

Weekly Newsletter
9th October 2023



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



Dear Parents/Carers,

We've been delighted to welcome back into school this term the **Open the Book** team from the parish. Volunteers from our local church work with KS1 children to dramatise stories from the Bible and help us reflect on these. It was wonderful to meet the new vicar attached to St. Luke's Church too - **Reverend Mahalha**.

At Oakdene we continue to find new ways to promote **reading for pleasure**. 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!**

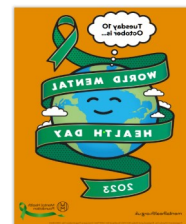
Key dates for secondary school admissions 2024

We do hope that most Y6 pupils will have taken the opportunity to visit secondary school open evenings last week: **The deadline for all applications is**

31st October 2023

Enjoy your week!

Mrs E Bramley and Mrs S Osborne



It was fabulous to see how many parents, Carers, grandparents and siblings attended the **Y6 Open Morning** last Tuesday. Activities included creating a Victorian tile in the style of William Morris and baking authentic mini Queen Victoria Sponge Cakes. Methods for mathematics and a range of PE games created a competitive element between adults and children. A special mention to Y5 Playleaders George and Emily for assisting Mr McConnell with organising the games. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive.






The Rights
 Respecting Group needs you!
 Please donate to the food bank!
Friday 20th October last day for donations.





Oakdene Primary School

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



**Hallowe'en Disco - Wednesday,
 25th October 2023**


The Hallowe'en Disco has been planned for **Wednesday, 25th October**. The DJ is booked! Tickets will be available from the class teachers from **Wednesday, 11th October to Friday 20th 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 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!

We are also offering a **'re-spook, re-wear & re-scare'**; we will be inviting parents/carers (& staff!) to bring in any **gently worn Hallowe'en costumes, accessories, masks etc** no later than **Wednesday, 18th October**. Then we'll make these available later to buy for a small donation.



FREE POP UP SHOP


Thursday 26th October:
 at Oakdene Primary, TS23 3NR
 3.15pm-4.45pm

Give your preloved coat a NEW Home!
 Taking Donations now
 till 20th October!



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

Coats can also be donated directly to school rather than being dropped off at ABC.

Dates For Your Diary - Autumn Term

OCTOBER

Tues 10th Oct

Black History Month

Y6 Pupils Visit Preston Hall Museum

World Mental Health Day

Wed 11th October

Cross Country Finals

Thurs 12th Oct

9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Y1 Pupils

Tues 17th Oct

9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Y5 Pupils

Y6 Pupils Visit Beamish Museum

Fri 20th Oct

Y2 Visit to Preston Hall

Wed 25th Oct

9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Y3 Pupils

Hallowe'en Disco KS1 (Y1, Y2) & Y3 disco will be 4.00pm-4.50pm

Y4-Y6 will be 5.00pm-6.00pm.

Thurs 26th Oct

Nasal Flu Spray

Fri 27th Oct

Y6 Victorian Day

Children Break Up for Half-Term

Mon 30th Oct - Fri 3rd Nov - October Half-Term Break

Mon 6th Nov

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

UK Parliament Week

Fri 11th Nov

Remembrance Day Activities

w/c Mon 13th Nov

Parent Consultation Evenings (No Extra-curricular Clubs)

Mon 13th Nov

Phototronics (Individual and Sibling Photos)

Tues 14th Nov

Y1 Visit North York Moors 'One Snowy Night' (new date)

Wed 15th Nov

10.00am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Y2 Pupils

Fri 17th Nov

Y3 Danelaw Viking Visit

Children In Need Day

Mon 20th Nov

Road Safety Week

Wed 22nd Nov

9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Y4 Pupils

Fri 1st Dec

3.30pm Christmas Fair

Tues 12th Dec

2.00pm Nativity Performance

Wed 13th Dec

2.00pm Nativity Performance

Thurs 14th Dec

Christmas Lunch

Fri 15th Dec

9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Nursery Pupils

Some Y4 pupils will attend Snappy Christmas Music Event

Mon 18th Dec

AM and PM Little Sycamores and Nursery Christmas Parties

PM Reception Christmas Party

PM Y1 & Y2 Christmas Parties

Tues 19th Dec

AM Y3 & Y4 Christmas Parties

PM Y5 & Y6 Christmas Parties

LAST DAY OF TERM

Christmas Holiday: Wednesday, 20th December 2023 - Tuesday, 2nd January 2024

school closed to pupils for in-service day (training)

Wednesday, 3rd January 2024

Children will return to school on Thursday, 4 January 2024



New Pupil Voice elections have taken place. Congratulations to our new digital leaders!

Y3: Oscar P
Daisy
Milo
Edward

Y4: Finley
Autumn
Piper
Logan

Y5: Amelia W
Eliza
Cassius

Y6: Ollie
Aiden-James
Kaveesha

Congratulations to our new Digital Leaders!



