

Weekly Newsletter 17th June 2024



Right of the Fortnight: Article 22:
**You have the right to special protection
if you are a refugee.**



Dear Parents/Carers,

Well, our feet haven't touched the ground as there has been so many events and activities taking place, such as the Y5 and Y6 attending an **Athletics** event at **Middlesbrough Sports Village** but, we wouldn't have it any other way at Oakdene! We had the privilege of hosting our esteemed School Improvement Officer for Early Years, Delyth Linacre, along with **13 Early Years Leaders** from the Northern Hub of ELT last week. It was an excellent opportunity for us to **showcase** the **outstanding work** and dedication that defines Oakdene. During their visit, we had the chance to **highlight the excellence** that our school community consistently strives for - from **innovative** teaching methods to the **nurturing** and supportive atmosphere that characterises our school. Our **feedback** is uploaded to the website with this newsletter.



Class photographs were taken in our **forest** setting again this year. Unfortunately the proofs of all class photographs were unacceptable due to a number of quality issues. We have never experienced this before. We contacted the company and they have apologised profusely. A new date has been arranged—**28th June**. We thank you for your patience.

Phonics Screening Check

This week, Year 1 have been tested to track their progress in the **Phonics Screening Check**. Mrs Brown carried out the Phonics screening tests with every single child (including a small number of Y2 resits). We have been blown away by the amount of **progress** made. We will share our results as soon as we are able to do so.

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Checks

A huge well done to our Year 4 children who completed their multiplication checks this week. That final push on the **Times Table Rockstar Day** and open morning really helped. Again, we have been really impressed with the children's ability to recall multiplication facts.

Attendance

Attendance overall is exceptionally strong. Attendance however will remain a huge focus until the end of term - please make sure children are in school **every day** and arrive **on time!** We have so many memorable events we don't want your children to miss out.

Friends of Oakdene Summer Raffle

Thanks to the Friends of Oakdene for organising the Summer Raffle. This raised an **incredible £401**. The money raised from the **Summer Fayre** will make a real difference to our outdoor provision. Thanks also to those who supported the Coat Swap.

Finally, an **enormous thank you** for the **generous** donations of equipment to restock our Kitchen Corner. You are fabulous!

Mrs E Bramley and Mrs S Osborne

Dates For Your Diary - Summer Term

Mon 17th-Wed 19th June	Y6 Residential
Mon 17th June	Y5 Virtual Author Event with Michael Rosen
Mon 17th -24th June	National Schools Sports Week
Wed 19th June	National Writing Day
Thurs 20th June	World Refugee Day Y2, Y3 & Y4 Virtual Author Event with Mark Arrigo & Steven Chatterton (linked to refugee day)
Fri 21st June	EYFS & KS1 Virtual Author Event with Lauren Hoffmeier (linked to International Yoga Day)
Mon 24th June	Y6 Pupils Attend Children Challenging Industry Lesson 2
Tues 25th June	AM - Y6M CCI Visit to Micropore, Redcar
Wed 26th June	AM - Y6B CCI Visit to Fujifilm, Billingham
Thurs 27th June	Y5 Taster Day at Northfield
Fri 28th June	Class Photographs (new date) Y5 & Y6 Author Visit - Lysette Auton Some Y3/Y4 Girls Football Event @ Northfield
Mon 1st July	Summer Reading Challenge Assembly led by Angela Foster 4.30pm - Meeting for Parents and Carers of September 2024 New Reception Pupils
Wed 3rd July	Reception Visit Hardwick Park 'Step into Storytime' (new date).
Thurs 4th July	Y1 Beach Schools Visit
Mon 8th July	Lee Owston, National Director, Education Ofsted, Visits Oakdene Academy Hub Music Events for some Y3 Pupils
Tues 16th July	2.15pm Sports Day for Pupils in Y1-Y3
Thurs 18th July	Y2 'Lost Words' Visit
Fri 19th July	Y3 Captain Cook Visit 2pm Sports Day for Pupils in Y4-Y6
Mon 22nd July	Meet My New Teacher Event
Tues 23rd July	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 Fayre
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



Messing about on the river As part of their **Rivers Topic**, Year 3 set sail on the **Teesside Princess** to experience the beauty of the River Tees!

The children enjoyed a **cruise** up the river from Stockton to Preston Park and were able to spot **meanders** and **tributaries** along the way. Finally, they spent some time exploring the **Tees Barrage**, learning about its importance to the local area for **tourism** and **recreation**.



Roman Chesworth (Y2) keeps collecting more **football medals** and his team were presented with another **trophy**. Roman is ready for a rest at the end of a very busy season, however, he shared how he'll miss the **'team'**. Making friends and being part of a team is so important. Very well done!



Boxing is a great way to boost your child's **fitness** and general **health** while simultaneously teaching them valuable lessons like **dedication**, **self-discipline**, and **respect**.

Y6 pupil, **Cody-Lee Fitzpatrick** attends **Billingham Boxing Academy** and is rightly proud to receive a **gold medal** for his technique. **Congratulations!**



Y4 pupil **Landon Quinn** is a **highly decorated sportsman** and he was presented with another **four awards** to add to his collection. Landon plays for **Boro Rangers Reds U9s** and was particularly proud to be **nominated 'player's player of the year.'** Wow!



Y2 pupil **Niamh Bellew** was presented with a trophy from **Hamsterley Trailblazers** for demonstrating impressive **mountain bike skills**.

Niamh enjoys being active outdoors and likes to **take risks** in a **safe** environment. What a superstar!



