

Weekly Newsletter  
22nd April 2024



Right of the Fortnight: Article 6:  
You have the right to life and be happy



Dear Parents/Carers,

In the blink of an eye, another week came to an end and what a great end to the week it was with some extra special post. We received a personal letter from **Sir Martyn Oliver** (His Majesty's Chief Inspector). The letter includes this paragraph:- ***"The inspection framework sets a high bar for being judged outstanding, which makes it a challenging and exacting standard to achieve. I would therefore commend you and your team on your exceptional work. I hope that you and your community are very proud"***. We also received a congratulatory letter from **Katherine Cowell Regional Director for the DfE, North East**. Both letters are uploaded onto our website with this newsletter.

Good **Mental Health** is just as important as good physical health. Our **Senior Mental Health Lead** in school, **Mrs Osborne**, has circulated the summer term's **Mental Health Support Team (MHST) Parent/carer Newsletter** from Alliance (**it is also uploaded to our website with newsletters**). These MHST newsletters are distributed each term to keep you up to date with what they have been up to and provide you with key information and support from the Mental Health Support Team. Two examples of what's on offer include:

**Parent-Led Groups**—evidence-based interventions for parents of children aged 5-12 year olds with **anxiety** or challenging behaviours. Tools and techniques are provided for practice between sessions.

**The Bread and Butter Thing** in Stockton & Hartlepool offers **high-quality, low-cost food** through a mobile food club. Membership allows access to **3 bags of food for £8.50** containing fresh produce, chilled items, and cupboard staples. The initiative aims to **reduce waste** and **living costs**.

The **term dates / calendar** for the **next academic year** have been agreed. This includes PD days and school holidays. Please take advantage of the **two weeks in May and June 2025** if you are planning a holiday rather than taking your child/ren out of school during term time. Hard copies are available in the main foyer and dates will be uploaded onto the website. Have a super week!

Mrs E Bramley and Mrs S Osborne



**World Art Day** was first celebrated on 15th April 2012. The date was chosen to celebrate the birthday of the famous **Leonardo da Vinci**. Da Vinci represents **tolerance, world peace, freedom of expression, and multiculturalism**.

This year, the theme was **"A Garden of Expression: Cultivating Community through Art."**. Mr Horkan (art & design leader) and Mrs Osborne launched the day with a special assembly. Throughout the day the children were invited to experience an hour of **mindfulness art** linking to the theme.



## Dates For Your Diary - Summer Term

Mon 22nd April—Fri 3rd May Swimming Block 3 for Y5 pupils

Mon 22nd April Earth Day

Wed 1st May 9.10am Open Morning for Parents/Carers of Y4 Pupils (rearranged)

Fri 3rd May 10-12 Y6 Visit Yarm School to meet Skandar author A F Steadman

Mon 6th May **BANK HOLIDAY (school closed)**

Tues 7th May Reception & Y6 Height & Weight Check

Mon 13th May -Thurs 16th May **Key Stage 2 SATs** are Timetabled

Fri 17th May Y6 Post SATs Bowling Trip & Friends of Oakdene Summer Raffle

Tues 21st May 3.20pm Friends of Oakdene Coat Swap and Uniform Sale

Wed 22nd May Y4 TT Rockstar Day

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** 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 -24th June National Schools Sports Week

Wed 19th June National Writing Day

Thurs 20th June World Refugee Day

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 4.30pm Meeting for Parents and Carers of New Reception Pupils September 2024

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

Tues 16th July 2.15pm KS1 Sports Day

Thurs 18th July Y2 'Lost Words' Visit

Fri 19th July 2pm KS2 Sports Day

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

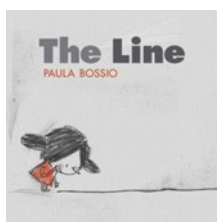
Fri 26th July Little Sycamores and Nursery AM and PM Teddy Bears' Picnic

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



### Recommended Read

This week's recommended read is by **Mrs Guest**. 'The Line' by **Paula Bossio**



In this deceptively simple **wordless** picture book, a small girl finds the end of a long black line and picks it up. She wiggles the line, slides down it and spins inside circles made from it. In her hands, the line transforms into bubbles to blow, a jungle vine to swing from and a tightrope to balance on.

Young children will become instantly involved in this story, curious to see what's next for the magical line that is transformed again and again, and delighted by the surprise on the last page, where the drawer of the line is revealed.

