil voice group, visited Billingham and Stockton Borough Foodbank last week to deliver your kind donations. The children had to make several visits back and forwards to the van collecting all your kind donations.

Thank you again for your generous donations, you have helped families in crisis. Your donations weighed 104.55KG. Well done everyone!





Community Champions James and Joseph Luker always try to help the local community. They recently delivered to the Pantry in the Park in Billingham a £50 trolley full of Asda essential range products and a tub of celebrations for the volunteers.

The pantry offers any 10 items for £2 and is completely volunteered-based to help local people in very uncertain times.

\*\*Link for fund raising page\*\*
https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?
id=100063612726967

\*\* Link for Pantry in the Park\*\*
https://m.facebook.com/story.php?
story.fbid=410672904571092&id=100068851584727



If you have a child with Special Educational Needs, Mrs Farnaby (SENDCO) invites you to come along at 9.00am on Friday, 18th November 2022.



Our get togethers are informal events where you can come and meet other parent carers of children with special educational needs and or disabilities



For more information contact us on 07985 245668



### Remembrance Day

Poppies continue to be on sale in school on behalf of The Royal British Legion. Y6 pupils visit classes daily for pupils to purchase poppies.

We will spend time thinking about the brave men, women and veterans who have served our country and the sacrifices they've made. The whole school will observe a two-minute silence on Friday.





Halloween Disco It was great to be able to hold the Hallowe'en Discos just before the half term break. Thanks to Mrs Hood, our hall was transformed into 'Hogwarts'. The DJ and entertainer organised party games and awarded prizes to those who got into the spirit of dancing!

The Children looked spook-tacular! We even had to ask some Children who they were as the make up was outstanding. Overall, the evening was a huge success, and raised just over £100.00 towards school funds. Thank you for your support with this event!















# Week Ending 21st October 2022 Stars of the Week at Oakdene Primary Academy

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Class	Star of the Week	Star Reader	Star Writer
Morning <u>Nursery</u> Mrs Guest	Grace Harris	Isla Featherstone	Tommy Wilks
Afternoon Nursery Mrs Guest	Finley Short	kzabella Matthews	Elodie Richardson
УR Miss Robinson	William Nimmo	Noah Selvon	Holland Finley
Willows Mrs Farnaby & Mr Brown	Mason Lavender	Taylor Perry	Eliza Copland
УIL Miss Leonard	Isla O'Hare	Leighton Daniels-Owen	Olivia Wallace
У2D Mrs Durham	Harley Wallace	Jake Marshall	Charlie Owens
У3/4Н Mr Horkan	Lily Lloyd	Violet Wood	Frankie McQuilling
УЗL Mrs Largan	Leah Cooley	George Reevell	Hollie Dale
Y4S Miss Smith	Teddie Edmenson	Scarlett Rogers	Zia Kelly-Bostock
Y5W Mrs Wilson	Arez Ali	Kaveesha Soyza	Olly Harris
У5М Mr McConnell	Lucy Macklam	Lucan Fletcher	James Luker
У6В Miss Bestwick	Jack Moss	Ben Jardine	Levi Hall

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



# Week Ending 4th November 2022 Stars of the Week at Oakdene Primary Academy

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Morning <u>Nursery</u> Mrs Guest	Nate Oliver	Delilah Dodds-Day	Bonnie–Rae Scarth–Ferguson
Afternoon Nursery Mrs Guest	Harper Cooper	Olivia Curry	Louie Walker
YR Miss Robinson	Esmea Skipp	Aria Dugdale	Oliver Hall
Willows Mrs Farnaby & Mr Brown	Edward Gardiner–Jukes	Theo Smith-Sewell	Harrison Kirk
УIL Miss Leonard	Malachi Worth	Roman Chesworth	Lincoln Rose
Y2D Mrs Durham	Aalia Dobson	Lily Charlton	Lacie Carse
У3/4H Mr Horkan	Amber Hammond	Skye Stainsby	Jacob Smithson
У3L Mrs Largan	Alyssa Frost-Usher	Leah Cooley	Archie Hall
Y4S Miss Smith	Isabelle Owens	Joey Marshall	Jaden Ridley
Y5W Mrs Wilson	Finley Amos	Emily Daniel	Rocco Garthwaite
У5М Mr McConnell	Trudi Langstaff	Mark Sytiuk	Casey-Lee Morgan
У6В Miss Bestwick	David Smith	Lily Dodds-Day	Aimee Lynn

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



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