

## Weekly Newsletter 15th May 2023



### Right of the Fortnight: Article 115

Your right to meet friends and join groups.



#### Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to **congratulate** all of our wonderful Year 6 pupils on all their hard work and **resilience** during last week's SATs assessments. We are extremely proud of their **excellent attitude** and **effort**. Whilst important, the tests are only a measure of your children's attainment on the day in Reading, Maths, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation. Your end of year report will give a broader overview of your child's **achievements** and **successes** across the year. The **reading test** made national headlines and Head Teacher unions have shared their concerns about the reading test this year. Unfortunately I agree with the comments made. I will be adding my **voice** and **sharing my concerns** with Minister Susan Acland-Hood at the Primary Head Teacher Reference Group this week.

**Thank you** as well to all the parents and carers who have given such positive support to the children, school and staff for the SATs tests. I am sure that you will appreciate how hard everyone has worked, not only to **prepare** children for the tests but to ensure that a **balance** has been maintained with the other subjects in the curriculum. Thank you to all the adults who have been involved in supporting and preparing the children for this week. Y6 will enjoy an afternoon of bowling as a well deserved post SATs week **treat**. Year 2 will continue to complete their SATs assessments over the next two weeks.

#### Upcoming Assessments

This term ahead continues to be very busy, full of assessments to **capture** how much **progress** the children have made and to benchmark them nationally against other schools. On our return to school, after half term, children in **Year 1** will take part in the **phonics screening check**. Thank you to all Y1 parents/carers for supporting at home. The last set of statutory assessments are for Year 4 who will be completing their **multiplications tables check** (MTC). The staff and children are currently working extremely hard in all year groups to ensure the children are as well prepared as they can be. Please make sure that your child **attends** school **regularly**. Everyday really does count.

#### Staffing Update

**Mrs Knight** (Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant) will leave Oakdene on Wednesday, 17th May to focus on family commitments. You will continue to see Mrs Knight's friendly face as she will continue to be employed by the council as a school crossing patrol.

I met with **Mrs Newell** (Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant) last week. She has been very poorly over the last 18 months with long Covid. We are delighted that Mrs Newell will be returning to Oakdene and is making a good recovery.

**Mrs Hood** (previously known as Miss Doyle) joined our school six years ago as a reception class teacher. Mrs Hood was promoted to Early Years Team Leader. This academic year we agreed that Mrs Hood could step out of the classroom as Family Support Officer. Mrs Hood has really enjoyed this role and working alongside families. This has encouraged her to consider a long-term change in career. Mrs Hood has secured an exciting new role with Hartlepool Council as SEN Officer. We thank Mrs Hood for her wonderful contribution to our school and send her every good wish for her future. Mrs Hood will leave Oakdene on Friday, 26h May.

After the half term break **Mrs Brown** will lead both **Early Years** and the KS1 Team. Mrs Osborne and I have a wealth of Early Years experience and will support this transition. **Mrs Smith** (teacher) will also return from her maternity leave after the half term break and has reduced her working week to two days.

Have a fantastic week!

Mrs E Bramley and Mrs S Osborne

## Dates For Your Diary - Summer Term

### May 2023 KS1 SATs Test Period

Mon 15th May	National Road Safety - Launch Project EDWARD: 'Every Day Without A Road Death'
Tues 16th May	Y5 Oriental Museum Visit
Mon 22nd May	Five-Day Walking Challenge
Wed 24th May	Fire Safety Assembly for KS2 Delivered by Cleveland Fire
Fri 26th May	Y6 Tees Valley Career Workshops
Fri 26th May	<b>BREAK UP FOR MAY HALF TERM</b>
Mon 29th May- Fri 2nd June	<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b>
June	PRIDE Month
Mon 5th June	World Environment Day
Wed 14th June	Class Photographs
Thurs 15th June	Y6 Ancient Egyptian Visit
2-week period commencing 5th June: <b>Y4 Multiplication Tables Check</b>	
Week commencing 12th June: <b>Y1 Phonics Screening Check &amp; Y2 Resits.</b>	
20th -26th June	National Schools Sports Week
Mon 20th June	World Refugee Day
Wed 21st June	National Writing Day
Wed 28th June	Y5 & Y6 NSPCC Workshops Y2 Visit to Danby
Mon 3rd July	Nichola Davey to Launch the Summer Reading Challenge
Tues 4th July	Y3 Visit to Captain Cook Museum
Wed 5th July	2pm KS2 Sports Day
Thurs 6th July	Y5 Eden Camp Visit
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	<b>Meet My New Teacher Event (changed from earlier newsletters)</b>
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	<b>LAST DAY OF THE SUMMER TERM</b>



