

Weekly Newsletter 20th May 2024



Right of the Fortnight: Article 24:

You have the right to good food & water
and to see a doctor if you are ill.



Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to **congratulate** all of our wonderful Year 6 pupils on all their hard work and **resilience** during last week's SATs assessments. We are extremely proud of their **excellent attitude** and **effort**. Whilst important, the tests are only a measure of your children's attainment on the day in Reading, Maths, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation. Your end of year report will give a broader overview of your child's **achievements** and **successes** across the year. Head Teacher unions have shared their concerns about some aspects of the mathematics tests this year. I will be adding my **voice** and **sharing my concerns** at the next Primary Head Teacher Reference Group in London.

Thank you as well to all the parents and carers who have given such positive support to the children, school and staff for the SATs tests. I am sure that you will appreciate how hard everyone has worked, not only to **prepare** children for the tests but to ensure that a **balance** has been maintained with the other subjects in the curriculum. Thank you to all the adults who have been involved in supporting and preparing the children for this week. Last Friday the Year 6's took the train to Seaton Carew. The children enjoyed a **fun-filled** day of bowling at Larry's Lanes with a delicious meal, time for playing in the arcades, a walk on the beach and time on the playground- a well deserved post-SATs-week **treat**.

Upcoming Assessments

This term ahead continues to be very busy, full of assessments to **capture** how much **progress** the children have made and to benchmark them nationally against other schools. On our return to school after half-term, children in **Year 1** will take part in the **phonics screening check**. Thank you to all Y1 parents/carers for supporting at home. The last set of statutory assessments are for Year 4 who will be completing their **multiplications tables check** (MTC). This year the government made the Y2 SATs optional. We opted out. The staff and children are currently working extremely hard in all year groups to ensure the children are as well prepared as they can be. Please make sure that your child **attends** school **regularly**. Everyday really does count.

Have a wonderful **two-week half-term break**. We look forward to seeing you on **Monday, 10th June 2024**.

Mrs E Bramley and Mrs S Osborne

Walk to School Week - w/c 20th May 2024 Mrs Osborne introduced **Walk to School Week**. This week is designed to help children reach their **recommended 60 minutes of physical activity per day** before they reach the school gates! This year's challenge, '**The Magic of Walking**' encourages children to travel actively to school every day of the week. Meeting various magical beings along the way.

For those families who commute quite a distance from Durham, North Yorkshire, Hartlepool, Wynyard and other parts of Stockton, please try to park further away from school and walk part of the way - an achievable **goal** reflecting the age of your child/ren?



Dates For Your Diary - Summer Term

Mon 20th May	Walk to School Week
Tues 21st May	Y3 Visit Teesside Princess River Cruise Some Y5 and Y6 will attend an Athletics event@ Middlesbrough Sports Village 3.20pm Friends of Oakdene Coat Swap and Uniform Sale
Wed 22nd May	Y4 TT Rockstar Day KS2 Virtual Author Event with Frances Durkin
Thurs 23rd May	Friends of Oakdene Summer Raffle

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 2024** and will **return to school on Monday, 10 June 2024**.

June	PRIDE Month
Wed 5th June	World Environment Day

2-week period commencing 10th June: **Y4 Multiplication Tables Check**
Week commencing 10th June: **Y1 Phonics Screening Check & Y2 Resits**

Tues 11th June	Class Photographs
Thurs 13th June	Y6 Pupils Attend Children Challenging Industry Lesson 1

Mon 17th-Wed 19th June	Y6 Residential
Mon 17th June	Y5 Virtual Author Event with Michael Rosen
Mon 17th -24th June	National Schools Sports Week
Wed 19th June	National Writing Day
Thurs 20th June	World Refugee Day Y2, Y3 & Y4 Virtual Author Event with Mark Arrigo & Steven Chatterton

Mon 24th June	Y6 Pupils Attend Children Challenging Industry Lesson 2
Tues 25th June	AM - Y6M CCI Visit to Micropore, Redcar
Wed 26th June	AM - Y6B CCI Visit to Fujifilm, Billingham

