# Weekly Newsletter 10th February 2025



Right of the Fortnight: Article 38: Children should be protected during war & not allowed to fight in the army.





#### Dear Parents/Carers,

#### **Mental Health Week**

Last week, we joined millions around the world to celebrate **Children's Mental Health Week!** This year's theme, "**Know Yourself, Grow Yourself"**, encourages children to explore the importance of **self-awareness** and **expressing emotions**. Mrs Osborne started the week with an inspirational whole-school assembly. Through the characters of Pixar's *Inside Out* and *Inside Out* 2, the children discovered how getting to know who they are can help them **build resilience**, **grow** and **develop**. This links seamlessly with one of our **Academy Improvement Priorities - Oracy**.

Last Monday, leaders from **Grimsby, Hull** and **Manchester** joined Mrs Osborne, Mr Holmes (CEO) and myself to see how we achieve **outstanding outcomes** year on year. The visitors were struck by the visibility of leaders in the classroom every day. This allows us to keep a firm finger on the pulse – **every child, every class, every colleague.** Acknowledging the ordinary done exceptionally well. It is a privilege to lead this **phenomenal** school.



Have a wonderful week!

Mrs E Bramley and Mrs S Osborne

Last Friday, we held an extremely successful **Open Morning** for the Parents & Carers of Y6 pupils. The activities linked to STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths.

They included: **Science**—making bread rolls and butter, and Electrical **engineering**—creating a circuit using lemons as a battery. The children applied their **Technology** skills to code microbits and, as part of **children's mental health week**, Y6's were reminded of the benefits of oracy and having a talk-partner.









Dates For Your Diary - Spring Term

Mon 10th Feb Y1 Wheels Day

Safer Internét Day - Online Behaviour Workshops Delivered by Tues 11th Feb

Bigfoot Arts Education to Y3-Y6 Pupils.

Wed 12th Feb 9.10am Open Morning for Parents/Carers of **Y5** Pupils

Tues 18th Feb 10 Pupils Attend Y4 Active Learning Competition @

Durham University, Queen's Campus, Stockton - PM

9.10am Open Morning for Parents/Carers of Y2 Pupils
PD Day 4 for Staff Training (school closed for pupils) Thurs 20th Feb Fri 21st Feb

### HALF TERM

Monday 24th February - Friday 28th February Monday 3rd March - Children Return to School

Week Commencing 3rd March Careers Week

Tues 4th March Rebel Women Workshops led by Bigfoot Education

Shrove Tuesday

9.10am Open Morning for Parents/Carers of Y1 Pupils Weds 5th March

Thurs 6th March World Book Day & Readathon Celebration

Launch of British Science Week Mon 10th March Y1 Visit Shildon Railway Museum Tues 11th March

Y5/Y6 Dance City Workshops

Wed 12th March 9.10am Open Morning for Parents/Carers of Y3 Pupils

Tues 18th March Y2 Snappy Spring Music Event @ Thornaby Pavilion - AM 9.10am Open Morning for Parents/Carers of Y4 Pupils Weds 19th March

Y2 Visit the Washington Wetland Centre

Red Nose Comic Relief Charity Day Fri 21st March

Mon 24th March World Maths Day

Mon 24th—Wed 26th March Y5SW Attend Trust Residential at Streonshalh Field

Study Centre, East Whitby Primary Academy, Whitby.

Wed 26th March—Fri 28th March Y5M Attend Trust Residential

Tues 1st April 12 Pupils from Y5/Y6 Hockey @ Norton Sports Complex

Consultation Evenings for Parent/Carers W/c 7th April

Fri 4th April 9.10am Open Morning for Parents/Carers of Nursery Pupils

Children Break Up for Easter Fri 11th April

> EASTER HOLIDAYS Monday 14th April - Friday 25th April

Mon 28th April Summer Term Commences - Children Return to School





Y3 pupil, Alex Wainwright, was delighted to receive his Level 4 Tees Active Learn to Skate Scheme.

Alex shared how he had to perfect consecutive Backward Outside Edges across the width of the rink. He was required to make short strokes with the correct take-offs from one foot to the other.

A hard balancing act!

It's great to see how many children are building on their proficiency in **Gymnastics** at **Velocity**. **Olivia Curry (Y1)**, **Fionn Baker (Y2)** & Lilymae Morgan (Y3) completed their level 2, Arabella Sedgwick (Y2) & Niamh Bellew (Y3) achieved their level 3 and Izzy Matthews (Y1) was awarded her level 5.





Y4 pupil, **Lewis Harris**, has recently started playing for the Billingham Synthonia Junior Football Club.

Lewis was delighted to receive a medal for being 'Man of the Match'.

Coaches noticed his amazing passing and dribbling skills. Lewis is now much more confident with his ball control.



In response to recent publicity about the removals of bins and the increase of litter/dog poo bags at the Tees Barrage, Nathaniel & Caleb Jefferies joined a litter pick. The boys filled a bag of litter and were rewarded with a free drink & badge.

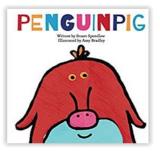
## Recommended Read

This week's recommended read is from

Mr Horkan

'Penguinpig'

by Stuart Spendlow



This picture book tells the story of a little girl who finds out about an exciting creature on the internet.

known as Penguinpig.

Filled with curiosity, she decides that she must go and find one.

The perfect choice for younger readers on Safer Internet Day!

As part of the **history** curriculum, Y4 visited **York's Chocolate Story** to explore the world of the ancient **maya** and their unforgettable **legacy** which is still influencing **modern-day** life.

Y4s learnt about the importance of the cocoa bean from its use as currency, to a bitter drink consumed by the wealthy, as well as their part in the creation of the chocolate we know and love today. The highlight for many was the opportunity to create their very own version of Xocolat drink. This provided further cross-curricular links to Geography and Mathematics.









## Week Ending 7th February 2025 Stars of the Week at Oakdene Primary Academy

Class	Star of the Week	Star Reader	Star Writer	Star Mathematician
Nursery Mrs Guest	Jensen Langstaff	Grace Bellew	Theo Burgum	Finley Ayre
YR Miss Dixon	Aubree Kitchin	Junior Scarth – Ferguson	Eddie Smithson	Freya White
YI Mrs. Brown & Mrs.Thompson	Amelia Wright	Prashvita Bhimavarapu	Olivia – Jane Midgley	Jaxon Moutrey
	Nate Oliver	Scarlett Van-Wyk	Delilah Dodds-Day	Lucas Lee
Y2 Mrs Durham	Keesha Griffin	Neave Bateman	Henry Brown	Amari Mohammad
УЗ Mr Horkan	Lincoln Rose	Oliver Coates	Darcie Berry	Oakley Purvis
y4 Miss Robinson	Archie Donnelly	Jacob Edgar- Simpson	Evie Richardson	Lily Scott-Mullin
Y5SW Mrs Wilson & Mrs Smith	Brooke Love	Ava Hammond	Jake Atkinson	Harry Laws
Y5M Mr McConnell	Alannah Bell	Ben Bainbridge	Olivia – Grace Allison	Lily Daniel
y6 Mrs Cowan	Amelia Wilks	Jack Wilks	Phoebe Donnelly	Holly Stapleton



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YR & KSI Grace Harris **y3 & y4** Evie Richardson

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**y5 & y6** Holly Hill