Project EDWARD – Every Day Without A Road Death was launched by Mrs Osborne during Monday morning's assembly.

Walk to School Week w/c: 22nd May 2023:

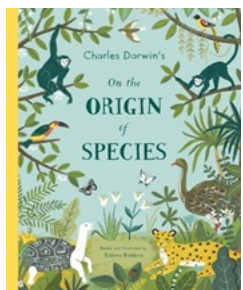
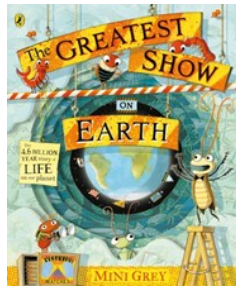
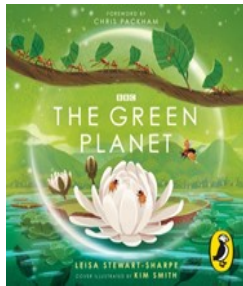
Mrs Osborne also introduced Walk to School Week. The official week is this week but we are doing this during the last week before half term. Each class were presented with a 'Challenge Pack' during Monday's assembly. Each class will create a 'mini table-top' display in their classroom to promote this initiative. For those families who commute quite a distance from Hartlepool, Wynyard and other parts of Stockton please try to park further away from school and walk part of the way – an achievable goal reflecting the age of your child/ren? For more information materials are available on the school website under the news tab.



### Recommended Reads from Miss Bestwick

Celebrating all things STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) these non-fiction titles will inspire readers in KS2 and encourage their curiosity.

Explore the universe, discover the wonder of our planet and find out who helped make some of the world's most important advances in STEM.






On Friday, 5th May 2023, Y2 pupil Isaac Cummings took part in an England National Team Programme event in Sheffield. This was a great opportunity for Isaac to gain experience and showcase his talent on the ice in front of expert coaches from the England National Team Programme.

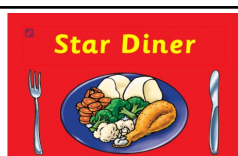
Selection to this prestigious camp means that they are one of the top players for their age, in their respective position. The future looks very bright.

We are so proud of you!



Week Ending 12th May 2023  
Stars of the Week at Oakdene Primary Academy

Class	Star of the Week 	Star Reader 	Star Writer 
Morning Nursery Mrs Guest	Emmie Marshall	Dylan Allon	Izzy Matthews
Afternoon Nursery Mrs Guest	Freya White	Poppy Daniel	Elodie Richardson
YR Miss Robinson	Bella Mansell	William Nimmo	Mia Hudzicka
Willows Mrs Farnaby & Mr Brown	Harrison Kirk	Edward Gardiner-Jukes	Eliza Copland
Y1B Mrs Brown	Roman Chesworth	Niamh Bellew	Leighton Daniels-Owen
Y2D Mrs Durham	Anna Cooley	Blake Playle	Albert Balanescu
Y3/4H Mr Horkan	Piper Noon	Ava Hammond	Skye Stainsby
Y3L Mrs Lorgan	Archie Hall	Alannah Bell	Ellis Fearn
Y4S Miss Smith	Joey Marshall	Amelia Wilks	Zia Kelly-Bostock
Y5W Mrs Wilson	Haiden-Marc Cotterill	Kaveesha Soyza	Jake Cody
Y5M Mr McConnell	Daisy-Mai McCarthy	Monica Dobson	Zac Dale
Y6B Miss Bestwick	Layla Rose	Libby Hancock	Sydney-West Oyston



YR: Noah Selvon

KS1: Jake Marshall

KS2: Jake Cody