Weekly Newsletter 19th June 2023

RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS

Right of the Fortnight: Article 32: You should be protected from work that is dangerous.





Dear Parents/Carers,

Well, our feet haven't touched the ground this week as there has been so many events and activities taking place...but, we wouldn't have it any other way at Oakdene! **Class photographs** were taken in our **forest** setting this year. The forest provided the perfect backdrop as well as offering some much needed **shade.** We can't wait to see them.

Attendance

Attendance will remain a huge focus until the end of term - please make sure children are in school **every day** and arrive **on time!** Please note that if your child **does not attend** club for two sessions (unless illness or appointment) then their place will be withdrawn and offered to the next child on the waiting list. We are finding that in some clubs children are asking for a place but then not attending which means that other children are missing out.

Year 1 Phonics

This week, Year 1 have been tested to track their progress in Phonics. Mrs Brown carried out the Phonics screening tests with every single child (including Willows and Y2 resits). We have been blown away by the amount of progress made. I will share our results as soon as I am able to do so.

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Checks

A huge well done to our Year 4 children who have completed their multiplication checks this week. Again, we have been really impressed with the children's ability and how they can multitask.

No parents or carers should be parking at the New Life car park. The manager of New Life has shared recent footage from CCTV. I was alarmed to see extremely dangerous behaviour, for example, illegal parking, a car blocking the main gates and even a car that was left with the engine running and doors open. <u>Please be considerate to our neighbours, families and children by</u> parking appropriately in the surrounding streets.

Thank a Teacher Day

The UK-wide celebration of all teaching and support staff is back, **National Thank a Teacher Day** will be celebrated on Wednesday, 21 June! This year is all about **gratitude**; recognising the long-lasting impact that **education** has on individuals and throughout society. Recently supported by celebrities such as Dame Helen Mirren, Dame Joanna Lumley and Stephen Fry, don't miss your chance to join them in saying thank you to a member of staff - let them know how grateful you are by submitting a **thank a teacher** form. I have the privilege of visiting other schools regularly as a National Leader of Education. Our team is **phenomenal!**

Hope you have a fabulous week!

Mrs E Bramley and Mrs S Osborne



Dates For Your Diary - Summer Term

20th -26thJune Mon 19th June Tues 20th June Wed 21st June	National Schools Sports Week World Refugee Day AM - Smarties Project for some Y6s Y6 Girls Finals Cricket Competition National Writing Day
Mon 26th June Tues 27th June Wed 28th June Thurs 29th June	Y1 Visit to Saltburn AM Academy Website Photographer Y2 Visit to Danby Y5 & Y6 NSPCC Workshops Open Day AM & PM for Nursery Pupils
3rd- 7th July Mon 3rd July Tues 4th July Thurs 6th July Fri 7th July	Transition Week for Y6 Pupils Nichola Davey to Launch the Summer Reading Challenge Y3 Visit to Captain Cook Museum Y5 Eden Camp Visit 2pm KS2 Sports Day
Mon 10th & Tues 11th J	Tuly Y6 Residential
Mon 10th July Tues 11th July Wed 12th July	Academy Hub Music Events for some Y3 Pupils 4.30pm Meeting for Parents and Carers of New Reception Pupils September 2023. 2pm KS1 Sports Day Meet My New Teacher Event (changed from earlier newsletters)
Tues 18th July Wed 19th July	6.00pm Y6 Leavers' Performance (Tickets Only) Little Sycamores and Nursery AM and PM Teddy Bears' Picnic
Thurs 20th July	LAST DAY OF THE SUMMER TERM
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I am writing to you to inform you of a **change to the length of our school day** from September 2023 for pupils from reception to Y6.

From **September 2023**, there is an expectation that all state-funded mainstream schools should deliver a school week of at least **32.5 hours.** This expectation is set out in the government's white paper *Opportunity for all: strong schools with great teachers for your child*.

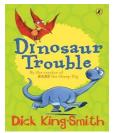
Our school week is currently just under the 32.5 hours expectation. As a result, from September 2023, we will adjust the timings of our school days to meet the requirements set out in the white paper.

The timings of our school week will be as follows: Reception to Y6

Start time: **8.50am** Finish time: **3.20pm**

Please note that the hours for Little Sycamores and Nursery provisions will not change.

Recommended Read This week's recommended read is from Kallum Squires (Y5 School librarian based in Hogwarts) "Dinosaur Trouble" by Dick King-Smith



Dick King-Smith is a Y3 Key author. This book is hilarious and will make you laugh out loud.

l enjoy reading this to my twin sisters. I hope you enjoy reading it as much as I do.

Y6 pupils visited the Great North Museum to bring their history topic 'Ancient Egyptians' to life. The Egyptian gallery is really special – not only because of the large number of perfectly preserved artefacts it contains, but for the huge variety of objects on display.

The Y6s marvelled at enormous stone statues, tiny lucky Charms, precious burial goods and entire coffins.





Marcus Rashford read his first book at the age of seventeen and credits this with changing the direction of his life, which is why the Marcus Rashford Book Club has delivered over 100,000 free books to children living in the most disadvantaged areas. The summer 2023 Book Club choice is *The Breakfast Club Adventures: The Choul in the School*. Marcus Rashford has co-written another exciting adventure full of fantastic friendships, high-stakes mysteries and strange goings-on! Written with Alex Falase-Koya and packed with tons of illustrations by Marta Kissi, it's the perfect book for children aged 8-11.

We've received multiple free copies for our Y3 pupils to enjoy.





Mrs Osborne led a thought-provoking assembly to promote **'World Day Against Child Labour'.** The children reflected on the following **Articles: 28, 31 and 32** which enable children to have their rights met. All children and young people should have the right to an **education**, to **play** and relax and to be **protected** form work that is dangerous.

The children used the following vocabulary: choice, justice, safety, fairness, learning, freedom and rights to debate this topic.



Stars of	Week Ending 16 the Week at Oa		Academy
Class	Star of the Week	Star Reader	Star Writer
Morning <u>Nursery</u> Mrs Guest	Grace Harris	Beau Mansell	Scarlett Van Wyck
Afternoon Nursery Mrs Guest	Harper Cooper	Freya White	N/A
YR Miss Robinson	Joseph Luker	Neave Bateman	Arabella Sedgewick
Willows Mrs Farnaby & Mr Brown	Leanne Fletcher	Edward Gardiner-Jukes	Harrison Kirk
YIB Mrs Brown	Frankie Jeffrey	Elena Hold	Roman Chesworth
Y2D Mrs Durham	Eliza-Grace Mack	Daisy Thompson	Harley Wallace
Y3/4H Mr Horkan	Frankie McQuilling	Skye Stainsby	George Reevell
Y3L Mrs Largan	Charlie Kibbler	Landon Quinn	Lily Daniel
Y4-S Miss Smith	Morgan Titlestad	Isabelle Owens	Joey Marshall
95W Mrs Wilson	Jake Cody	Ceejay Chambers	Blake Jeffrey
Y5M Mr McConnell	James Luker	Daisy-Mai McCarthy	Aiden-James Finley
Y6B Miss Bestwick	Levi Hall	Ben Jardine	Jacob Stephenson
Star Diner	YR: Esmea Skipp	KSI : Oscar Prince	KS2 : Kayci-Lei Scott