*Following in the footsteps of our English women's football team, our **Y5/6 girls football team** enjoyed a fabulous football tournament last week. Mr McConnell (PE lead) congratulated the girls on their **commitment to training and team work**. It really paid off with this excellent result; a very respectable **4th place** against teams from all over Stockton. We are so proud of you!*



One of our nursery pupils, Emmie Marshall took part in her first Tap dance exam at her dance school, Bobby Dazzlers Academy. Emmy successfully passed her exam and was awarded with a medal and certificate. She also received a trophy for being recognised as the hardest worker in her class.

Congratulations Emmie your future looks very bright!

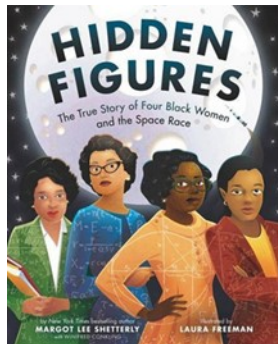


Y4 pupil Alyssa Frost-Usher regularly enters local competitions. Last week her talents for both acting and dancing were recognised with two wonderful medals.



Recommended Read

This week's recommended read is from
Miss Bestwick



'Hidden Figures'
by Margot Lee Shetterly

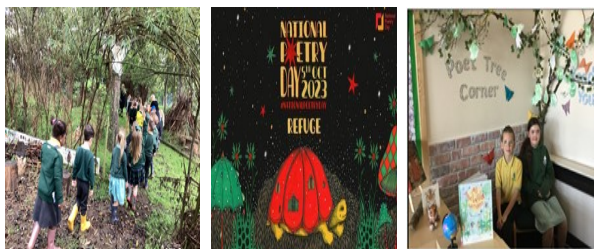
This incredibly inspiring and true story shares how four black women helped NASA launch men into space and is presented in a beautifully illustrated picture book.

These amazing women overcame gender and racial barriers to succeed in a highly challenging STEM-based career.

On Thursday 5th October the whole school celebrated National Poetry Day. The theme this year was 'Refuge'.

Early Years explored 'The Grass House' by Shirley House, In KS1 pupils read and explored 'Nature Trail' by Benjamin Zephaniah and produced their own refuge inspired poems.

In KS2, pupils explored and compared a selection of poems and composed their own Lune poem inspired by their personal sense of refuge.



Libraries Week



In 2023, Libraries Week became **Green Libraries Week!** Last week we celebrated the work going on in libraries across the UK focused on sustainability and climate change.





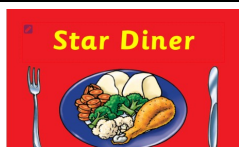
At Oakdene we are so fortunate to have five well-stocked library areas: Wonderland, Hogwarts, Narnia, the Non-Fiction Library and the Poet Tree Corner.

Children access these libraries daily. All children could borrow books to take home to enjoy. Please look after these books and return them for someone else to enjoy.

Reception pupils are learning about **real life Superheroes**. It was wonderful to catch up with one of our former Oakdene pupils—Paige Wardle who has pursued a career in the **RAF**. Alongside her colleague Charnel Fryer, Paige introduced the children to the different **aircraft, uniforms and career opportunities**. The children were interested to hear that Paige had escorted King Charles on visits abroad. YR were invited to enter a colouring competition and the winners received an RAF keyring.



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

Class	Star of the Week 	Star Reader 	Star Writer 	Star Mathematician 
Early Years Unit Mrs Guest	Harper Barton	Poppy Daniel	Isaac Stewart	Rose Westmoreland
YR Miss Dixon	Dylan Allon	Izzy Matthews	Bonnie-Rae Scarth-Ferguson	Nate Oliver
Y1 Mrs Brown	Saga Svedlund	Gia Hindmarsh	Arabella Sedgwick	Oliver Hall
Y2 Mrs Durham	Alex Wainwright	Junior Hindmarsh	Oliver Coates	Lola Pearce
Y3 Mr Horkan & Mr Brown	Evie Richardson	Harley Black	Lewis Harris	Scarlett Allon
Y4R Miss Robinson	Ava Hammond	Skye Stainsby	Lily Lloyd	Charlie Kibbler
Y4S Miss Smith	Kayci Scott-Mullin	George Reeve	Amber Hammond	Ben Bainbridge
Y5 Mrs Wilson & Mrs Smith	Emily Smith	Tyler Curry	Peter Balanescu	Morgan Titlestad
Y6M Mr McConnell	Olly Harris	Daisy-Mai McCarthy	Ollie Smith	Rocco Garthwaite
Y6B Miss Bestwick	Jack Tunney	Zac Dale	Lucan Fletcher	Ceejay Chambers
	YR & KSI Brianna Pearce	Y3 & Y4 Edward Gardiner-Jukes	Y5 & Y6 Jaden Ridley	