

Weekly Newsletter 17th April 2023



Right of the Fortnight: Article 6:
You have the right to life and be happy



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! I hope that everyone had a fabulous Easter break. The summer term is always a great term with so many events taking place. We will be sending out lots of information over the coming weeks so please make sure that you **check Marvellous Me and keep-up to date with the latest news on our website and weekly newsletters.**

It has been wonderful to welcome parents/carers into school to view their children's books and meet class teachers face to face. It was great that so many of you were able to hear about the great things your child has been **learning** and their overall **wellbeing**. We apologise for any inconvenience and will rearrange appointments for those staff who needed to cancel appointments at the last minute due to being unwell/family emergencies. We also apologise that we had to cancel the Easter-themed nursery open morning and afternoon. A new date will be arranged shortly.

Today is **National Offer Day** for primary schools. Once again we've received a high volume of applications from other local schools and private day nurseries. Congratulations to all our nursery children who were offered a school **Reception place** for September 2023. We look forward to continuing your learning journey with us. More information will follow after the May half-term break.

This is a very short half term but an extremely busy one. Despite the lighter nights we really emphasise that children **maintain bedtime routines** and have a good night's sleep. This is particularly important for Y2 and Y6 pupils, as this month is the time for 'quizzes'.

Enjoy the sunshine!
Mrs E Bramley and Mrs S Osborne

I had the impossible task of judging the **Easter Egg Decorating Competition**. Many children had linked their design to the **curriculum**, a **book**, **visits** or **pupil voice** initiatives. The standard was really impressive. Many congratulations to the winners: Harper-Rose Hill, Amelia Wright, Harry Robinson, Mia Hudzicka, Lillymae Morgan, Edward Gardiner-Jukes, Daisy Thompson, George Reeve, Olivia-Grace Allison, Hayden Jackson, Isaac Dobson, Aiden-James Finley and Robyn Kirk.

The following children won a giant Easter egg from the **100% attendance raffle** for the last few weeks of the Spring term: Taylor Perry, Lily Archer, Evie-Jayne Harrison, Leah Cooley, Harry Laws, Jack Wilks, Meghan Dyson, Haiden-Marc Cotterill and Millie Weetman. Y6 pupils worked alongside Alison Earnshaw-Akers and our in-house catering team to create and decorate **delicious Easter treats**. Thank you to everyone who came along to support our **Easter Bake Sale**.

If you took a green tray home please can you return it to school. Thank you.



Dates For Your Diary - Summer Term

Mon 17th April—Fri 28th April Swimming Block 3 for Y5 pupils

Mon 17th April Green Cuisine Day
Earth Day Launch Assembly

Mon 24th April St. George's Day Assembly

Fri 28th April KS2: Coronation 'Draw-along' with Author & Illustrator Rob Biddulph
9.15am Coffee Morning led by Alliance and Mrs Hood

May 2023 KS1 SATs Test Period

Mon 1st May **BANK HOLIDAY**

Thurs 4th May 9.10am Y5 Open Morning for Parents & Carers
Fri 5th May Coronation 'Street' Party - further details to follow.
Wear red, white or blue but NOT football strips.

Mon 8th May **BANK HOLIDAY KING'S CORONATION**

Tues 9th May- Friday 12th May **Key Stage 2 SATs** are Timetabled

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

Fri 26th May Y6 Tees Valley Career Workshops

Fri 26th May **BREAK UP FOR MAY HALF TERM**

Mon 29th May- Fri 2nd June **HALF TERM HOLIDAY**

June PRIDE Month

Mon 5th June World Environment Day

2-week period commencing 5th June: **Y4 Multiplication Tables Check**

Week commencing 12th June: **Y1 Phonics Screening Check & Y2 Resits.**

20th -26th June National Schools Sports Week

Mon 20th June World Refugee Day

Wed 21st June National Writing Day

Wed 28th June NSPCC Workshops for Y5 & Y6

Mon 3rd July Nichola Davey Launch the Summer Reading Challenge

Tues 4th July Y2 Literacy Trail Visit at Preston Park

Y3 Visit to Captain Cook Museum

Wed 5th July 2pm KS2 Sports Day

Thurs 6th July Y5 Eden Camp Visit

Mon 10th July Academy Hub Music Events for some Y3 Pupils

4.30pm Meeting for Parents and Carers of new Reception
Pupils September 2023.

