

Weekly Newsletter

14th March 2023



Right of the Fortnight: Article 28:
Your right to an education—
to learn and go to school.



Dear Parents/Carers,

On Monday, 13th March a number of staff travelled to Bradford to celebrate **The Enquire Learning Trust's 10th Year Anniversary**. The conference brought together all 30 Academies from all three hubs. Mrs Osborne and the team who stayed at Oakdene powered through one of our Academy Improvement Priorities: **Embedding Retrieval Practice** in all curriculum subjects. Retrieval practice is a teaching and learning strategy that can be used inside or outside of the classroom to help children learn. Retrieval practice focuses on getting information out of the memory. The aim is to support pupils' **long term memory** and to help them to **'know more and remember more'**.

Fundamental British Values

Fundamental British values are an integral part of our curriculum, ensuring children become valuable and fully rounded members of society who treat others with respect and tolerance, regardless of background. Every school must promote the basic British values of **democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty**, and mutual **respect** and **tolerance** for those of different **faiths** and **beliefs**. This ensures young people understand the importance of **respect** and leave school fully prepared for life in **modern Britain**. This must be extended beyond the school gates - modelled by our parents/carers and community.

During the week commencing 27th March we will offer you the opportunity to share in your **child's progress** and identify next steps in their **learning journey**. We continue to provide a **blended offer** of **face to face and telephone** consultation evening appointments for Parent/Carers. **Bookings are live on My Child At School NOW**. Please book your time slot. If you would like a face to face appointment you do not need to do anything further. **Should you prefer a telephone appointment, please book a time slot and then let the class teacher know that you'd prefer this option and share which number is best to contact you on.**

There are lots of **events, visits** and **memorable experiences** planned in the coming weeks as we run up towards Easter. Please check out the calendar dates on this newsletter and when sent via Marvellous Me.

Enjoy your week!

Mrs E Bramley and Mrs S Osborne

Last week we held another exciting **Open Morning** for the Parents & Carers of Y2 pupils. The activities linked to some special bears from around the world and **STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Maths)**. They included: **Science** (& food technology) following a Scottish recipe to make Cranachan. **Mathematics**—finding out about Active Learn, and the latest methods we use to teach multiplication facts, **Art**—creating Antarctic art @march of the penguins' and **Technology**—sharing a story with Digiduck & pals to learn how to maintain friendships, be responsible & stay safe online.



Dates For Your Diary - Spring Term	
Mon 13th March	PD Day 5 for Staff Training (school closed for pupils)
Wed 15th March	Launch of British Science Week
Fri 17th March	Y4 Times Table Rockstar League Competition
	Red Nose Comic Relief Charity Day
	1.30pm Reception Open Afternoon for Parents and Carers
Mon 20th March	Official Opening of the Poet Tree Corner
Tues 21st March	World Poetry Day
Wed 22nd March	9.10am Y4 Open Morning for Parents & Carers
	World Water Day
Thurs 23rd March	World Maths Day
	Virtual author workshops with Tom Percival & Chris Callaghan
Fri 24th March	Y3 Earth Hour
Week commencing 27th March: Consultation Evenings for Parent/Carers (blended offer phone & face to face)	
Wed 29th March	Netball Competition
Thurs 30th March	Y6 Easter-themed Chocolate Workshops & Easter Bake Sale
Fri 31st March	Nursery Open Morning 8.55am and Afternoon 1.45pm
	Reception Visit Hall Hill Farm

Children break up for Easter
EASTER HOLIDAYS
Monday, 3rd April - Friday, 14th April

Mon 17th April Summer Term Commences - Children Return to School

Mon 17th April—Fri 28th April	Swimming Block 3 for Y5 pupils
Mon 17th April	Green Cuisine Day
Fri 28th April	9.15am Coffee Morning led by Alliance and Mrs Hood



May 2023 KS1 SATs test period

Thurs 4th May	9.10am Y5 Open Morning for Parents & Carers
Mon 8th May	BANK HOLIDAY KING'S CORONATION
Tues 9th May– Friday 12th May 2022	Key Stage 2 SATs are timetabled

2-week period commencing 5th June: **Y4 Multiplication Tables Check**
 Week commencing 12th June: **Y1 Phonics Screening Check & Y2 resits.**

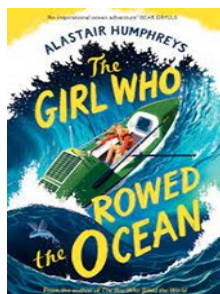
Y5 pupil **Lucy Macklam** represents Hartlepool Girls U11S Football team. They were invited to **represent** the **Hartlepool teams** at Hartlepool's league game vs Northampton Town at the weekend. Lucy and her team have lots of **special memories** to treasure. They met the **players, flag bearers** and took **penalties** at half time in front of a supportive crowd. This event was part of the **"Her Game Too"** promotion - female supporters who are **passionate about football** and working to **eradicate sexism** in the football industry. We celebrated International Women's Day on Wednesday, 8th March, this dovetails perfectly with the theme for 2023: **Embrace Equality**.

Well done Lucy, we are so proud of you!



Recommended Read

This week's recommended read is from Mr Horkan 'The Girl Who Rode the Ocean' by Alastair Humphreys.



This is an inspiring and passionate text, based on the author's own experiences, that will challenge children to find a way to reach their goals. A compelling blend of adventure, diary, advice and motivation.

It is a loose sequel to the best-selling 'The Boy Who Biked the World' trilogy.

World of Stories aims to address some of the key challenges facing **reading for pleasure** in schools, where budget constraints often mean investing in school libraries and **librarians** and buying new books is not an option/challenging. Last week we received a delivery of **500 free high quality texts**. With help from Mrs Robson & Mrs Osborne, our **dedicated** librarians sorted the books into fiction, non fiction and poetry, then into ages. They also created their own display to **promote** new titles.

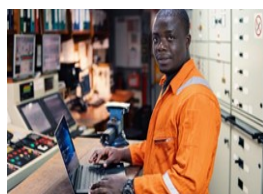
It looks simply stunning. Thank you!



National Careers Week

For many years we have built a careers programme into the Oakdene curriculum. Last week teachers planned activities which aimed to **raise aspirations, improve motivation, promote equality of opportunity, celebrate diversity, challenge stereotypes** and **prepare learners** for their **future careers**.

Y3L & 3/4H virtually met a range of **maritime professionals**, from working in the City of London, to cleaning the oceans of plastics or designing a superyacht. The maritime sector presents a wealth of opportunities. In the session, children learnt about these **jobs** and day to day activities, asked questions through an interactive Q&A and picked up fun facts along the way through quizzes.



With the chance to experience a wonderful range of **wildlife** that lies in the heart of our industrial landscape, **RSPB Saltholme** provided an exciting base for the Y4s to consolidate their **knowledge** and understanding of their science topic '**Living Things & Their Habitats**'.

The children applied their knowledge to **bird spotting, environmental changes, minibeast hunts and pond dipping**. They used a **classification key** to help them identify different species.

