

Weekly Newsletter  
16th January 2023



Right of the Fortnight: Article 30:

Your Right to Use Your Own Name



Dear Parents/Carers

It's been another superb week at Oakdene with children uncovering a **world of possibilities**. We aim to **inspire** each and every child in each and every class to **feel happy, safe and** to reach true **academic brilliance**. Last week it was great to see some of our Nursery children settle into their **30 hours provision** with ease. Demand has been so high we now have a waiting list!

School Visits

At Oakdene we pride ourselves on **sharing excellence** and always look for opportunities to work with other schools from around the country to ensure that we are using the most **powerful pedagogical approaches** in every classroom. Visitors and leaders on visits have commented on the **exceptional behaviour** of the children, the **outstanding** and **ambitious curriculum** offered by school and how **inspired** they felt following their visits.

One Way Systems

There were some measures/ideas that were put in place during the pandemic that we were extremely pleased to let go. There were, however, some ideas that we have decided should be a 'Covid Keeper'. One example is the **one way system**, as this alleviates congestion at drop off and collection times. **WE POLITELY REMIND ALL PARENTS/CARERS TO CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THE ONE WAY SYSTEM.** On behalf of all our school staff, I would like to **thank** the large majority of you for doing this. We really appreciate your **wonderful ongoing support**. **Nobody should enter the school site via the gate at the rear of the staff car park.** Marshalls' presence has been increased and we will approach anyone who tries to enter the site via this route. If you are not collecting your child, please ensure that other family members are informed of how they can access the school site.

Online Safety

Teaching Online Safety is an important part of **keeping our children safe**. We do this mainly through the **computing curriculum** in school using age appropriate resources to demonstrate the risks and how to avoid them. It is very important that children take these messages with them at the end of the school day and are **supported when using technology at home**. **Each and every adult has a responsibility to protect children and this includes when they are on line.** Technology changes at a fast pace. We recognise that, as parents and carers, it is a challenge to try to keep up with how to keep children safe whilst they access technology. So as a school we subscribe to a **monthly online newsletter** for parents and carers. In addition, **Childline and O2** have teamed up to offer a **free helpline** for parents/carers for any queries you may have regarding online activity, this could just be simple queries about online gaming or parental controls. The free phone number is **0808 800 5002**. There are times when something uncomfortable happens while online. Please talk to your children about letting a trusted adult know if something they see or hear feels 'uncomfortable'. Children need to know that if this happens they have not done anything wrong.

Enjoy your week!

Mrs E Bramley and Mrs S Osborne

## Dates For Your Diary - Spring Term



Mon 16th Jan—Fri 27th Jan Swimming Block 2 for Y5 pupils  
 Thurs 19th Jan Y3 Stone Age Visit North York Moors  
 Fri 20th Jan YR & Y6 Pupils Height & Weight Checks

Wed 25th Jan KS1 Northern Ballet Workshop  
 (Sunday 22nd Jan ) Chinese New Year  
 Mon 30th Jan Y4 STEM Visit (am) : Industry will Power the Future Workshops  
 Tues 31st Jan Y3 Visit Mosque (am)  
 Group of Y4 Active Learning Competition (pm)

Week Commencing 28th Jan: 'National Storytelling Week'

Week Commencing 6th Feb: 'Children's Mental Health Week'

Tues 7th Feb 9.10am Y6 Open Morning for Parents & Carers  
 Safer Internet Day

Thurs 16th Feb 1.30pm Y1 (inc Y1 Willows) Open Afternoon for Parents & Carers  
 Launch Readathon  
 Pupils break up for half term

Fri 17th Feb **PD Day 4 for Staff Training (school closed for pupils)**

### HALF TERM

**Monday 20th February - Friday 24th February**

**Mon 27th February - Children return to school**

Week commencing 27th Feb: Fairtrade Fortnight (27th Feb to 12th March)

Mon 27th Feb Y4/Y5 STEM visit (am):  
 Industry will Power the Future Workshops

Thurs 2nd March World Book Day & Readathon Celebration

Mon 6th March Careers Week

**Mon 13th March PD Day 5 for Staff Training (school closed for pupils)**

Mon 13th March Launch of British Science Week  
 Fri 17th March Red Nose Comic Relief Charity Day

Wed 22nd March 9.10am Y4 Open Morning for Parents & Carers  
 World Water Day

Thurs 23rd March World Maths Day

Fri 24th March Y3 Earth Hour

Week commencing 28th March: Consultation Evenings for Parent/Carers

Fri 31st March Nursery Open Morning and Afternoon (times to be confirmed)  
*Children break up for Easter*

### EASTER HOLIDAYS

**Monday 3rd April - Friday 14th April**

**Mon 17th April Summer Term commences—children return to school**

## School Picnic Menu Thursday 19th January 2023

### Mains

Pizza Whirl or Sausage Rolls  
served with Wedges and Salad or Pasta Salad

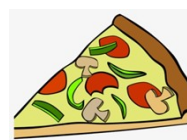
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Mini Sandwiches & Crudités

### Dessert

Banoffee Mess, Frozen Lolly, Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

Jenny (our new school cook) has planned a special menu on 19th January for the school census day. This menu is to encourage pupils to have a school meal. The uptake of school meals on this day is counted towards the schools pupil funding for the next academic year. To cover increasing energy bills, sustain staffing levels and to be able to continue to offer fabulous resources we really need every penny. You could be in with a chance of winning a £20 gift card.