Mon 10th & Tues 11th July Y6 Residential

Tues 11th July 2pm KS1 Sports Day

Mon 17th July Meet my New Teacher Event

Tues 18th July 6.00pm Y6 Leaver's Performance (Tickets Only)

Wed 19th July Little Sycamores and Nursery AM and PM Teddy Bears' Picnic

Thurs 20th July **LAST DAY OF THE SUMMER TERM**



Recommended Read

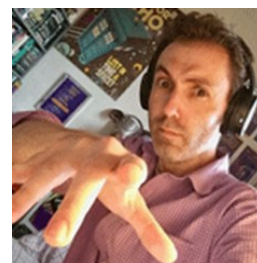
This week's recommended read is from
Miss Robinson
'Junk DNA' by Clare Thompson



Junk DNA is a 32-page wordless comic. It has been created from the arrangement of recycled loose parts including nuts, bolts, old scrap metal items, keys, spanners, spark plugs, light bulbs, watch parts and torn paper.

It shows how loose parts can be used to great effect in storytelling and to convey complex messages.

Children enjoyed Virtual Author Workshops with Tom Percival & Chris Callaghan. Author and illustrator Tom Percival introduced the different personalities in his new Dream Team series. Chris Callaghan was raised in a Shipyard town on the banks of the Tyne. He **struggled with reading** as a boy, and preferred writing stories, never dreaming that one day he might become a published author himself. But he did! He enjoys sharing his **love of reading and writing**, and encouraging children just like he was that **stories are for everyone**.



Open The Book

KS1 pupils watched and joined in a performance from local church volunteers depicting the **Easter Story**. The children explored the story of **Holy Week** and **Easter** in drama, music and art during the past few weeks.

They have learnt about the death and resurrection of Jesus; about the **Biblical characters** and evidence from history and the different emotions we may experience as we engage with this.

Y1 enjoyed making their **Easter loaves** too as part of their DT curriculum.



Y5 enjoyed the suspense of their **class novel-Room 13** written by the acclaimed award-winning children's author Robert Swindells. Published in 1989, it centres around a group of friends, on a school trip, who stay in a creepy guest house on Whitby's West Cliff. Studying Whitby has also supported the **Geography curriculum**. The children visited Whitby and used their **orienteeering skills** to navigate their way through this seaside town. A highlight of the day was the obligatory fish and chips.



Oakdene have taken part in many **inter- school sport competitions**. The children have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in these competitions and it gives every individual the **opportunity to compete** against other schools in the area. The competitions have included the following sports: **hockey, netball and football**.

Some of our Key stage 2 children also took part in a **tri-golf** tournament. Many of them had not played before, however, they did really well and enjoyed taking part in a new experience. Our and finished the day in 3rd place and were awarded bronze **medals**. A huge well done to all of the children that took part and represented our school in all events.



We are very proud of you for demonstrating the **school games values**.



Y1 pupil **Alex** recently ran his 10th 5k parkrun. This is incredible for someone so young. He also finished 50th in a 2k junior parkrun too.

Running is not something that Alex has found easy and yet his perseverance and resilience have paid off. Alex continues to impress both his family and school by pushing himself to reach the next goal and to keep going.

We are all so proud of everything he's achieved so far—keep running!



Huge congratulations to Y6 pupil **Noah** who won the **England Boxing schoolboy championships** on Sunday, 16th April. Noah is now the **Tyne Tees & West champion!**

This is an **exceptional achievement** and he has worked so hard to get to this stage. Noah now **qualifies** to the next round at Liverpool in two weeks' time. We wish Noah continued success. The photo below shows Noah proudly wearing his winning vest and **medal**.



Week Ending 31st March 2023
Stars of the Week at Oakdene Primary Academy

Class	Star of the Week 	Star Reader 	Star Writer 
Morning Nursery Mrs Guest	Amelia Wright	Olivia Curry	Darcy Hammond
Afternoon Nursery Mrs Guest	Darcie Murray-Denby	Poppy Daniel	N/A
YR Miss Robinson	Oakley Harrison	Arabella Sedgwick	Joseph Luker
Willows Mrs Farnaby & Mr Brown	Alyza Bateman	Eliza Copland	Daisy Murray-Walker
Y1L Miss Leonard	Lilly Dixon	Leo Archer	Malachi Worth
Y2D Mrs Durham	Anna Cooley	Archie Donnelly	Eliza-Grace Mack
Y3/4H Mr Horkan	Finley Orley	Kain Carmichael	Sophie-Alysa Minter
Y3L Mrs Largan	Hollie Dale	Annie-Mai Harris	Brooke Carse
Y4S Miss Smith	Eliza Kirk	Holly Hill	George Robinson
Y5W Mrs Wilson	Olly Harris	Eleanor Lewis	Kaveesha Soyza
Y5M Mr McConnell	Casey-Lee Morgan	Harleigh Ramsey	Cody-Lee Fitzpatrick
Y6B Miss Bestwick	Lilly Jackson	Layla Rose	Millie Weetman

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