Y4 pupil **Charlie Kibbler** pushed his pedal power to the limits as he cycled an incredible **14 miles** around Darlington as part of **'Roland's Ride'**. The ride was organised to **raise funds** and **awareness** for a fantastic cause—the **Motor Neurone Disease Association**. **Inspirational!**



Y5 pupils **George Robinson, Emily Smith** and **Joey Marshall** are all **exceptional play leaders** at Oakdene. They are passionate about sport and have **remarkable** levels of patience explaining rules of games to younger children.

Outside of school they all play for **Billingham United**. At a recent presentation event they were all recognised individually and collectively for their **gifts** and **talents**. They were nominated by other players and parents as well as the coaches.

It was a joy to see how proud this trio are of one another. There was a true sense of **collaboration before competition! Phenomenal!**

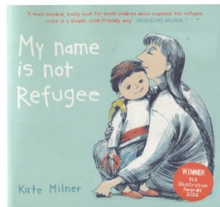


EYFS pupils **Caleb** and **Nathaniel Jefferies** competed in Rounds 4 and 5 of the North East Youth League. Round 4 was hosted in Carlisle by Tyneside Vagabonds and this was the first time there was a **U6 podium**. Caleb took 2nd U6 boy and Nathaniel took 3rd U6 boy. Round 5 was at Middlesbrough Sports Village by Stockton Wheelers. The boys improved on their **personal best** times. Nathaniel achieved 20th U8 and Caleb was 21st! **Fabulous results!**



Recommended Read
 This week's recommended read is from
 Mrs Wilson
 'My name is not refugee'

By Kate Milner



This is a beautifully-illustrated story that explains the refugee crisis in a touching and accessible way.

Readers are taken along the little boy's journey from his hometown and country to a new, safe place.

As a 'World of Stories' school, KS2 children enjoyed a Virtual Author Event with historical author Frances Durkin. Frances has created the fantastic **Histonauts** series. Frances gave us a fascinating insight into how she writes her books, from her initial inspiration to the finished product. We were able to ask her questions at the end of her talk.



It's **Independent Bookshop Week** again and that means the **Great North Author Tour** is back. **On Saturday 22nd June from 12:15 until 1:00pm, Drake Bookshop will be welcoming 10 children's authors to Silver Street and they would like you to join them!**

Please spread the word so that current fans of Lisette Auton; Marie Basting; Jennifer Bell; Lucy Farfort; Julia Green; Daisy May Johnson; Gabrielle Kent; Julia Patton; Dan Smith and Bethany Walker, can meet up with new fans and have a chat and get some new books signed and dedicated.



Drake The Bookshop runs **children's book clubs**. Young Bookworms (age 8+) and High Rise Readers (age 11+) meet once a month to discuss a new book, sometimes with the author (either in person or over Zoom).

The next meeting is June 29th (2pm Bookworms and 2:45 High Rise) and it will be discussing **The Letter with the Golden Stamp** by **Onjali Q Rauf** and **The Shadow of the Wolf Queen** by **Kiran Millwood Hargrave**.



Week Ending 24th May 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	Kane Carter	Oliver Metcalfe	Nathaniel Jefferies	River French
YR Miss Dixon	Izzy Matthews	Vinnie Westwood	Dylan Allon	Lucas Milne
Y1 Mrs Brown	Noah Selvon	Keesha Griffin	Aria Dugdale	Zayn Gibson
Y2 Mrs Durham	Olivia Wilkinson	Riven Mansell	Rosie Daniel	Roman Chesworth
Y3 Mr Horkan & Mr Brown	Scarlett Allon	Charlie Owens	Joshua Wood	Lily Charlton
Y4R Miss Robinson	Archie Hall	Amez Ali	Lily Lloyd	Toby Chocholko
Y4S Miss Smith	Kain Carmichael	George Reevell	Fearne Fisher	Lily Daniel
Y5 Mrs Wilson & Mrs Smith	Yener Arslan	Jacob Smithson	Hayden Jackson	Holly Stapleton
Y6M Mr McConnell	Ollie Smith	Olly Harris	Trudi Langstaff	Cody-Lee Fitzpatrick
Y6B Miss Bestwick	Meghan Dyson	Jack Tunney	Eleanor Lewis	Emily Daniel



YR & KSI
Harry Robinson

Y3 & Y4
Harrison Unsworth

Y5 & Y6
Haiden-Marc Cotterill

Week Ending 14th June 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	Ruby Bunn	Nathaniel Jefferies	Ivy Laing	Jamie Hart
YR Miss Dixon	Nate Oliver	Hallie Richardson	Dylan Allon	Liam Turner
Y1 Mrs Brown	Lincoln Wardle	Amani Mohammad	Oakley Harrison	Miley Dodds-Day
Y2 Mrs Durham	Lola Pearce	Lily Archer	Riley Titlestad	Ivy-May Fiddes
Y3 Mr Horkan & Mr Brown	Sebastian Eley-Carberry	Sophie Squires	Joshua Wood	Theo Smith-Sewell
Y4R Miss Robinson	Leah Cooley	Lily Lloyd	Charlie Kibbler	Ellis Fearn
Y4S Miss Smith	Alannah Bell	Kayci Scott-Mullin	Kain Carmichael	Landon Quinn
Y5 Mrs Wilson & Mrs Smith	Tyler Curry	Phoebe Donnelly	Noah White	Hayden Jackson
Y6M Mr McConnell	Kaci-Leigh Moody-Blackburn	Arez Ali	Harleigh Ramsey	Daisy-Mai McCarthy
Y6B Miss Bestwick	Kiera Ibbotson	Haiden-Marc Cotterill	James Luker	Jack Tunney
	YR & KS1 Keesha Griffin	Y3 & Y4 William Marshall	Y5 & Y6 Cally Wright	