

Weekly Newsletter 13th November 2023



Right of the Fortnight: Article 27:

Your Right to a Good Standard of Living



Dear Parents/Carers

We've hit the ground running this half term...We've already **hosted visits** for members of our Academy Improvement Committee and leaders' from schools in North Yorkshire, Cleethorpes and Hull who have visited classes and toured the school to observe our outstanding Personal Development Offer. The report is a true celebration of the exemplary practice at Oakdene and was written by a serving Ofsted inspector. **The opening paragraph (see below) sets the tone for the rest of the report which will be uploaded onto the website alongside newsletters.**

"The curriculum has undergone a transformative 17-year journey, **fostering inclusivity** by **engaging parents** and utilizing capital expenditure to bolster outdoor education and **exceptional provision**. The approach encompasses non-negotiables, frequent **memorable experiences**, and **diverse** educational opportunities through **visits, visitors, partnerships, careers, and character development**. The curriculum boasts a rich array of extra-curricular offerings, supported by collaborative projects that **enhance capital in science, culture, and beyond**. Staff are empowered with freedom and trust, receiving ongoing training and this leads to mapped-out personal development across the whole school, beginning with the very youngest of learners. **The overarching goal is to cultivate well-rounded global citizens, celebrating pupil voice and valuing everyone.** The staff, characterized by **empowerment** and confidence, contribute to a **research-rich**, dynamically evolving, organic curriculum. The school stands out as a **trailblazer** with initiatives like the rainbow flag and the skill builder award with a determined focus on **maintaining high standards**. The child-centric approach, which encompasses Rights Respecting **values**, focuses on **pastoral care** without pity, allowing children to be children, ensuring **holistic development** and places the **quality of relationships** at the heart of what they set out to achieve. "



We are so proud! Have an amazing week!

Mrs E Bramley and Mrs S Osborne

Dates For Your Diary - Autumn Term NON FICTION NOVEMBER

w/c Mon 13th Nov	World Kindness Day 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'
Wed 15th Nov	9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Y2 Pupils Y3 Danelaw Viking Visit PM - some Y4s attend athletic event NHS Career Assembly Children In Need Day
Fri 17th Nov	
Mon 20th Nov	Road Safety Week
Wed 22nd Nov	9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Y4 Pupils
Thurs 23rd Nov	NEW DATE LD Lapinski Author Visit Y4, Y5 & Y6 NEW DATE LD Flu Nasal Spray
Wed 29th Nov	Y5 Visit Newcastle Centre for Life
Fri 1st Dec	3.30pm Christmas Fair
Tues 5th Dec	NEW DATE Visit from Wheelchair Rugby Athlete Jack Smith
Thurs 7th Dec	NEW DATE 9.10am Y5 & Y6 Christingle at Oakdene (Y5 & Y6 parents/carers welcome)
Tues 12th Dec	2.00pm Nativity Performance
Wed 13th Dec	2.00pm Nativity Performance
Thurs 14th Dec	10.15am Y3 & Y4 Christmas Tableau at St Luke's Church (Y3 & Y4 parents/carers welcome) Christmas Lunch for staff & pupils
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
Wednesday, 3rd January 2024 school closed to pupils for in-service day (training)
Children will return to school on Thursday, 4 January 2024

Reception Places for September 2024

If your child was born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020, they will be able to start school in **September 2024**. Parents must apply online for a reception place at Oakdene via the Stockton Borough Council website.

We will be holding an open evening shortly for prospective parents/carers to visit and look around our **exceptional Early Years environment**.

We are trying to boost numbers so that we can have two small classes.

If you introduce a new family to Oakdene who secure a reception place we will



REMINDER

Once again the Rights Respecting Steering Group would like to support Children in Need Day on Friday, 17th November 2023.

This year's theme encourages you to be *SPOT*acular with lots of fun ways to raise money and take part in the appeal.

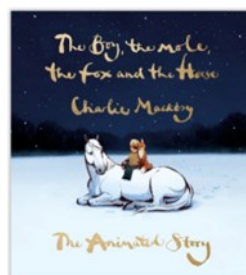
Non-uniform or pyjamas are welcomed. Whatever your child chooses to come dressed in, please just make sure that it is appropriate for the school day, eg, sensible shoes for playtime.

We would like to encourage the children to bring in a voluntary donation (£1 suggestion) to contribute towards this fundraiser.



