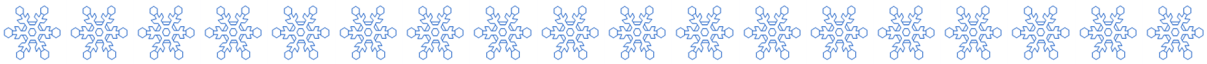


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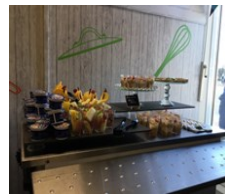
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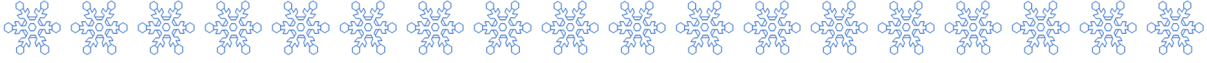
Dear Parents/Carers,
Another week has flown by as we race through this half term! The **cold** snap provided many challenges such as burst water pipes and treacherous journeys for staff travelling to work, but we were resilient and tackled every obstacle with smiles on our faces. It has been an **incredibly busy** week in school and the children and staff have been hard at work. As always, I am so **proud** of all of the **children's achievements** and as I walk around school visiting classes and looking at the work they produce, I continue to be blown away by their **excellence!**

The diverse programme of **Spring Term After School provision** was successfully launched last week. The demand for KS2 places was particularly high and we've added children to waiting lists for the summer term if a place was not allocated this term. It was an absolute pleasure to witness how pupils are equally **enthusiastic** about participating in additional activities and attending clubs. This enables them to take the **responsibility** for further developing their own **talents and interests**. A huge thank you to all staff for their **ongoing commitment** to lead clubs.

It was great to see children try the extra special school meal last Thursday. **'The Picnic Lunch'** proved really popular, particularly the ice cream cones and photo booth. **THANK YOU!**



Mrs E Bramley and Mrs S Osborne



Reception Pupils participated in a **Multi-skills Festival** on Friday. The Festival was designed to develop Children's **fundamental movement skills**. Multi-Skill festivals include a rotation of activities, for example, jumping, skipping, throwing, catching, gymnastics, karate, team games and yoga which challenged the children to achieve their **personal best**.

Developing fundamental movement skills from a young age supports young people to be happy, healthy and confident movers, with the essential skills they need to develop a **life-long love** of being **physically active**. The children had an amazing time and activity leaders from the School Sports Partnership congratulated the children for their **positivity, exemplary behaviour** and **listening skills**. Well done to all involved!



Dates For Your Diary - Spring Term
RSPB Schools Big Bird Watch (8th Jan to 19th Feb)

Mon 22nd Jan—Fri 2nd February Swimming Block 2 for Y5 pupils

Tues 23rd Jan 9.10am Open Morning for Parents/Carers of Reception Pupils
Y3/Y4 Netball Competition
Careers Assembly for KS2
Wed 24th Jan Y3 Stone Age Outdoor Adventure

Week Commencing 30th Jan '**National Storytelling Week**'

Wed 31st Jan Dental Nurse Survey for some Reception Pupils

Week Commencing 5th Feb '**Children's Mental Health Week**'

Mon 5th Feb Y1 Wheels Day

Tues 6th Feb Safer Internet Day

Y4 Visit York Chocolate Story

Thurs 8th Feb 9.10am Open Morning for Parents/Carers of Y6 Pupils

Mon 12th Feb Chinese New Year

Tues 13th Feb 9.10am Open Morning for Parents/Carers of Y1 Pupils

Shrove Tuesday

Thurs 15th Feb Y1 Visit to Shildon Railway Museum

Fri 16th Feb **PD Day 5 for Staff Training (school closed for pupils)**

HALF TERM

Monday 19th February - Friday 23rd February

Monday 26th February Children Return to School

Fri 1st March 9.10am Open Morning for parents/carers of Y3 Pupils

Week Commencing 4th March Careers Week

Thurs 7th March 9.10am Open Morning for Parents/Carers of Y2 Pupils
World Book Day & Readathon Celebration