As a **National Literacy Trust Partner School** we are offered many opportunities to further promote **reading for pleasure**. Mrs Osborne and Mr Horkan were very excited to host the very first '**Our Little Big Book Club**' last week. The club is aimed at Y3 pupils and parents/carers. Parents / carers and their children are **gifted books** to take home, forming the basis for a range of **reading activities** and **games, alongside dedicated reading time**.



Dodgeball is highly inclusive and any child can take part and enjoy the benefits of playing this fun game. Y5s have been perfecting their key skills such as catching, throwing, movement and teamwork to prepare for their competition on Friday.

Although they won against two of the top 3 teams they narrowly missed 3rd place by 1 point. We are so proud of how the children demonstrated the school games values!



**Friends of Oakdene COAT SWAP**  
Tues 21st May: Dining Hall from 3.20pm



**Give your preloved coat a NEW home!**  
**We are taking donations now until Friday 17th May!**

**TESCO**  
Every little helps

The sun hasn't made much of an appearance lately but we are hopeful that warmer days are coming.



Tesco have kindly donated a number of **two-pack lemon gingham** dresses in a variety of sizes from age 3 -13. Thank you to Emmie Matthew's Grandma, Jayne for organising this. Please pop in the main office if you'd like **free uniform**.

Y3 pupil **Oscar Prince** demonstrated great **determination** at his latest basketball tournament. He made a **striking contribution** to his team and **scored twice**.



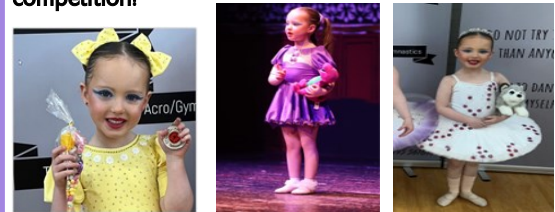
Y6 pupil **James Luker** is the **youngest** person to be presented with a **certificate** for completing the **four peaks challenge**. Not only is this a **remarkable achievement** in it's own right, but James raised over **£150** for Daisy chain. James, you are amazing!



Y3 pupil **Anna Cooley** achieved her stage 6 **gymnastics** certificate. Anna has really impressed her gymnastics coaches with her **impressive vaults**.



Over the Easter holidays, nursery pupil **Emmie Marshall** took part in a **dance competition**, performing her **tap solo**, **ballet solo** and **song & dance solo**. At just 4 years old, she achieved an impressive **2nd place** for her tap and was awarded a trophy for the **most promising toddler of the whole competition!**



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Very well done!



During the Easter holidays early years pupils **Caleb** and **Nathaniel Jeffries** attended the first meeting for 2024 League 2000. Both boys tried really hard in all areas completing the **skills course**, a **time trial** and the **race** at the end. Caleb came 2nd in the race. The marshals and many parents complimented how polite Nathaniel was thanking the marshals for their support on his way around the course. Fantastic news!




Y2 pupil **Lily Archer** recently visited Thailand. During the visit she experienced the **Thai culture** and **customs**. Lily enjoyed the opportunity to dress in **traditional Thai clothes**. Lily looks absolutely **สวย (beautiful)**.



**Week Ending 19th April 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	Parker Purvis	Mabel Dodds-Day	Rose Westmoreland	Isaac Stewart
YR Miss Dixon	Hallie Richardson	Liam Turner	Elodie Richardson	Izzabella Matthews
Y1 Mrs Brown	Oliver Hall	Brianna Pearce	Keesha Griffin	Charlie Beken
Y2 Mrs Durham	Olivia Wallace	Skyla Wilks	Oakley Purvis	Elena Hold
Y3 Mr Horkan & Mr Brown	Lacie Carse	Beth Denmark	Archie Donnelly	Oscar Prince
Y4R Miss Robinson	Hollie Dale	Skye Stainsby	Max Devlin	Amez Ali
Y4S Miss Smith	Alyssa Frost-Usher	Kain Carmichael	Kayci Scott-Mullin	Sophie-Alysa Minter
Y5 Mrs Wilson & Mrs Smith	Holly Hill	Ellie Smith-Sewell	Morgan Titlestad	Emily Smith
Y6M Mr McConnell	Lenny Hawkes	Daisy-Mai McCarthy	Kaci-Leigh Moody-Blackburn	Casey-Lee Morgan
Y6B Miss Bestwick	Zac Dale	Lucy Macklam	James Luker	Meghan Dyson

	<b>YR &amp; KSI</b> Joseph Luker	<b>Y3 &amp; Y4</b> George Reevell	<b>Y5 &amp; Y6</b> Amelia Wilks
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