

Weekly Newsletter
14th October 2024



Right of the Fortnight:
Article 16
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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are now fully immersed into the academic year and I can't believe that we are already nearly at the end of the first half term. It has been wonderful to see the **progress** the children have made and the **enthusiasm** that they are putting into their learning. I have been particularly impressed by our youngest children in Nursery and Reception who are already demonstrating an **excellent aptitude for learning**.

On Thursday, 10th October it was **World Mental Health Day**. The aim of the day was to raise awareness of mental health and to drive positive change for everyone's well being. The theme for this year's day was 'mental health is a universal human right'.

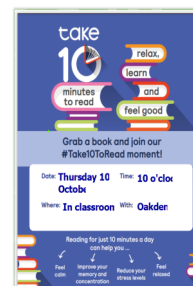
We've been delighted to welcome back into school this term the **Open the Book** team from the parish. Volunteers from our local church work with KS1 children to dramatise stories from the Bible and help us reflect on these.

Helen & Claire from the **Billingham Foodbank** led an assembly to promote this important collection for our local community.

Finally, **thank you** to everyone who supported our **Halloween costume events**. We raised an incredible **£255** and to **Mrs Brown** for going the extra mile and making this event bigger and better than ever!

Have a wonderful week and keep warm!

Mrs E Bramley and Mrs S Osborne



It was fabulous to see how many parents, Carers, grandparents and siblings attended the **Y6 Open Morning** last Tuesday. Activities included creating a **Victorian tile** in the style of **William Morris** and baking authentic mini Queen **Victoria Sponge Cakes**. Methods for **mathematics** and Mrs Osborne shared our approach to reading in Y6, this included opportunities to consider how reading for pleasure for 10 minutes each day can help you feel calm, relaxed, reduce stress levels and improve your memory and concentration. The **'Take 10 to read'** display provoked lots of interest. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive.



Dates For Your Diary - Autumn Term

ORACY OCTOBER

Black History Month

Tues 15th Oct
Fri 18th Oct

9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Y1 Pupils
Freaky Friday Bake Sale (after school in the dining hall)

Mon 21st Oct

PM - Nurse Visit Reception Class (real life Superhero)
3.20pm ABC Coats For All Pop Up Shop

Tues 22nd Oct
Wed 23rd Oct

9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Y3 Pupils
Y1 Sports Festival

Thurs 24th Oct
Fri 25th Oct

Halloween Disco 4-4.50pm Y1-Y3 and 5-6pm Y4-Y6
RAF visits reception (real life Superheroes)
Superhero Day for Reception Pupils
Open the Book Team—Rec and KS1
Children Break Up for Half-Term

Half-Term Break Monday, 28th Oct - Friday, 1st Nov

NOVEMBER

Wed 6th Nov

9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Y2 Pupils
Boys Y5/Y6 Football

Tues 7th Nov

Y1 Visit Wharton Park (Percy The Park Keeper's Snowy Weather)

w/c Mon 11th Nov
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Parent Consultation Evenings (**No Extra-curricular Clubs this week**)
Phototronics (Individual and Sibling Photos)
Remembrance Day Activities

Wed 13th Nov
Thurs 14th Nov
Fri 15th Nov

Y3 Danelaw Viking Visit & Y4 K'Nex STEM visit at EDF
Flu Nasal Spray (pupils from Rec-Y6)
Children In Need Day

w/c Mon 18th Nov
Wed 20th Nov

Road Safety Week & UK Parliament Week
Y2 Visit Preston Hall

Wed 27th Nov
Fri 29th Nov

9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Y4 Pupils
PD Day 3 for Staff Training (school closed for pupils)

DECEMBER

Tues 3rd Dec

'School's Big Gig - Rocking Christmas' 1.30-2.30 at
Middlesbrough Town Hall.

Wed 4th Dec
Thurs 5th Dec

3.30pm Friends of Oakdene Christmas Fair
Christmas Lunch

Mon 9th Dec
Tues 10th Dec
Wed 11th Dec
Fri 13th Dec

2.10pm Nativity Performance
Y5 Visit Centre for Life, Newcastle
2.10pm Nativity Performance
9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Nursery Pupils

Tues 17th Dec

9.10am Y5 & Y6 Christingle
PM Y1 & Y2 Christmas Parties

Wed 18th Dec
Thurs 19th Dec

PM Y3 & Y4 Christmas Parties
AM and PM Little Sycamores and Nursery Christmas Parties
PM Reception Christmas Party
PM Y5 & Y6 Christmas Parties

Fri 20th Dec

LAST DAY OF TERM



Christmas Holiday: Monday, 23rd December 2024 - Friday, 3rd January 2025

Children will return to school on Monday, 6 January 2025

(More dates will be added as they arise)

Year 4 visited **Binchester Roman Fort**. They were provided with a **guided tour** of the remarkable **Roman remains** which included the commanding officer's house and the **bath-building**.

