

## Weekly Newsletter 17th October 2022



Right of the Fortnight: Article 16:  
You have the right to privacy



Dear Parents/Carers

I can't believe another week has passed and we only have this week left before our **half term break**. I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge **well done** to all of the staff and children for their hard work this half term. It's been a fun-packed 7 weeks.

On **World Mental Health Day**, Monday, 10th October, we discussed the importance of keeping our brains healthy as well as our bodies. We revisited all the ways in which we regularly think about the '**5 Ways to Wellbeing**'. Being outdoors and being exposed to natural sunlight was a popular choice.

With Hallowe'en and Bonfire Night also on the horizon, a reminder to everyone to **stay safe** and to keep your children supervised. The clocks will go back **in the early hours of Sunday, 30th October**, giving everyone an extra hour in bed. Changing the clocks in October gives us an extra hour of morning daylight in the darkness of autumn and winter.

Stay safe and we look forward to seeing you on  
**Tuesday, 2nd November 2022**

Have a wonderful half term!

Mrs E Bramley and Mrs S Osborne



It was fantastic to welcome so many parents & carers of Y5 pupils to a **Greek themed Open Morning**. Activities including creating **Spanakopitta** and tasting some Greek cuisine, learning how to play a competitive game of **Petteia** and sculpting a **Greek Pot**. Mrs Osborne shared our **approach to reading in Y5**. Parents & carers were introduced to this term's **whole-class texts** and found out how we assess the children.

Mrs Osborne and I were **positively overwhelmed** to hear about the extraordinary lengths families are going to, to promote reading beyond school. We often talk about children **knowing more** and **remembering more** but it was evident how much our **reading culture** has been embraced by all.

It was heart warming to hear how you are preparing younger siblings for **key texts**, **key authors** etc.  
**THANK YOU!**



## Dates For Your Diary - Autumn Term



### OCTOBER

Mon 17th Oct  
Tues 18th Oct  
Wed 19th Oct  
Thurs 20th Oct  
Fri 21st Oct

### Black History Month

Y6 Children Challenging Industry  
KS1 & KS2 Halloween Discos  
9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Y3 Pupils  
Foodbank Collection  
Superhero Day for Reception Pupils  
Victorian Day for Y6 Pupils  
2.30pm Friends of Oakdene Meeting  
*Children break up for half term*

Fri 21st Oct

**Mon 24th Oct - Fri 28th Oct**  
**October Half-Term Break**

Mon 31st Oct

Tues 1st Nov

Wed 2nd Nov

**PD Day 3 for Staff Training (school closed for pupils)**  
**School Re-opens to Pupils**

AM - Y6 Children Challenging Industry Site Visit (Alpek)  
PM - Y1 Visit Sports Festival  
Y3L AM & Y3/4H PM meet Viking Visitor from Danelaw

Mon 7th Nov

Fri 11th Nov

### Phototronics (Individual Photographs)

9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Y2D and Y2Willows  
Remembrance Day

Week commencing 14th Nov: UK Parliament Week

Parent Consultation Evenings (blended offer phone & face to face)

Wed 16th Nov

Fri 18th Nov

Fri 25th Nov

Fri 2nd Dec

Tues 6th Dec  
Thurs 8th Dec

Tues 13th Dec  
Wed and Thurs  
14th and 15th Dec

9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Y4 Pupils  
Football Competition  
9.00am - Assist Stockton, Parent Carer Forum Coffee Morning  
Children In Need Day (non-uniform)

Y1 Visit to the North York Moors—One Snowy Night  
Y2 Visit to Preston Park

Friends Of Oakdene Christmas Fayre

TVMS Snappy Christmas  
Christmas Lunch for Pupils & Staff

Nasal Flu Spray  
2.00pm Nativity Performance for Parents & Carers of  
Reception, Y1, Y2 and Willows

**Dates to be confirmed for: Y3 & Y4 Christmas Nativity Tableau & Christingle for Y5 & Y6**

Mon 19th Dec

Tues 20th Dec

AM and PM Little Sycamores and Nursery Christmas Parties  
AM Reception Christmas Party  
PM Y1 & Y2 Christmas Parties  
AM Y3 & Y4 Christmas Parties  
PM Y5 & Y6 Christmas Parties

***Break up for Christmas Holiday***

**Wednesday, 21st December 2022 - Tuesday, 3rd January 2023**  
**Christmas Holiday**

**Wednesday, 4th January 2023 Spring Term Commences**  
**Pupils Return to School**

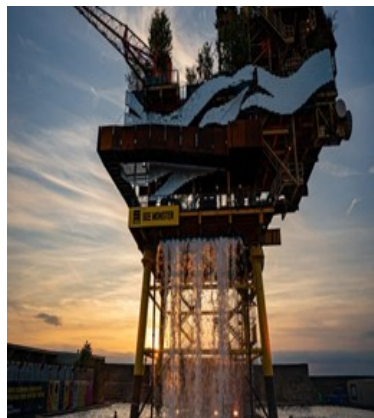
KS2 pupils joined schools across the UK who took part in the 'All Aboard See Monster' assembly on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> October.

