## Weekly Newsletter 20th January 2024

**Right of the Fortnight: Article 30:** 





Your Right to Use Your Own Language

## Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been another superb week at Oakdene with children uncovering a **world of possibilities**. We aim to **inspire** each and every child in each and every class to **feel happy, safe and** to reach true **academic brilliance**.

From this term onwards, we'll be introducing a **Star Artist Award** for each class. This will be awarded at the end of **each term** to a child who has excelled in art lessons. The first **Star Artist** will be selected at the end of Spring 2. They will be chosen for their creativity, effort, and development of skills. Each winner will receive a **prize**, including a set of watercolours, a sketchbook, and paint brushes.

To celebrate, we'll showcase their **sketchbooks** or 'final pieces' during the final celebration assembly before the summer term begins. Mr Horkan (subject lead for Art & Design) will be promoting this new award in classes throughout the week.

At the beginning of term, I communicated that for the health and safety of children and staff we are not permitted to launch our **after school provision.** The installation of **LED lights** across the whole school commenced last week. It is now anticipated that emergency lighting may be incorporated into this project and the work may not be completed by 31st January. We **thank you** for your patience and will keep you updated.

Stay safe and warm and have a wonderful week!

Mrs E Bramley and Mrs S Osborne



Reception pupils attended the **EY Multisport Festival** at Durham University's Queen's Campus last week. The children experienced a **carousel** of activities including: - dancing, gymnastics, karate, throwing and catching and parachute games.

**Physical development** is one of three prime areas of development in the early years and is vital for children's all-round development, enabling them to pursue **happy, healthy** and **active lives**. This event provided many opportunities for the children to build their **core strength, stability, spatial awareness, coordination** and **agility** whilst having lots of fun with their peers.



Dates For Your Diary - Spring T RSPB Schools Big Bird Watch (7th Ja Reception Sports Festival @ Durham U Mon 20th Jan—Fri 31st January Swimming Block for Y5 pup Tues 21st JanWed 15th JanY2 Pirate ABC Sports Festival @ Dur Y2 Pirate ABC Sports Festival @ Dur Week Commencing 27 JanWeek Commencing 27 Jan'National Storytelling Wee Chinese New YearThurs 30th Jan9.10am Open Morning for Parents/Car Y1 Fire Station Visit - AM	in to 14th Feb) University oils rham University K'				
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EASTER HOLIDAYS Monday 14th April - Friday 25th April					
Mon 28th April Summer Term commences—children return to school					



Y4 pupil Quinn Parkin was awarded a 'Player of the Match' trophy for being outstanding in her first football training session.

Quinn demonstrated exemplary listening skills, confidence, worked hard, and scored goals. Wonderful news!



Y1 pupil **Harry Robinson** beamed with pride as he shared his recent success in football.

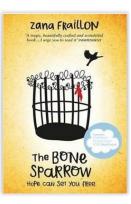
Harry really enjoys football and was awarded a **medal** for trying his best and for practising his ball control.

Well done Harry!



**Beaver Scouts** are young people usually aged between six and eight years old. They belong to the first and youngest section in the Scouting family. Y2 pupil **William Nimmo** attends Beavers in Norton. William was delighted to be presented with the **'Best Beaver Award'** trophy. Amazing!

**Recommended Read** This week's recommended read is from **Mrs Wilson \*The Done Sparrow'** by **Zana Fraillon** 



This book is suitable for readers 10+. It is a moving, relevant and educational novel about the displacement & treatment of refugees and sanctuary seekers.

It links beautifully with the United Nation Convention on the Rights of the Child and our Rights Respecting curriculum.



Y2 pupil Arabella Sedgwick received her wristband and certificate for Trampoline Proficiency Award Level 1 at Velocity. Arabella enjoys both gymnastics and trampolining. Congratulations!

On Monday, 13th January, Angela Foster (Stockton Librarian) was in School with Mrs Osborne & the Stockton Council Book of the Year (SCBY) Book Club to write an award winning book review.

Angela shared a presentation with the group which included some useful **tips** of what to include in a book review. The children were also inspired by looking at examples of previous winners.

## Good Luck everyone!







General Information		Characters	There
<ul> <li>What kind of book is it (genre)?</li> <li>Does the book belong to a series?</li> <li>Is it an easy or challenging read?</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>What happens</li> <li>Try to avoid using the tired phrase "This books is about"</li> </ul>	Who are the main characters?     What makes them interesting?     What conflicts do they face?	What is the book about?     Common themes:     Change
<ul> <li>Is there anything that would be height for the reader to know about the author?</li> <li>Is the book a debut or an established author?</li> <li>How does it read, is it a story or poetry</li> </ul>	Setting Is the book set in the past, present or future? Is it set in the world we know or is it a fantastical world or an alternative reality?	Ant they likeable or detestable? How do the characters connect? Ould you relate to any of the characters in the story? Who was your favourite character, why?	Courage and determination     Desire to escape     Facing a challenge     The quest for power     War     Friendship     Coming of age     Good vs. Evi     Dystopian

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Class	Star of the Week	Star Reader	Star Writer	Star Mathematician			
Nursery Mrs Guest	Harper-Rose Hill	Archer Dixon	Max Kendall	Rory Liddle			
YR Miss Dixon	Eddie Smithson	Coen Beadle	Annie Tunney	Wyatt Hold			
У	Caleb Jefferies	Izzy Matthews	Altay Arslan	Axyl Edgar			
Mrs Brown & Mrs Thompson	Harper Cooper	Lucas Lee	Bonnie-Rae Scarth- Ferguson	Isla Featherstone			
YZ Mrs Durham	Joseph Luker	Lincoln Wardle	Gia Hindmarsh	Miley Dodds-Day			
Y3 Mr Horkan	Charlotte Eley-Carberry	Darcie Berry	Malachi Worth	Oakley Purvis			
94 Miss Robinson	Sophie Squires	Jessica Dunn	Sebastian Eley-Carberry	Megan Squires			
Y5SW Mrs Wilson & Mrs Smith	Ava Hammond	Hollie Dale	Leighton Harvey	Autumn Lonsdale			
Y5M Mr McConnell	Logan Daniels-Owen	William Hawser	Lily Daniel	Fearne Fisher			
96 Mrs Cowan	Holly Hill	Indi Chesworth	Amelia Wilks	Isabelle Owens			
Star Diner	YR & KSI Wyatt Hol		& Y4 e Morgan	Y5 & Y6 Nancy Green			
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