Children participated in a carousel of activities including writing using **Roman Numerals**, cleaning clay remains, creating a **mosaic** and dressing in traditional Roman clothes!

The Y4s were also invited to create a **Roman pincer pot** using clay!



Y1 Theatre Visit



Y1 pupils joined Mouse on a daring adventure through the deep, dark wood in Tall Stories' magical, musical adaptation of the classic picture book 'The Gruffalo' by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler.

Searching for hazelnuts, Mouse met the cunning Fox, the eccentric old Owl and the high-spirited Snake.

Did the story of the terrifying Gruffalo save Mouse from ending up as dinner for these hungry woodland creatures?

After all, there's no such thing as a Gruffalo - is there?

Libraries Week



In 2024, Libraries Week became **Green Libraries Week!** Last week we celebrated the work going on in libraries across the UK focused on **sustainability** and **climate change**.

At Oakdene, we are so fortunate to have **five well-stocked library areas**: Wonderland, Hogwarts, Narnia, the Non-Fiction Library and the Poet Tree Corner.

Children access these libraries daily. All children can borrow books to take home to enjoy. Please look after these books and return them for someone else to enjoy.

Recommended Read

This week's recommended read is from Mrs Durham 'Bea's Bad Day' by Tom Percival



Bea is **REALLY** looking forward to her birthday ... until things begin to go wrong.

This is a book which helps children to manage disappointment, from the Y2 Key author & bestselling author of the Big Bright Feelings series.

Y6 visited **Beamish Open Air Museum** to experience what life was like in Britain in the early 1900's. They learnt lots about how life in Britain has changed, rode on trams, visited the old school and coal mine and visited the town to do some shopping. The busiest shop was the old sweet shop.



Y4 pupil **Daisy Thompson** completed another grading at **Zi Shiyang Tang Soo Do**.

Daisy's hard work and discipline has enabled her to achieve her **yellow belt**.

Very well done!



Y2 pupils participated in a **Multi-skills Festival** last week. The Festival was designed to develop children's **fundamental movement skills**. Multi-Skill festivals include a rotation of activities, for example, jumping, skipping, throwing, catching, gymnastics, karate, team games and yoga which challenged the children to achieve their **personal best**.

Developing **fundamental movement skills** from a young age supports young people to be happy, healthy and confident movers, with the essential skills they need to develop a **life-long love** of being **physically active**. The children had an amazing time and activity leaders from the School Sports Partnership congratulated the children for their **positivity, exemplary behaviour** and **listening skills**.



Y3 Pupil **Olivia Wilkinson** was so proud to be presented with a '**Star Performance**' trophy.

This is in recognition of her **ballet and tap**.

Amazing!



Tag Rugby Festival

Our Y6 team represented the school **wonderfully** and they certainly didn't give up until they were **proud!**




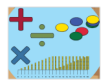
It was so wonderful to see the sports field at Northfield filled with **sunshine, laughter** and some real **competitive spirit!**




Congratulations to **Olivia Curry** (Y1) and **Niamh Bellew** (Y3) for achieving their **Gymnastics Proficiency Award Level 1** and to **Lily Lloyd** (Y5) who achieved her **Stage 6** in gymnastics. Richly deserved!



Week Ending 10th October 2024
Stars of the Week at Oakdene Primary Academy

Class	Star of the Week 	Star Reader 	Star Writer 	Star Mathematician 
Nursery Mrs Guest	Ruby Bunn	Rory Baker	Harper-Rose Hill	Archer Dixon
YR Miss Dixon	Wyatt Hold	Aubree Kitchin	Nellie Puckering	Rocco Smith
Y1 Mrs Brown & Mrs Thompson	Altay Arslan	Willow Earle	Jaxon Moutrey	Olivia-Jane Midgley
	Liam Turner	Lucas Milne	Axyl Edgar	Bonnie-Rae Scarth-Ferguson
Y2 Mrs Durham	Lincoln Wardle	Ariana Wilson-Hill	Charlie Beken	Hunter Lake
Y3 Mr Horkan	Olivia Wilkinson	Leo Archer	Niamh Bellew	Lola Pearce
Y4 Miss Robinson	Rupert Hawser	Edward Gardiner-Jukes	Gracie Dale	Lacie Love
Y5SW Mrs Wilson & Mrs Smith	Ava Hammond	Piper Noon	Reuben Edgar-Simpson	Jake Atkinson
Y5M Mr McConnell	Nancy Green	Olivia-Grace Allison	Alannah Bell	Lily Lloyd
Y6 Mrs Cowan	Morgan Titlestad	Peter Balanescu	Daniel Young	Jaden Ridley

	YR & KSI Dexter Dobson	Y3 & Y4 Oscar Prince	Y5 & Y6 Isabelle Owens
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