

## Weekly Newsletter 18th March 2024



### Right of the Fortnight: Article 13: Your right to information



#### Dear Parents/Carers,

We can't believe at how fast the weeks pass us by and how quickly the school year is progressing. Whilst this half term has been a short one, a huge amount has been **achieved**; we have continued to deliver an **excellent education** to all of our children each and every day.

All **extra-curricular clubs** finish this week. Many thanks to all the staff who have provided this additional **enrichment** for your children. A special mention to staff who have covered clubs so that we didn't need to cancel. Mrs Wardle and Mrs Thompson kindly stepped in to ensure that Mrs Jackson's gymnastics clubs continued.

Many of you have already booked your **parent / carer consultation appointments** for next week. We can't wait to show you how much **progress** your children are making in school and how much more potential we'd like to unleash. This term, we are once again able to offer two options to suit the needs of all parents and carers. **If you have booked a face to face appointment, we politely request that no children are onsite during this time. If this causes difficulties for you, please contact the class teacher and we'll try our best to support you.**

#### Red Nose Comic Relief Charity Day

The **Rights Respecting Steering Group** would like to thank you for wearing red, black & white, for sharing your jokes and for collectively donating **£252.00** for Comic Relief! This year was all about **Doing Something Funny for Money** and raising awareness of the devastating impacts of **poverty, conflict** and **climate change** on people around the world. A huge **thank you** to everyone who donated, and participated to make Friday such a success!

We are going to hold our annual **Easter Egg Decorating Competition** next week. We invite all children to decorate a hard-boiled egg with materials in your home. Some children may be inspired by Spring/Easter, a favourite book character, a topic they've enjoyed learning about, a hobby—be creative! This is, of course, an **optional** activity. The eggs will be **judged** on the last day of term, **Thursday, 28th March 2024**.

Have an amazing week!

Mrs E Bramley and Mrs S Osborne

In 2024 in the UK, **Ramadan** began on the evening of **Sunday, 10 March** and will end on **Tuesday, 9 April**. Mrs Gibson kindly shared how the Gibson family observe Ramadan with KS1. The children understand that during Ramadan, Muslims **fast** to remember the month the **Qur'an** was first revealed to the Prophet Muhammad. Mrs Gibson shared Zayn's **prayer mat** and **Qur'an**. The children learnt about the importance of extra time to pray, to be **clean**, to wear **traditional clothing**, and to face the direction of **Mecca** with a **compass**.

The end of Ramadan is marked with a **festival** called '**Eid ul-Fitr**' (the Festival of the Breaking of the Fast). Mrs Gibson promised the children that she will revisit and share how this festival is celebrated.



## Dates For Your Diary - Spring Term

Mon 18th March	Y2 Visit Washington Wetlands
Tues 19th March	9.10am Open Morning for Parents/Carers of Y5 Pupils
Wed 20th March	PM - Y2 Snappy Spring Music Hub Event
Fri 22nd March	World Maths Day Y5 Visit to Whitby
W/c 25th March	Consultation Evenings for Parent/Carers
Tues 26th March	AM - Y1 Visit Stockton Fire Station (am) AM - SCBY Author Event with Bethany Walker PM - Library Reward Ceremony
Wed 27th March	Y5/Y6 Hockey Event Easter Raffle
Thurs 28th March	9.10am Open Morning for Parents/Carers of Nursery Pupils <i>Children break up for Easter</i>

## EASTER HOLIDAYS

Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April

Mon 15th April Summer Term commences—children return to school

Mon 22nd April—Fri 3rd May Swimming Block 3 for some **Y4 & Y5 pupils**

Wed 1st May **9.10am Open Morning for Parents/Carers of Y4 Pupils (rearranged)**

Mon 6th May **BANK HOLIDAY**

Mon 13th May -Thurs 16th May **Key Stage 2 SATs** are Timetabled

Half-term holiday runs from Monday, 27 May to Friday, 7 June 2024 inclusive (two weeks). The children will break up on Friday, 24 May and will return to school on Monday, 10 June 2024.

2-week period commencing 10th June: **Y4 Multiplication Tables Check**

Week commencing 10th June: **Y1 Phonics Screening Check & Y2 Resits**



Y3 pupil **Anna Cooley** was awarded **Wildcat of the Week** from **Wolviston Football Club**.

Anna was delighted to receive this plaque to recognise her skill and enthusiasm.