### **Recommended Reads**

This week's recommended read is from

**Mrs Rowe**

**'I Love Chinese New Year'**

by Eva Wong Nava



This book is a perfect introduction to Chinese New Year for younger readers. Join Mai-Anne as she learns about twelve animals and their special powers in the story of how Chinese New Year began!

This is a beautifully illustrated introduction to the true meaning of Chinese New Year and family traditions.



We continue to proudly work towards 'The Rainbow Flag Award'. There are six sections to gain for achieving a full Rainbow Flag Award. We are making excellent progress. We have been awarded the first badge **Skilled Teacher** and have just submitted evidence for the **Supportive Governors and Parents** and **Inclusive Curriculum**.

One piece of photographic evidence was the 'We all belong' display to promote the **LGBTQ+** books in the 'Wonderland Library' which is positioned in the main entrance. We look forward to receiving feedback soon.

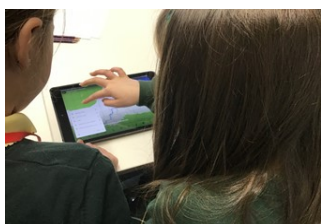


Year 5's attended an **employability** workshop at **Teesworks Academy**. This was a very informative session which provided children with the opportunity to consider what **careers** they might like to do when they leave school. At the start of the session, the children created a list of the jobs they 'thought' were available to them around our local area. The list included supermarkets, takeaways and retail stores. The children were then asked what they would like to do when they leave school. There was a variety of answers ranging from working in supermarkets, clothes stores to taking over the family business.

The children were then provided with a **history** of Teesside. They used the Google Maps app and an iPad and looked at all the business currently around the Tees. They chose a business and after clicking on it on the map, they watched a video which explained what the company did. They met a few of the **employees** and they explained further what their job entailed.

The children explored engineering companies, hospitals, universities, The Globe, advertising, animation, computer programming and many more. They listened to how the Teesworks was currently being developed and what further **job opportunities** were coming to our area. All of the different jobs, right on our doorstep, waiting for them to explore.

By the end of the session, they were very **inspired**. One of the children said, "I always wanted to work in Asda but I love drawing. I want to work in animation now at Teesside University and make the next Disney film." Another child wanted to become a marine biologist. Another, a fashion designer. The workshop **opened their minds** to the possibilities and different **occupations** available in our local area and how accessible they are. They are very excited to **follow their dreams** and hopefully find out more about these jobs, when we visit some of the companies later in the year for a real taster.



Pupils from Year 1 and Willows participated in a **Multi-skills Festival** on Friday. The Festival was designed to develop children's **fundamental movement skills**. Multi-Skill festivals include a rotation of multi-skill activities, eg, 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 expressed how much they would like Oakdene to attend School Sports Partnership events again for their **exemplary behaviour** and **listening skills**.

Well done to all involved!






#### RSPB BIG SCHOOLS' BIRDWATCH

Many children have shared how they can help our wildlife and birds survive in winter and to prepare for the **RSPB Big School and/or Garden Bird Watch**.





Week Ending 13th January 2023  
Stars of the Week at Oakdene Primary Academy

Class	Star of the Week 	Star Reader 	Star Writer 
Morning Nursery Mrs Guest	Jack Bourne	Tommy Wilks	Delilah Dodds-Day
Afternoon Nursery Mrs Guest	Harper Cooper	Caleb Jeffries	N/A
YR Miss Robinson	Saga Svedlund	Esmea Skipp	Jacob Matthews
Willows Mrs Farnaby & Mr Brown	Jack Blasco	Junior Hindmarsh	Mason Lavender
Y1L Miss Leonard	Lottie Donnelly	Oakley Purvis	Lily Archer
Y2D Mrs Durham	Jake Marshall	Lewis Harris	Lily Charlton
Y3/4H Mr Horkan	Ava Hammond	Finley Orley	Logan Daniels-Owen
Y3L Mrs Largan	Landon Quinn	Brooke Carse	Florence Bruce
Y4S Miss Smith	Noah Stephenson	Isabelle Owens	Holly Stapleton
Y5W Mrs Wilson	Jake Cody	Ceejay Chambers	Finley Amos
Y5M Mr McConnell	Aiden-James Finley	Meghan Dyson	Lucan Fletcher
Y6B Miss Bestwick	George McNay	Libby Hancock	Sydney West-Oyston

**Star of the Week:** High no of Dojos, Rights Respecting both in class & at lunchtime, PE Readiness, read at home, learnt spellings etc

**Star Reader:** Read at least minimum number of times depending on key stage therefore in Reading Raffle, using myON at home etc

**Star Writer:** Joined handwriting, presentation of written work, creative content, quality/quantity of written work, correct letter sizes etc