

Weekly Newsletter 12th June 2023



Right of the Fortnight: Article 32:
You should be protected
from work that is dangerous.



Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 1 Phonics Screening

We will be starting our Phonics Screening this week. The screening is an opportunity for children to show their ability to **decode** words using their **phonics knowledge**. Year 1 pupils have been **well prepared** throughout Reception and Year 1 for the screening and it will follow the normal routine the children are used to. **Thank you** for all the extra support at home.

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

We will be starting our Multiplication Tables Check on Monday, 12th June. The purpose of these checks is to determine whether your child can **fluently recall** their times tables up to 12, which is essential for **future** success in mathematics. The children have had the opportunity to access the 'try it out area' and we have been really **impressed** with the children's scores and the **determination** they have shown to continue to **improve**. **Thank you** for taking onboard all our tips from the open morning and encouraging your child to continue to **practise** and further **embed** their **skills**. I'm sure the children will do brilliantly.

Moderation

Working with colleagues across the Trust to **moderate** pupils' writing enables teachers to make consistent judgements of achievement and progress. All class teachers have been committed to be involved in either hosting or attending another school to look at writing in each year group. We have been selected by the **Local Authority** to be moderated in Y2. We can't wait to showcase the **extraordinary progress** the children have made in reading, writing and maths.

Sparking a Love of Writing

New **research** from the National Literacy Trust shows that children's interest in writing has reached a "crisis point", with the charity saying an "alarmingly low" level of children and young people enjoy writing. **THIS IS NOT THE CASE AT OAKDENE.** Last Wednesday, eight **English** subject leaders from the **Northern Hub** of the Trust (from schools based in Whitby, Middlesbrough, North Yorkshire and Stockton) visited our school to observe our approach to the teaching of writing. The visitors observed lessons in every class, interviewed pupils, looked at samples of books and spoke to leaders and teachers. The feedback was glowing, for example, *"Thank you for today. The quality of the teaching and writing we saw was truly exceptional. I've already raved about it to staff back at school"*.

On Friday, we also welcomed staff from Gladstone Primary in **Scarborough**. They visited our school to create their action plan for the next school year to raise standards in writing. **Mrs Helen Halliday** is the Deputy Head at Gladstone and taught here until 2006. She has really fond memories of teaching at Oakdene and enjoyed the opportunity to catch up with some familiar faces and to share our journey.



Wishing you all a wonderful week!

Mrs E Bramley and Mrs S Osborne

Dates For Your Diary - Summer Term

June	PRIDE Month
Wed 14th June	Class Photographs
Thurs 15th June	Y6 Ancient Egyptian Visit
2-week period commencing 5th June: Y4 Multiplication Tables Check	
Week commencing 12th June: Y1 Phonics Screening Check & Y2 Resits	
20th -26th June	National Schools Sports Week
Mon 19th June	World Refugee Day
	AM - Smarties Project for some Y6s @ Northfield
Wed 21st June	National Writing Day
Mon 26th June	Y1 Visit to Saltburn
Wed 28th June	Y2 Visit to Danby
	Y5 & Y6 NSPCC Workshops
Mon 3rd July	Nichola Davey to Launch the Summer Reading Challenge
Tues 4th July	Y3 Visit to Captain Cook Museum
Thurs 6th July	Y5 Eden Camp Visit
Fri 7th July	2pm KS2 Sports Day
Mon 10th & Tues 11th July Y6 Residential	
Mon 10th July	Academy Hub Music Events for some Y3 Pupils
	4.30pm Meeting for Parents and Carers of New Reception Pupils September 2023.
Tues 11th July	2pm KS1 Sports Day
Wed 12th July	Meet My New Teacher Event (changed from earlier newsletters)
Tues 18th July	6.00pm Y6 Leavers' Performance (Tickets Only)
Wed 19th July	Little Sycamores and Nursery AM and PM Teddy Bears' Picnic
Thurs 20th July	LAST DAY OF THE SUMMER TERM



I am writing to you to inform you of a **change to the length of our school day** from September 2023 for pupils from reception to Y6.

From **September 2023**, there is an expectation that all state-funded mainstream schools should deliver a school week of at least **32.5 hours**. This expectation is set out in the government's white paper *Opportunity for all: strong schools with great teachers for your child*.

Our school week is currently just under the 32.5 hours expectation. As a result, from September 2023, we will adjust the timings of our school days to meet the requirements set out in the white paper.

