

Weekly Newsletter 15th July 2024



Right of the Fortnight: Article 3:

All adults should do what is best for you.



Dear Parents/Carers,

WOW! Another week full of **excitement** has passed and with just over two weeks left, we are very close to the end of the school year. We've continued to focus on **transition** and preparing our children for September. Our most exciting news of the week was our **SATS results...**

Year 6 SATS Results

We are really proud of our **Year 6** children who completed their SATS tests in May. This week, the results were released and we are delighted to report that our standards **remain well above the national average both in the expected and greater depth standards**. These are the **BEST results** we have ever achieved as a school. Last year 59% of children **nationally** achieved reading, writing and maths combined, **Oakdene** achieved **81%** for reading, writing and maths combined—**22% + above the national average**. This year, 61% of children **nationally** achieved reading, writing and maths combined, **Oakdene** achieved **86%** for reading, writing and maths combined—**25% + above the national average**. We expect this to increase further as we have requested remarks. **HUGE congratulations** to our children and staff. **Thank you** to all **Y6 parents and carers** who supported their children at home both emotionally and academically too.

End of Year Reports

On **Tuesday, 16th July**, we will be handing out school reports to Y6 pupils. Parents and carers of pupils from Reception -Y5 will receive their child/ren's reports on **Wednesday, 17th July**. We hope you are as **proud** as we are of their **remarkable progress** this year.

Mrs E Bramley and Mrs S Osborne

Dates For Your Diary - Summer Term



Mon 15th July	Some Y6 Boys attend Football Tournament
Wed 17th July	Y5 VE Day Y6 Hancock Museum Visit
Thurs 18th July	Y2 'Lost Words' Visit
Fri 19th July	Y3 Captain Cook Visit 2pm Sports Day for Pupils in Y4-Y6 (weather permitting)
Mon 22nd July	Meet My New Teacher Event
Tues 23rd July	Rearranged Sports Day for Pupils in Y1-Y3 (weather permitting) 6.00pm Y6 Leavers' Performance (Tickets Only)
Wed 24th—Fri 26th July	Some Y6 Pupils Attend Summer School @ Northfield
Wed 24th July	3.30pm Friends of Oakdene Summer Fair
Thurs 25th July	Reception Pupils Olympic Celebratory Event
Fri 26th July	Little Sycamores and Nursery AM and PM Teddy Bears' Picnic
Tues 30th July	LAST DAY OF THE SUMMER TERM

A hard copy of the term dates (including PD Days and school holidays) for the next academic year will be sent home this week alongside a letter from the Trust regarding changes to attendance guidance that will become statutory and must be implemented after the 19th August 2024.

On Tuesday, 9th July, some of our children were invited to the Stockton Sports Partnership Awards ceremony.

Our Hockey team was nominated for the **Team of the Year Award** and Y5 pupil **Emily Smith** was nominated for the **Young Sports Leader of the Year Award**. Both were shortlisted to the final four across all schools in the partnership and they both received a **Highly Commended Award** for their incredible efforts this year in each of these categories.

Y6 pupils **Lucy Macklam** and **Kaveesha Soyza** were also awarded **Oakdene Primary Academy's Sports Personality of the Year Award**. Mr McConnell (PE Lead) was extremely proud that our gifted and talented pupils had been recognised at both an individual and team level for their amazing **contribution, hard work and passion** towards sports.



Comics Rule! Summer Writing Challenge 2024

All Y6 pupils received a **Comic Creators Activity Pack** linked to the **exciting world of comics and graphic novels**. The pack included lots of materials and ideas to support children to create a comic of their own. The Y6s also received a free copy of the **Beano**.

Experts at *Beano* have shared some top tips for creating **stand-out comic imagery** and their approach to storytelling – ensuring that the Y6s gain the skills and confidence they need to produce a comic story of their own.



Recommended Read

This week's recommended read is from
Mrs Osborne
'When Secrets set Sail'
By **Sita Brahmachari**



Mrs Osborne was recommended this book by the **National Literacy Trust**. It also tackles themes of **immigration, colonialism and bereavement**. An **uplifting story** which will leave you smiling.

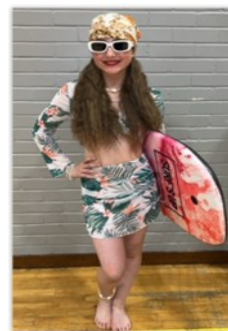
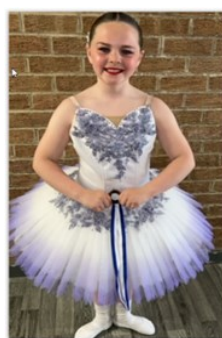
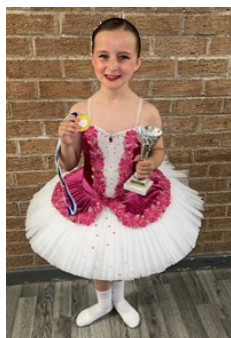


The **Summer Reading Challenge** is back this year! All our children have been invited to participate in the 2024 Summer Reading Challenge at **Billingham Library**. Each year, the Summer Reading Challenge has a new theme: **'Marvellous Makers'**. This year it's all about getting **CREATIVE**, music, junk-modelling, photography, dancing, story writing... the possibilities are endless.