Mon 11th March Launch of British Science Week

Wed 13th March 9.10am Open Morning for Parents/Carers of Y4 Pupils

Fri 15th March Red Nose Comic Relief Charity Day

Y1 Visit Shildon Railway Museum

Mon 18th March Y2 Visit to Washington Wetlands

Tues 19th March 9.10am Open Morning for Parents/Carers of Y5 Pupils

Fri 22nd March World Maths Day

W/c 25th March Consultation Evenings for Parent/Carers

Wed 27th March Y5/Y6 Hockey Event

Thurs 28th March 9.10am Open Morning for Parents/Carers of Nursery Pupils

Children break up for Easter

EASTER HOLIDAYS

Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April

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





As you know, we love books and stories. Early Years and Y1 teachers attended Trust Training led by **Greg Bottrill** recently to look at the benefits of 'Drawing Club'. 'Drawing Club' opens up the **magic world of tales** and story to children whilst at the same time enriching language skills, developing fine motor and spending talk time. During this half term Mrs Guest and Miss Dixon have introduced Drawing Club in their classrooms!

This takes place every day with 4 mini moments. 1) New and exciting **vocabulary** is introduced with actions 2) A story/tale or animation is **shared** with the children 3) The teacher **models** a drawing linked to the story – this also involves adding **magic codes** to bring the story and drawing to life (letters/numbers/sentences linked to what has been taught) 4) The children are invited to Drawing Club and encouraged to draw their own picture.

Mrs Brown and Miss Dixon have also launched this as part of our extensive offer of after school clubs available for KS1 pupils.

Recommended Read

This week's recommended read is from

Monica Dobson
'How Many?'

Translated by **Oksana Lushchevska &**
Michael M. Nayden



This is from a series of books gifted to us by the National Literacy Trust so that we can create a 'Languages' display. It is a book full of questions including, 'How many waves are in the Dniro River?' As a Ukrainian, I am excited to share this book with other children to learn about my country.

It is on display & available to read alongside the others in this collection at the front entrance 'Celebrating Culture'.

Well done to Y4

pupil **Ava Hammond** who attends and enjoys freestyle dancing at 'One Step Ahead'. **Amber** was awarded a trophy for making noticeable improvements.

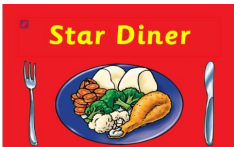


Congratulations to Y5 pupil, **Jacob Smithson**, who was recognised as 'Man of the Match' in a football match last week.



Week Ending 19th January 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	Harrison Dent	Oscar Stainsby	Harper-Rose Hill	Elijah Wilson-Hill
YR Miss Dixon	Vinnie Westwood	Elodie Richardson	Delilah Dodds-Day	Altay Arslan
Y1 Mrs Brown	Aria Dugdale	Miley Dodds-Day	Mia Hudzicka	Holland Finley
Y2 Mrs Durham	Junior Hindmarsh	Darcie Berry	Malachi Worth	Riven Mansell
Y3 Mr Horkan & Mr Brown	Scarlett Allon	Alyza Bateman	Anna Cooley	Eliza-Grace Mack
Y4R Miss Robinson	William Marshall	Amez Ali	Skye Stainsby	Harry Laws
Y4S Miss Smith	Ben Bainbridge	Kain Carmichael	Nancy Green	George Reeve
Y5 Mrs Wilson & Mrs Smith	Zia Kelly-Bostock	Emily Smith	Thea Birch	Phoebe Donnelly
Y6M Mr McConnell	Amelia Booth	Arez Ali	Cody-Lee Fitzpatrick	Olly Harris
Y6B Miss Bestwick	Mylah Bruce	Kiera Ibbotson	Eleanor Lewis	Joe Gardiner-Jukes

	YR & KSI Thomasin Scotland	Y3 & Y4 Jake Atkinson	Y5 & Y6 Noah White
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