## Weekly Newsletter 10th October 2022



**Right of the Fortnight: Article 16:** 

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#### Dear Parents/Carers

 $^{\prime\prime}$  We were delighted to welcome back into school the **Open the Book** team from the Parish. Volunteers from our local parish work with KS1 children to dramatise stories from the Bible and help us reflect on these. All the children get an opportunity to take part during their time in school. The first story was called 'At the Start'.

At Oakdene we are always trying to promote reading for pleasure. As we launched 'Libraries Week' we found out that an incredible 35 Oakdene pupils completed this year's exciting Summer Reading Challenge. Children needed to read SIX books from the library. Mrs Osborne presented wooden medals and certificates to twelve pupils as a lasting reminder of the reading they have completed over the summer. Some children may have completed the challenge and received their certificates and medals at the library.

by Congratulations to you all and keep reading!

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It was fantastic to welcome so many parents & carers of Y1 pupils during the Autumn themed open morning. The children followed a simple recipe to make Percy's favourite shortbread leaf biscuits, created a tree through the 4 seasons of Percy's Park, browsed our reading book scheme & found out more about reading in Y1 (including demonstrations of Lexia and MyOn) and joined staff from the local **library** to share **autumnal stories** and join the library.

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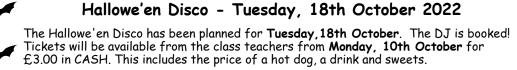


# Dates For Your Diary - Autumn Term

OCTOBER	Black History Month			
Mon 10th Oct Tues 11th Oct Wed 12h Oct Thurs 13th Oct Fri 14th Oct	Billingham Food Bank Assembly 9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Y5 Pupils Y4 Visit to Housestead Roman Fort KS2 'All Aboard the Sea Monster' KS1 Open the Book			
Mon 17th Oct Tues 18th Oct Wed 19th Oct Thurs 20th Oct Fri 21st Oct	Y6 Children Challenging Industry KS1 & KS2 Hallowe'en Discos 9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Y3 Pupils Foodbank Collection Superhero Day for Reception Pupils Victorian Day for Y6 Pupils			
Fri 21st Oct	Children break up for half term			
Mon 24th Oct – Fri 28th Oct October Half-Term Break				
Mon 31st Oct	PD Day 3 for Staff Training (school closed for pupils)			
Fri 11th Nov	9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Y2D and Y2W Pupils			
Wed 16th Nov	Ved 16th Nov 9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Y4S Pupils			
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As usual this 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 Willows) disco will be 4.00-4.50pm and KS2 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) pupils should be collected at 4.50pm from the dining hall (KS2 yard) to avoid congestion as the KS2 pupils arrive.

**KS2** pupils 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 Halloween costumes**, accessories, masks t etc by 10th October. Then we'll make these available to buy for a small donation.



#### Libraries Week

Libraries week is an annual showcase and celebration of the best that libraries have to offer, and highlighting the central role that libraries play in supporting **life-long learning**. On Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> October, **Nichola** from **Billingham Library** promoted our local library & invited parents/carers to sign their child up with a Library Card from 8.30am in the **Reading Retreat - 56 families joined up!** 

Nichola lead a story themed activity as part of the Y1 Open Morning and also delivered Story Time with Early Years pupils.



**Recommended Read** This week's recommended read is from Miss Leonard—Little Leaders: Bold Women in **Black History** byVashti Harrison.



Be bold. Be courageous. Be you. Be true. That's the message of this empowering, informative, and beautifully illustrated book. She tells the stories of both iconic and less well-known female figures of black history, including:

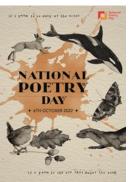
Nurse Mary Seacole Politician Diane Abbott Mathematician Katherine Johnson & Singer Shirley Bassey

The theme this year for National Poetry Day was 'The Environment'.

Children in Early Years shared some environment-themed rhymes & songs. Y1-Y3 Focused on 'Nature Trail' They read it! Talked about it! and Reflected on it! Y1s illustrated it/created a picture & the Y3s composed a verse about their garden/ local park/nearest green space.' Y4-Y6 Focused on 'Sun Kenning' They read it! Thought about it! and Performed it! Some pupils created their own 'kenning' based on another aspect of the environment.







#### School Attendance -Early Collection & Medical Appointments

We have seen a real increase in children being collected early for various appointments / reasons during the school day. This can be very disruptive for your child, for staff and for their class as a whole.

We would encourage you, where possible, to make appointments for out of school hours. We will always ask to see a copy of the appoint letter / Card for our records.

We are mindful that some hospital appointments are difficult to Change but these should be the <u>exception</u>. If you will be late picking up your Child because you have an appointment yourself, please try to arrange for someone else to Collect your Child at the end of the school day rather than disturbing their learning. Staff will always ask for any password you have given to the school.

Thank you for your continued support.

We always like to know about what pupils achieve beyond school.

One of our nursery pupils – Caleb Jefferies – ran his first mini Great North Run last weekend. Caleb completed the 1.16km course in 13 minutes 49 seconds. He also raised £40 for Daisy Chain.

Very well-done Caleb we are so proud of you!



#### Key dates for secondary school admíssíons 2023

We do hope that most Y6 pupils will have taken the opportunity to visit secondary school open evenings last week.

Mrs Hood can offer support to parents /carers for printing, answering questions or completing application forms.

### The deadline for all applications is: 31st October 2022

As a part of their **Victorian** topic, Y6 visited Preston Hall Museum to engage in a Washday Workshop.

They found out what a laborious job washing clothes was for the servants at Preston Hall. The session included washing with carbolic soap, using a water pump, putting clothes through a mangle and using the heavy irons. The children also created their own wooden peg just as children in Victorian times would have done.

The children also had the opportunity to dress up in Victorian clothes and take some photographs. They are simply stunning!







# Week Ending 7th October 2022 Stars of the Week at Oakdene Primary Academy

Class	Star of the Week	Star Reader	Star Writer
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Morning <u>Nursery</u> Mrs Guest	Lucas Jardine	Harrison Dent	Harry Robinson
Afternoon Nursery Mrs Guest	Louie Walker	Caleb Jeffries	Ruben Black
УR Miss Robinson	Mia Hudzicka	Gia Hindmarsh	Arabella Sedgewick
Willows Mrs Farnaby & Mr Brown	Theo Smith-Sewell	Eliza Copland	Harley Black
YIL Miss Leonard	Lilly Dixon	Niamh Bellew	Frankie Jeffrey
Y2D Mrs Durham	Evie Richardson	Sebastian Eley-Carberry	Sophie Squires
Y3∕4H Mr Horkan	Skye Stainsby	Logan Daniels-Owen	Ava Hammond
УЗL Mrs Largan	Florence Bruce	Lily Daniel	Brooke Carse
Y4−S Miss Smith	Arta Ahmadi	Jack Wilks	Ellie Smith-Sewell
∑5W Mrs Wilson	Mylah Bruce	Rocco Garthwaite	Amelia Booth
У5М Mr McConnell	Kallum Squires	Joe Gardiner	Zac Dale
У6В Miss Bestwick	Coden Owens	Toree Wardle	Lily Dodds-Day

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