Children aged **4-11** can visit **Billingham Library** from Saturday, 6th July onwards to participate in our Summer Reading Challenge! **Angela** (Billingham Librarian) has rearranged a launch assembly to promote the rewards: certificates, stickers and medals.

If there's one thing you can do over the school holidays—keep up the daily/regular reading habits.

Family Affair



We all know that **dancing** is better when we're dancing together, but there's something especially captivating about siblings, or even entire families, who all share the same passion and are great dance collaborators. This is certainly the case for the **Daniel family**. At a recent Dance Comp all four girls stepped their way to **success**.

This was **Poppy's** 1st competition and she did brilliantly. Her big smile brightened the stage up, she loved and enjoyed every minute of it. Although Poppy attends nursery, she placed **2nd in her modern** (the ugly bug), **2nd for her tap** and at the end of the competition presentations she was awarded for the **most promising baby** from the judge.

Rosie was placed **1st** for executing her **solo ballet** performance so brilliantly. **2nd** in the Mario troupe and **3rd** in **modern** and **character**.

Lily danced beautifully on stage, her confidence is growing more and more as she experiences each comp. For her **ballet** she placed **3rd** which she performed so elegantly. Then along with Rosie for their Mario troupe they placed **2nd**.

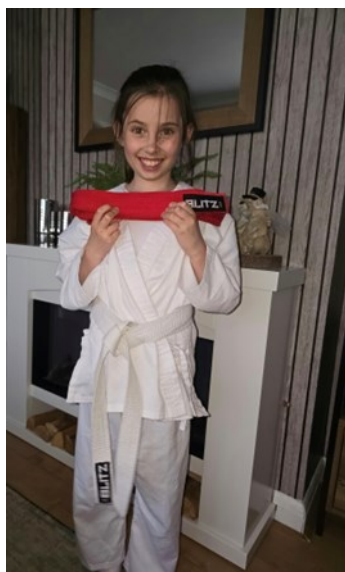
Emily also danced beautifully considering she had her pot on! Emily's resilience paid off as she was placed **1st** for her **character**, **1st** for her **Encanto troupe** and **2nd** for the **teen beach troupe**.

Y3 pupil **Daisy Thompson** attends the **Shukokai Karate Teesside Academy**.

Daisy was recently rigorously assessed and achieved the rank of **ninth Kyu**.

We're confident there will be many more belts.

Many **congratulations!**



Y4 pupil **Alyssa Frost-Usher** attends Heritage Dance Studio. The examiner praised Alyssa for her neat steps, excellent technique and good levels of energy. Alyssa was delighted to receive both a **medal** and a **certificate of merit**.


Alyssa was **highly commended** in the **pre-bronze modern dance**.

What a wonderful achievement!



Week Ending 12th July 2024
Stars of the Week at Oakdene Primary Academy

Class	Star of the Week 	Star Reader 	Star Writer 	Star Mathematician 
Early Years Unit Mrs Guest	Theo Bell	Isaac Stewart	Jamie Hart	Elijah Wilson-Hill
YR Miss Dixon	Finley Short	Harper Cooper	Katy Coates	Olivia Curry
Y1 Mrs Brown	Zayn Gibson	Sava Ali	Joseph Luker	Mia Hudzicka
Y2 Mrs Durham	Riley Titlestad	Isla O'Hare	Niamh Bellew	Max Prout
Y3 Mr Horkan & Mr Brown	Albert Balanescu	Sebastian Eley-Carberry	Jacob Edgar-Simpson	Megan & Sophie Squires
Y4R Miss Robinson	Lily Lloyd	Dolly Rogers	Archie Hall	Reuben Edgar-Simpson
Y4S Miss Smith	Alyssa Frost-Usher	Sophie-Alysa Minter	Elliot Lambert	Florence Bruce
Y5 Mrs Wilson & Mrs Smith	Cally Wright	Phoebe Donnelly	Jaden Ridley	Yener Arslan
Y6M Mr McConnell	Casey-Lee Morgan	Isaac Dobson	Trudi Langstaff	Olly Harris
Y6B Miss Bestwick	Eleanor Lewis	Lucan Fletcher	Connor Bateman	Mylah Bruce

 <p>Star Diner</p>	<p>YR & KSI Hunter Lake</p>	<p>Y3 & Y4 Lewis Harris</p>	<p>Y5 & Y6 Kayci-Leigh Moody-Blackburn</p>
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