Mon 1st July	Summer Reading Challenge Assembly led by Angela Foster 4.30pm Meeting for Parents and Carers of September 2024 New Reception Pupils
Thurs 4th July	Y1 Beach Schools Visit

Mon 8th July	Lee Owston, National Director, Education Ofsted, Visits Oakdene
Tues 9th July	Academy Hub Music Events for some Y3 Pupils

Tues 16th July	2.15pm Sports Day for pupils in Y1-Y3
Thurs 18th July	Y2 'Lost Words' Visit
Fri 19th July	Y3 Captain Cook Visit 2pm Sports Day for pupils in Y4-Y6

Mon 22nd July	Meet My New Teacher Event
Tues 23rd July	6.00pm Y6 Leavers' Performance (Tickets Only)
Wed 24th—Fri 26th July	Some Y6 Pupils Attend Summer School @ Northfield
Wed 24th July	3.30pm Friends of Oakdene Summer Fayre
Fri 26th July	Little Sycamores and Nursery AM and PM Teddy Bears' Picnic

Tues 30th July **LAST DAY OF THE SUMMER TERM**



At the Billingham United May Day Football Festival Y2 pupil **Malachi Worth** was awarded with the U7's **Parents' player trophy**, a **'Never stops working' trophy** season 2023-24 and a medal for great work!

Roman Chesworth (Y2) also won a medal and his team were presented with a trophy for winning the **'Game of Tournaments'**.

What a great way to end the season!



Y5 pupils Thea Birch, Kara Dixon, Brienna May-Thomas & Morgan Titlestad **U10s** played in a **League FA Cup Final for Billingham United FC Bees** on Saturday, 4th May. They battled their hearts out but were sadly out matched! However, Morgan was awarded **Player of the Match** for her **amazing goalkeeping skills!** Congratulations!



Nursery pupil **Jamie Hart** won **Man of the Match** for his football team.

This was for **good listening** and **scoring two goals**.

Jamie was delighted to take the **trophy** home for a week. We are so proud!



Earlier this month, Y5 pupil **Tyler Curry** reached the chess mega final for the **North-East**. Tyler has **qualified** for the giga final for the **North of England**. This is very **impressive!** We wish Tyler the best of luck at his next tournament which takes place in Manchester in July.



Nursery pupil **Emmie Marshall** took part in a dance competitions last weekend and came **1st** place in her tap and achieved **3rd** place out of 18 other candidates for her **song & dance solo** at just 4 years old!



Y2 pupils **Alex Wainwright & Lilly Dixon** successfully achieved their **Stage 5 trampolining awards**. They perfectly executed front & seat landings as well as a number of jumps including straddle, tuck & pike. Very well done!

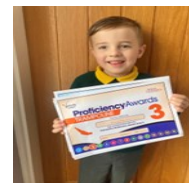


Nathaniel Jeffries (nursery) has had a busy couple of weeks cycling with brother **Caleb**. Nathaniel was recognised as the **rider of the week** in the **'Learn to Ride'** session. His coach noticed how well he followed instructions and worked well with the coaches. Wonderful!



Harry Robinson is a reception pupil who has recently started **trampolining**. When Harry was being assessed for stage 1 he met the criteria easily. His coach wanted to see how far he could go. He bounced his way past stage 2, then **stage 3!**

What a **superstar!**



Recommended Read

This week's recommended read is from Mr Horkan 'The Wild Robot'

By Peter Brown

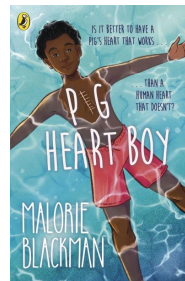


Mr Horkan has read tested this book and has selected it as a whole class text for Y3s.

The Wild Robot is a captivating story combining nature and technology in an unforgettable way. When robot Roz wakes up on a remote island, she faces the challenge of survival.

With vivid illustrations, the story unfolds with heartwarming moments and unexpected twists - making it a personal favourite of mine!