Wolviston FC Wildcats is a way for **girls** to get involved with football in a **fun** and **friendly** environment, designed to **inspire** girls aged between 5-11 to be involved in the **sport** and make new friends.



Y4 pupil **Lily Daniel** took part in a dance competition recently and she was **FAB-U-LOUS!** Lily **performed** five dances to an **exceptionally high standard** and was placed in 4 of them. Lily achieved 1st place for her ballet. She also achieved a 2nd place and in two dances she was awarded 3rd place. **4 medals** is amazing!

We are so **proud** of you Lily!



It's wonderful to see how popular **Mr Horkan's Book Club** is. Mr Horkan plans this club around his three favourite things: reading, art and food!

The children have enjoyed reading 'Cool' by key author **Michael Morpurgo**. As well as reading, the children complete an activity linked to the story. For example, this story is about **making memories** and the children were invited to create their own **polaroid pictures** and share happy memories.

Each week the children share a **delicious snack**. This week the children will receive a hot chocolate and biscuit.

After reading the text, the children 'quiz' their book using Accelerated Reader and produce a book review. **Keep reading!**



### Recommended Read

This week's recommended read is from  
**Miss Grainger** \*  
**We're Going On an Egg Hunt**  
by **Laura Hughes**.



Join the Easter Bunnies as they set off on an exciting lift-the-flap Easter egg hunt. With ten eggs to find and count, it's great fun. But watch out for the obstacles along the way - lambs, chicks, bees and ducks - and there's even a wolfish surprise, so do take care. Based on the traditional 'We're Going on a Lion Hunt' rhyme, this will be a huge hit with all fans of the classic We're Going on a Bear Hunt.

During our recent Ofsted inspection, inspectors selected Science as a 'Deep Dive'. One of the questions they asked random pupils was, *"Do you see a value in science, both personally and in relation to wider society and employment?"*. Children articulated that they are exposed to many opportunities throughout the year should they choose to pursue their passion for science.

Last week we celebrated **British Science Week**, using the theme of 'TIME' and **Careers Week**. Miss Bestwick organised an exciting series of activities and events to help promote the benefits of scientific involvement. One of the highlights for pupils in Y4-Y6 was a virtual meeting with a **space engineer**.

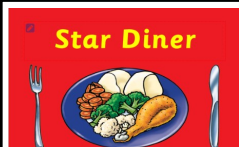
We are excited to announce that Key Stage one and two will be taking part in the **Primary Engineer and Leaders Awards**. This is a fantastic opportunity to engage our pupils with real engineers who will convey the importance of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) in their daily lives. Pupils let their creativity run free as they drew and wrote about how they interpret the question and come up with inventions and ideas.

Many children purchased science themed gadgets from our **science shop** - from volcano kits and magnets to rocket balloons and dinosaur fossil digging kits! We made a £60 profit. **Thank you** for supporting this.



Week Ending 15th March 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	Nathaniel Jefferies	Oliver Metcalfe	Junior Scarth-Ferguson	Lewis Daniels-Owen
YR Miss Dixon	Harper Cooper	Altay Aslan	Izzabella Matthews	Isla Featherstone
Y1 Mrs Brown	Brianna Pearce	Saga Svedlund	Holland Finley	Esmea Skipp
Y2 Mrs Durham	Lillymae Morgan	Olivia Wallace	Charlotte Eley-Carberry	Malachi Worth
Y3 Mr Horkan & Mr Brown	Beth Denmark	Daisy Thompson	Harley Wallace	Leanne Fletcher
Y4-R Miss Robinson	Skye Stainsby	Archie Hall	Ellis Fearn	William Marshall
Y4-S Miss Smith	Alannah Bell	Nancy Green	Sophie-Alysa Minter	Kain Carmichael
Y5 Mrs Wilson & Mrs Smith	George Robinson	Brienna May-Thomas	Scarlett Rogers	Ellie Smith-Sewell
Y6M Mr McConnell	Harleigh Ramsey	Aiden-James Finley	Daisy-Mai McCarthy	Isaac Dobson
Y6B Miss Bestwick	Jack Tunney	Eleanor Lewis	Lucan Fletcher	Joe Gardiner-Jukes

	<b>YR &amp; KSI</b> Sava Ali	<b>Y3 &amp; Y4</b> Isaac Cummings	<b>Y5 &amp; Y6</b> Lucan Fletcher
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