

Weekly Newsletter 9th January 2023



Right of the Fortnight: Article 7:

Your Right to a Name and Nationality



Dear Parents/Carers,

A **Happy New Year** to you all! We hope that you all had a wonderful time over the Christmas period with family and friends. We know many staff and families have been affected by illness in the last few weeks and I'm sure, like us you are looking forward to Spring. It was wonderful to welcome the children back on Wednesday and it's like they've never been away. We've hit the ground running with **launching our new topics** and all teachers sent home **curriculum information sheets** on Friday so that you know what we will be covering with your children this term.

As ever, we have a programme of exciting events planned for this term so please have a look at the **'Dates for your Diary'** section.

Attendance Update

This term we will continue to work tirelessly to improve attendance. Attendance for the Autumn term was amazing until the last few weeks, where, like most schools, we understandably took a real hit due to illness. Many children achieved **100% attendance for the Autumn term**, we are busy planning special rewards to congratulate this amazing achievement. These children are still on track for their **100% reward worth £50** at the end of the academic year. If your children missed school last term they can achieve a special reward/experience for achieving **100% for the Spring term**. A very small number of children have attendance below 95%. Those families who have children with persistent absence will be receiving **home visits** from the **Education Welfare Officer** to set **attendance targets** for this term.

Reporting Absences

If your child is unwell and not able to attend school, it is essential that parents and carers call the office **first thing in the morning** to let us know. If we do not have contact by 9.30am, and are then unable to contact you, this may become a safeguarding concern.

The first monthly **online safety newsletter** of 2023 is now available on the website. We would really encourage you to read this as we are aware that many children received new devices/technology for Christmas.

Finally, I am delighted to share that I have been **successful** in my application to join the **Primary Headteacher Reference Group**. I had to demonstrate my track record for supporting school improvement beyond Oakdene and contributed to the wider school system as an NLE and through research. The Headteacher Reference Group supports policy development and implementation across the Department for Education (DfE) by **contributing views** and **providing feedback** to **ministers** and officials. I feel truly honoured to have secured one of a handful of memberships. This will be fantastic for our school.

Thank you all for your continued support and we look forward to another fantastic week ahead.

Mrs E Bramley and Mrs S Osborne

Dates For Your Diary - Spring Term

Fri 6th Jan	RSPB Schools Big Bird Watch (6th Jan to 20th Feb)
Mon 9th Jan	Employability Workshops for groups of children in Y4 & Y5
Fri 13th Jan	KS1 Multi Skills Festival
Mon 16th Jan—Fri 27th Jan	Swimming Block 2 for Y5 pupils
Thurs 19th Jan	Y3 Stone Age Visit North York Moors
Fri 20th Jan	YR & Y6 Pupils Height & Weight Checks
Wed 25th Jan	KS1 Northern Ballet Workshop
(Sunday 22nd Jan)	Y4 STEM Visit (am): 'Industry will Power the Future' Workshops
Tues 31st Jan	Y3 Visit Mosque (am)
	Group of Y4 Active Learning Competition (pm)
Week Commencing 28th Jan 'National Storytelling Week'	
Week Commencing 6th Feb 'Children's Mental Health Week'	
Tues 7th Feb	Safer Internet Day
Thurs 16th Feb	1.30pm Y1 (inc Y1 Willows) Open Afternoon Launch Readathon. Pupils break up for half term
Fri 17th Feb	PD Day 4 for Staff Training (school closed for pupils)

HALF TERM

Monday 20th February - Friday 24th February

Mon 27th February Children return to school

Week commencing 27th Feb:	Fairtrade Fortnight (27th Feb to 12th March)
Mon 27th Feb	STEM visit (am): 'Industry will Power the Future' Workshops gr
Thurs 2nd March	World Book Day & Readathon Celebration
Mon 6th March	Careers Week
Mon 13th March	PD Day 5 for Staff Training (school closed for pupils)
Mon 13th March	Launch of British Science Week
Fri 17th March	Red Nose Comic Relief Charity Day
Wed 22nd March	World Water Day
Thurs 23rd March	World Maths Day
Fri 24th March	Y3 Earth Hour
W/c 28th March	Consultation Evenings for Parent/Carers
Fri 31st March	Children break up for Easter



EASTER HOLIDAYS

Monday 3rd April - Friday 14th April

Mon 17th April Summer Term commences—children return to school

School Picnic Menu Thursday 19th January 2023

Mains

Pizza Whirl or Sausage Rolls
served with Wedges and Salad or Pasta Salad

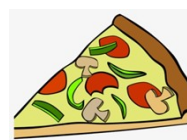
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Mini Sandwiches & Crudités

Dessert

Banoffee Mess, Frozen Lolly, Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

Jenny (our new school cook) has planned a special menu on 19th January for the school census day. This menu is to encourage pupils to have a school meal. The uptake of school meals on this day is counted towards the schools pupil funding for the next academic year. To cover increasing energy bills, sustain staffing levels and to be able to continue to offer fabulous resources, we really need every penny. You could be in with a chance of winning a £20 gift card.

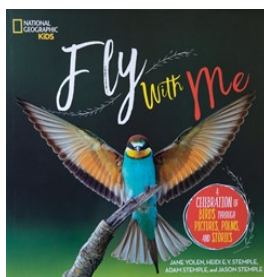


Recommended Reads

This week's recommended reads are from
Mrs Hunter.

As we're thinking about the RSPB birdwatch,
I hope these avian-inspired texts encourage
you to foster a love of birdwatching.

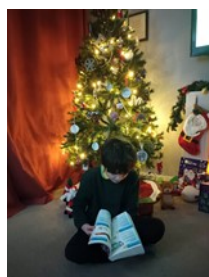
Something for everyone...poetry, fiction and
non-fiction.



Twelve Days of Christmas Reading Challenge

Congratulations to all the children who
partially completed or completed all of the
reading challenges for the Twelve Days of
Christmas Reading Challenge.

Seeing a child 'hooked in a book' and
reading for pleasure is the best gift of all.



Week Ending 6th January 2023
Stars of the Week at Oakdene Primary Academy

Class	Star of the Week 	Star Reader 	Star Writer 
Morning Nursery Mrs Guest	Harrison Dent	Lucas Milne	N/A
Afternoon Nursery Mrs Guest	Olivia Curry	Izzy Matthews	N/A
YR Miss Robinson	Elsie Dinsdale-Swales	Esmea Skipp	Callum Hall
Willows Mrs Farnaby & Mr Brown	Daisy Murray-Walker	Taylor Perry	Edward Gardiner-Jukes
Y1L Miss Leonard	Max Prout	Charlotte Eley-Carberry	Lillymae Morgan
Y2D Mrs Durham	Eliza-Grace Mack	Milo Hancock	Megan Squires
Y3/4H Mr Horkan	Eddie-James Midgley	Sophie-Alysa Minter	Harry Laws
Y3L Mrs Langan	Vinnie Jeffrey	George Reeve	Charlie Kibbler
Y4S Miss Smith	Zia Kelly-Bostock	Teddie Edmenson	Tyler Curry
Y5W Mrs Wilson	Amelia Richards	Mylah Bruce	Jake Cody
Y5M Mr McConnell	Harleigh Ramsey	Joe Gardiner-Jukes	Daisy-Mai McCarthy
Y6B Miss Bestwick	Holly Chapman	Olivia Woodcock	Lucy Westmoreland

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