Recommended Read

This week's recommended read is from **The National Literacy Trust**.
'The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse' by **Charlie Mackesy**.



This book was introduced to the children by Mrs Osborne as part of an assembly for 'World Kindness Day' last week.

As a National Literacy Trust Partner school we received multiple copies of this beautiful text which have found their way into our school libraries.

The children have reflected on the messages of kindness and it inspired them to demonstrate random acts of kindness.

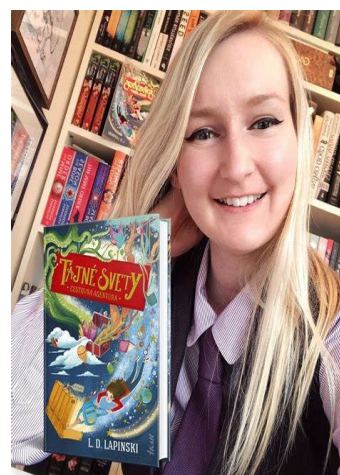
As part of the Northern Children's Book Festival we are looking forward to a number of exciting events to promote reading for pleasure.

Our first festival event is for children in Years 4, 5 and 6 and will take place on Thursday, 23rd November. We look forward to extending a warm Oakdene welcome to award winning author LD Lapinski who wrote 'The Strange Worlds Travel Agency' series.

Lucy will meet the children in the main hall to deliver a 45 minute inspirational talk followed by 15 minutes for questions & book signings for her new title 'Stepfather Christmas'.

Copies of her latest publication can be purchased in cash for £7.99.

The perfect read for getting you into the festive spirit!



Y6 pupil Monica Dobson was awarded a 'special recognition trophy' and a bronze medal in her first karate competition. Well done Monica!



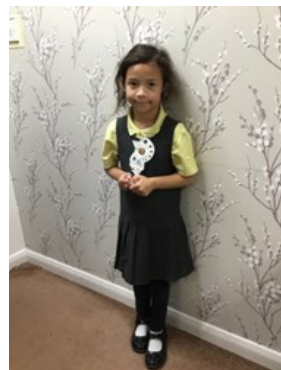
Congratulations to Y6 pupil Lucan Fletcher who was awarded two medals in his first karate competition. Lucan achieved a bronze and a silver medal for his technique.



Y4 pupil Finley Orley was delighted to be presented with a football trophy. Finley was recognised for demonstrating amazing levels of perseverance and for being a team player.



Well done to Y2 pupil Lily Archer who danced her way to the top of the freestyle competition. Lily was awarded a trophy for her creative performances.



Jake Atkinson has recently joined Oakdene in Y4. Jake is a talented gymnast and received certificates and a trophy to reward his valuable contribution and for achieving the highest difficulty in gymnastics for his stage.







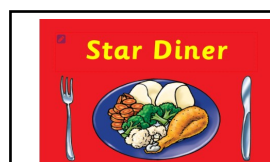
Y4 pupil Ellis Fearn was rightly proud of his latest trampoline certificate.

Ellis achieved his Trampoline Proficiency award Level 6.



Week Ending 10th November 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	Frankie McCullagh	Jamie Hart	Ruben Black	Elijah Wilson-Hill
YR Miss Dixon	Lucas Jardine	Dylan Allon	Isla Featherstone	Olivia-Jane Midgley
Y1 Mrs Brown	Charlie Beken	Arabella Sedgwick	Eli Prince	Elsie Dinsdale-Swales
Y2 Mrs Durham	Isla O'Hare	Charlotte Eley-Carberry	Max Prout	Leighton Daniel-Owens
Y3 Mr Horkan & Mr Brown	Blake Playle	Reggie McCabe	Evie-Jayne Harrison	Beth Denmark
Y4R Miss Robinson	Dolly Rogers	Max Devlin	William Marshall	Ava Hammond
Y4S Miss Smith	Finley Orley	Florence Bruce	Ben Bainbridge	Kain Carmichael
Y5 Mrs Wilson & Mrs Smith	Jack Wilks	George Robinson	Teddie Edmenson	Eliza Kirk
Y6M Mr McConnell	Aiden-James Finley	Monica Dobson	Cody-Lee Fitzpatrick	Jake Cody
Y6B Miss Bestwick	Ceejay Chambers	Oliver Copland	Emily Daniel	James Duff



YR & KS1
Leighton Daniel-Owens

Y3 & Y4
Leanne Fletcher

Y5 & Y6
Kallum Squires