The timings of our school week will be as follows:

Reception to Y6

Start time: **8.50am**

Finish time: **3.20pm**

Please note that the hours for Little Sycamores and nursery provision **will not change**.

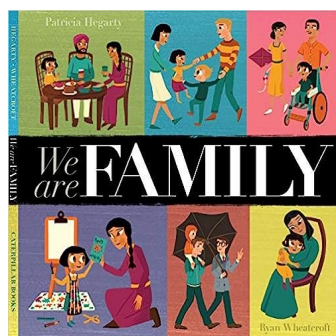
Recommended Read

This week's recommended read is from

Miss Slevin

"We are Family"

by Patricia Hegarty



All families are different - and yet in many ways the same! This book uses a gentle rhyming text to follow eight different families, celebrating their everyday differences as well as the similarities they share.



The Monster Poetry inspires 7-12 year-olds to get **writing** poetry and **explore poetic techniques**. It also helps to create **confident** writers and give them a **purpose** for writing by having the opportunity to be **published** in a real book. Mr Horkan submitted poems for every child in Y3L and Y3/4H.

Every child created their own monster inspired by the monster from their **whole class reading text**, *The 13-Storey Treehouse*. Every entrant received a bookmark and a **certificate** of merit was awarded to all young writers chosen for publication. We achieved **100% success**—every poem will be published in a special poetry book.



Empathy Day is a day dedicated to **celebrating** the importance of empathy and the vital role that **books** and **reading for pleasure** play in helping young people develop key empathy skills.

It is designed to **inspire** children and young people to learn more about empathy, build their empathy skills and put them into action to help build a kinder, less divided world. The theme for this year was 'Mission Empathy'.

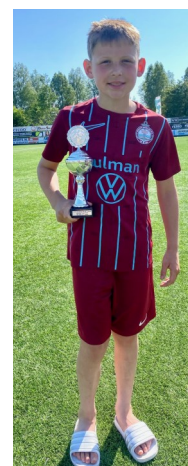
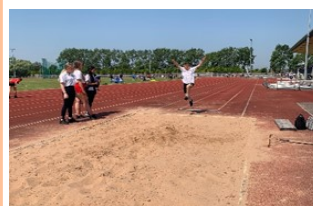
Pupils in Y4-Y6 enjoyed a virtual **author** event with **Cath Howe** to celebrate **Empathy Day**.

Cath led the children through an **empathy walk** and made a **special mention** to our **inquisitive Y4s** who posed **amazing questions**.




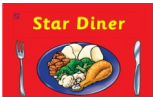
Y6 sporting **superstar** Reuben Quinn recently represented South Shields football team in **Holland**. Reuben's team reached the final of this prestigious **international** tournament.

Reuben can apply a high level of **skill** to most sports. He recently represented our school after qualifying for the athletics finals. He achieved 3rd in the 600m and 4th in the long jump.

What a **talented** young man Reuben is.



Week Ending 9th June 2023
Stars of the Week at Oakdene Primary Academy

Class	Star of the Week 	Star Reader 	Star Writer 
Morning Nursery Mrs Guest	Leighton Wardle	Harrison Dent	Katy Coates
Afternoon Nursery Mrs Guest	Elena Uzor	Louie Walker	Thomasin Scotland
YR Miss Robinson	Eli Prince	Issac McCarthy	Louis Ferguson
Willows Mrs Farnaby & Mr Brown	Eliza Copland	Daisy Murray-Walker	Leanne Fletcher
YIB Mrs Brown	Oliver Coates	Rosie Daniel	Riven Mansell
Y2D Mrs Durham	Jake Marshall	Oscar Prince	Evie-Jayne Harrison
Y3/4H Mr Horkan	Logan Daniels-Owen	Olivia-Grace Allison	Piper Noon
Y3L Mrs Largan	Toby Chocholko	Charlie Kibbler	Archie Hall
Y4S Miss Smith	Peter Balanescu	Scarlett Rogers	Brienna May-Thomas
Y5W Mrs Wilson	Blake Jeffrey	Arez Ali	Mylah Bruce
Y5M Mr McConnell	Lucy Macklam	Joe Gardiner-Jukes	Kiera Ibbotson
Y6B Miss Bestwick	David Equegu	Lily Dodds-Day	David Smith
	YR: Lincoln Wardle	KS1: Theo Smith-Sewell	KS2: Teddie Edmenson