

Weekly Newsletter
20th March 2023



Right of the Fortnight: Article 13:

Your Right to have Information



Dear Parents/Carers,

I can't believe at how fast the weeks pass us by and how quickly the school year is progressing. Whilst this 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.

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. Schools in the region have seen rises in Covid cases recently, therefore **if you have booked a face to face appointment, we politely request that no children are onsite during this time.**

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 **£235** for **Comic Relief**. Fundraising is challenging during these difficult times, we know that your contributions will make a difference and change lives. THANK YOU!

Easter Egg Decorating Competition

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. This is, of course, an **optional** activity. More detailed information was sent home via Marvellous Me.

Have a great week!

Mrs E Bramley and Mrs S Osborne



Last week we held another exciting **Open Morning** for the Parents & Carers of **Reception** pupils.

The activities linked to their Farm Topic and **STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)**. They included: **Science** - finding out about the journey from an egg to a duckling & enjoying meeting the ducklings (& food technology) following a recipe to make **Shortbread Sheep**. **Mathematics** - finding out about the latest methods we use to teach key maths concepts such as subitising and **Technology** - sharing a story with Digiduck & pals to learn how to maintain friendships, & how to stay safe when using technology.



Dates For Your Diary - Spring Term

Mon 20th March	Official Opening of the Poet Tree Corner
Tues 21st March	World Poetry Day
Wed 22nd March	9.10am Y4 Open Morning for Parents & Carers
	World Water Day
Thurs 23rd March	World Maths Day
	Virtual Author Workshops with Tom Percival & Chris Callaghan
Fri 24th March	Y3 Earth Hour

Week commencing 27th March: Consultation Evenings for Parent/Carers
(blended offer phone & face to face)

Wed 29th March	Netball Competition
Thurs 30th March	Y6 Easter-themed Chocolate Workshops & Easter Bake Sale
Fri 31st March	Nursery Open Morning 8.55am and Afternoon 1.45pm
	Reception Visit Hall Hill Farm
	<i>Children break up for Easter</i>



EASTER HOLIDAYS

Monday, 3rd April - Friday, 14th April

Mon 17th April Summer Term Commences - Children Return to School

Mon 17th April—Fri 28th April	Swimming Block 3 for Y5 pupils
Mon 17th April	Green Cuisine Day
Fri 28th April	9.15am Coffee Morning led by Alliance and Mrs Hood

May 2023 KS1 SATs test period

Thurs 4th May	9.10am Y5 Open Morning for Parents & Carers
Mon 8th May	BANK HOLIDAY KING'S CORONATION
Tues 9th May- Friday 12th May 2022	Key Stage 2 SATs are timetabled

2-week period commencing 5th June: **Y4 Multiplication Tables Check**

Y4s took part in a Times-Table Rockstar League Competition last week. The Y4s looked amazing as they arrived at school dressed as rock stars. Throughout the morning, year 4 took part in a carousel of times-tables activities including:- bingo, TTRS on the iPads, times-table loop games, times-table mindfulness and they took their learning outside to complete a times-tables code breaker. The children have gained more confidence, fluency and pace of their times knowledge up to 12 times-tables. If pupils can recall their times tables fluently, this is essential for future success in mathematics.



Recommended Read

This week's recommended read is from

Miss Dixon

'The Extraordinary Gardener'

by Sam Boughton



Joe is a boy just like any other, but Joe loves to imagine. Joe lives in a pretty ordinary tower block, in a rather ordinary city. His world is rather grey. Joe begins caring for the tree and growing lots of other plants on his balcony and soon everyone in the neighbourhood is getting involved.

A charming story about the important of nature, teaching us that if we work hard enough our dreams really can come true!

Little People, BIG DREAMS

Be Bold, Be Brave, DREAM BIG!



At Oakdene we've carefully selected some texts from this collection of **biographies**. Children can discover the lives of outstanding people, from **designers and artists to scientists and activists**. All of them **achieved incredible things**, yet each began life as a child with a **dream**.




Told as a story, with a facts and photos section at the back, this series celebrates **triumph over adversity** through some of history's favourite characters.

Last week at Oakdene, we celebrated British Science Week, using the theme of 'CONNECTIONS' and have taken part in a series of activities and events to help promote the benefits of scientific involvement. As well as this, the children were immersed in a **Lyfta experience** which opened the children's minds to different **career** choices. We have spent some time trying to break the preconceived notions of what a scientist looks like, (based on popular culture's depictions of scientists). Often stereotypically thought to be Einstein lookalikes, we have celebrated the 'Smashing Stereotypes' campaign, which has looked at people in the **STEM workforce** and shares the stories of their everyday work as a scientist, using #EverydayScientist on social media (and will continue to do so) through our 'Key Scientists' attached to each class.

Many children purchased science themed gadgets from our **science shop** - from Volcano kits to rocket balloons and Dinosaur fossil digging kits! Thank you for supporting this.



Week Ending 17th March 2023
Stars of the Week at Oakdene Primary Academy

Class	Star of the Week 	Star Reader 	Star Writer 
Morning Nursery Mrs Guest	Rose Westmoreland	Delilah Dodds-Day	Isla Featherstone
Afternoon Nursery Mrs Guest	Harper Cooper	Eddie Smithson	N/A
YR Miss Robinson	Jacob Matthews	Lily Grantham	Eli Prince
Willows Mrs Farnaby & Mr Brown	Taylor Perry	Theo Smith-Sewell	Junior Hindmarsh
Y1L Miss Leonard	Lily Archer	Malachi Worth	Niamh Bellew
Y2D Mrs Durham	Joseph Cooper	Lacie Carse	Aalia Dobson
Y3/4H Mr Horkan	Harry Laws	Yener Arslan	Kayci-Lei Scott
Y3L Mrs Largan	Archie Hall	Alannah Bell	Hollie Dale
Y4S Miss Smith	Holly Hill	Tyler Curry	Ellie Smith-Sewell
Y5W Mrs Wilson	Oliver Copland	Arez Ali	Amelia Booth
Y5M Mr McConnell	James Luker	Amelia Wood	Trudi Langstaff
Y6B Miss Bestwick	Noah Worth	Robyn Kirk	Millie Weetman

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