We used this 12-minute video to enable our KS2 pupils to **virtually climb aboard** the offshore platform that's been transformed into an art installation – **a world first**. The children listened to powerful messages about **reuse, the water cycle** and the great British **weather** from the **scientists** and **artists** that created SEE MONSTER.

The children were challenged to take inspiration and to generate their own ideas to change the world.

You can visit this attraction on the South West coast of England at the beach in Weston-Super-Mare for **FREE**, right through until 5th November 2022.

<https://seemonster.co.uk/>



### Recommended Read

This week's recommended read is from

Mrs Langan

'Spaceband' By Tom Fletcher



This is an out-of-this-world adventure which **celebrates difference, believing in yourself, and the power of friendship**. As you read the story you can scan QR codes to listen to McFly's versions of 'The Earthlings' songs!

This book was only released last week and is currently available at many book stores and online for

**half price - (just £7.50)**

*Open the Book is a project which offers children an opportunity to hear Bible stories. Last week KS1 shared the story of Adam and Eve.*

*The children were invited to take an active role in the retelling of the story. They held props, listened beautifully and showcased their performance skills.*







Many thanks to those who have already donated to the 'Harvest Appeal'. Our collection is Thursday morning.

Please help feed people in need in our local community by donating items. They are really short of:

Long Life UHT Milk

Small bottles of squash

Tinned Fish

Tinned Fruit

Tinned Tomatoes

Tinned Rice pudding/Custard

Coffee

Washing up liquid

Washing capsules

Toilet Roll/Deodorants/Shampoo

Shower gel

Thank you but they have ample:

Beans, soup, pasta, tinned meat & cereal

Miss Bestwick took 15 children from across KS2 visited **Bring It On**, the North East Exhibition for **Future Engineers**. It aims to build **science capital** and to **raise the aspirations** of North East youngsters and contribute to closing the engineering skills gap in the region. The children visited stands from different companies from around the North East and learnt about the **careers** available to them in different industries. The children saw robots, used VR headsets, created a wind turbine out of KNEX and much more to learn about careers in **local industry**.



Despite suffering from chest problems, Reuben Quinn demonstrated excellent **determination** to represent Oakdene at the **cross country finals competition** in Stockton last week.

Despite not feeling 100%, Reuben came 20th out of over 100 who raced. This is an impressive achievement. Reuben demonstrated amazing **resilience** and **perseverance** to complete the course—very well done!






Y4s visited **Housesteads Roman Fort** last week and it was a unique experience. Stood high on the wild Whin Sill Escarpment, Housesteads is the most complete example of a Roman fort anywhere in Britain.

Y4s discovered what life was like for the 800 soldiers based there. With a history that goes back almost 2,000 years, Housesteads offered the children a great insight into what Roman Britain was like.



Week Ending 14th October 2022  
Stars of the Week at Oakdene Primary Academy

Class	Star of the Week 	Star Reader 	Star Writer 
Morning Nursery Mrs Guest	Isla Featherstone	Nate Oliver	Michael Smith
Afternoon Nursery Mrs Guest	Elodie Richardson	Ollie Fraser	Olivia Curry
YR Miss Robinson	Charlie Beken	Miley Dodds-Day	Sava Ali
Willows Mrs Farnaby & Mr Brown	Eliza Copland	Harrison Kirk	Junior Hindmarsh
Y1L Miss Leonard	Charlotte Eley-Carberry	Lily Archer	Isla O'Hare
Y2D Mrs Durham	Milo Hancock	Spencer Jardine	Anna Cooley
Y3/4H Mr Horkan	Max Harris	Finley Orley	Piper Noon
Y3L Mrs Largan	Annie-Mai Harris	Charlie Kibbler	Autumn Lonsdale
Y4S Miss Smith	Tyler Curry	Daniel Young	Joey Marshall
Y5W Mrs Wilson	Emily Daniel	Connor Bateman	Isaac Dobson
Y5M Mr McConnell	Mark Sytiuk	Daisy-Mai McCarthy	Meghan Dyson
Y6B Miss Bestwick	Sydney West-Oyston	Amelia Kelly	Jacob Stephenson

**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