Year 6 are currently reading 'Pig Heart Boy' by Malorie Blackman. In English lessons, the children are writing a **balanced argument** on the pros and cons of using animal organs in humans (Xenotransplantation). As part of their research on the topic, **Kieran Bowden**, a PhD student from the School of Medicine and Population Health at Sheffield University, spoke to the children, through Zoom on Friday, 10th-May. The Y6s posed various questions to Kieran, about the work he does with animals in his current **research** and questions related to his role in the **university**. Kieran provided the children with valuable information, direct from a **working medical scientist**, to help them with their writing and enhance their knowledge in the role of animals in research.



We are delighted that our 'Bid' for a **Brilliant Box of Books** from **Read for Good** was successful!

We received our Brilliant Box of Books which contained a fantastic selection of **books, comics & graphic novels** including titles from recent **Empathy Lab lists** as well as some additional resources. These books have been specially selected and packed by **Scholastic**.

Once these have been categorised by Mrs Robson & the Y6 librarians, they will be available in the new section (**World of Stories**) of the libraries or on display. The graphic novels and the comics will be displayed in a separate basket in the **Hogwarts Library**.



This week, Author **Leigh Hodgkinson** will host an interactive, fun event, taking children in Y1 & Y2 on a journey through different **maps**.

The event will focus on the world we live in and our place in it, including what we can do to make the world a better place.

Leigh will show the children how to create special **"Maps of Me!"**, encouraging children to explore their unique **talents** as well as how they can design their very own map of their world and the special places dear to them.

Week Ending 17th May 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	Edith Lewis	Kane Carter	Sophia Peers	Lewis Daniels-Owen
YR Miss Dixon	Katy Coates	Tommy Wilks	Liam Turner	Darcy Hammond
Y1 Mrs Brown	Holland Finley	Louis Ferguson	Mia Hudzicka	Amani Mohammad
Y2 Mrs Durham	Lincoln Rose	Niamh Bellew	Darcie Berry	Lilly Dixon
Y3 Mr Horkan & Mr Brown	Edward Gardiner-Jukes	Evie-Jayne Harrison	Theo Smith-Sewell	Evie Richardson
Y4R Miss Robinson	Brooke Carse	Ava Hammond	Piper Noon	Frankie McQuilling
Y4S Miss Smith	Ben Bainbridge	Kayci Scott-Mullin	Alyssa Frost-Usher	Annie Harris
Y5 Mrs Wilson & Mrs Smith	Joey Marshall	Cally Wright	Cassius Dobson	Thea Birch
Y6M Mr McConnell	Kaveesha Soyza	Lenny Hawkes	Monica Dobson	Kaci-Leigh Moody-Blackburn
Y6B Miss Bestwick	Haiden-Marc Cotterill	Joe Gardiner-Jukes	Amelia Wood	Zac Dale



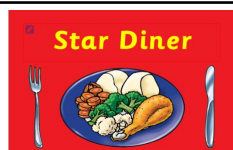
YR & KSI
Olivia Wilkinson

Y3 & Y4
Kain Carmichael

Y5 & Y6
Thea Birch

Week Ending 10th May 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	Coby Carter	Jamie Hart	Isaac Stewart	Leighton Wardle
YR Miss Dixon	Louie Walker	Olivia Curry	Amelia Wright	Delilah Dodds-Day
Y1 Mrs Brown	Holland Finley	Louis Ferguson	Mia Hudzicka	Amani Mohammad
Y2 Mrs Durham	Freddie McQuilling	Lincoln Rose	Olivia Wilkinson	Olivia Wallace
Y3 Mr Horkan & Mr Brown	Eliza-Grace Mack	Megan Squires	Isaac Cummings	Joshua Wood
Y4R Miss Robinson	Amez Ali	Charlie Kibbler	Autumn Lonsdale	Harry Laws
Y4S Miss Smith	Fearne Fisher	Amber Hammond	Landon Quinn	Leighton Harvey
Y5 Mrs Wilson & Mrs Smith	Teddie Edmenson	Thea Birch	Joey Marshall	Jack Westmoreland
Y6M Mr McConnell	Daisy-Mai McCarthy	Ollie Smith	Amelia Booth	Kallum Squires
Y6B Miss Bestwick	Amelia Richards	Kiera Ibbotson	Isabelle Bramley	Connor Bateman



YR & KSI
Mia Hudzicka

Y3 & Y4
Anna Cooley

Y5 & Y6
Monica Dobson