

Weekly Newsletter 22nd July 2024



Right of the Fortnight: Article 3:
All adults should do what is best for you.



Dear Parents/Carers,

Next Tuesday marks the day we close our doors for the end of another year. It's been a truly **remarkable** year at Oakdene as we end on such a high with so many **successes** and **celebrations** to look back on. I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank all of the children, parents, staff and wider community for all of your **belief** and **support**. As always, we are unapologetic in setting **high expectations** in September, but with everyone's hard work, these have been well and truly **exceeded**.

We never rest on our laurels at Oakdene and, despite so many successes, we have plans that are **bigger and better** for 2024/25. The end of a school year is also a time to say **goodbye** and **good luck** to our Year 6 pupils. We have thoroughly enjoyed watching the children **grow** and **mature** into the individuals they are today. They leave us with the **confidence, knowledge** and **skills** to be able to continue their path to achieving their **goals**.

Thank you to everyone who has donated items for our **Summer Fair** so far, we look forward to a wonderful community event. The **Friends of Oakdene** have worked tirelessly to organise this—**THANK YOU!**

Many thanks for your good wishes and very kind cards and gifts that we've received already. All the staff join with me in wishing you a **safe summer break**, hopefully with the return of some sunshine!

We look forward to welcoming **all Little Sycamores, Nursery and Y1 to Y6** back on **Tuesday, 3rd September 2024**. The **new reception cohort have been informed of their allocated return date**.

Wishing you all a fantastic summer break!

Mrs E Bramley and Mrs S Osborne

Dates For Your Diary - Summer Term

Mon 22nd July	Meet My New Teacher Event
Tues 23rd July	Rearranged Sports Day for Pupils in Y1-Y3 (weather permitting) 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 Fair
Thurs 25th July	Reception Pupils Olympic Celebratory Event
Fri 26th July	Little Sycamores and Nursery AM and PM Teddy Bears' Picnic



Tues 30th July **LAST DAY OF THE SUMMER TERM**
A hard copy of the term dates (including PD Days and school holidays) for the next academic year have been sent home last week alongside a letter from the Trust regarding changes to attendance guidance that will become statutory and must be implemented after the 19th August 2024.

Mon 2nd Sept PD Day
Tues 3rd Sept School opens to all Little Sycamores, Nursery and Y1 to Y6.

The **new reception cohort have been informed of their allocated return date**.

Y2 enjoyed a lovely day exploring the wildlife highlighted in the bestselling book **'The Lost Words'** when they visited **Danby Education Centre**.

Children hunted for the lost words in **Crow Wood** and made a collective acrostic poem.

They were led on a gorgeous 1km **story walk** through woods and fields down to a small stream.

Through the **story**, the children discovered some of the 'lost' creatures and took part in **minibeast hunts** and games, whilst making **weasel homes** and **natural artwork**.



Y3s visited **Captain Cook's Museum** to follow in the footsteps of the young **James Cook**. They discovered a world of knowledge, enjoyment and inspiration!

They found out about Cook's Yorkshire background, his naval **career**, the great **voyages of exploration** and his ideas on topics such as diet and scurvy, and **encounters** with previously unknown peoples. We received a lovely email to share that: - "*The Y3s were **very well behaved** all day (especially given the heat!) and **very knowledgeable**.*

*The learning facilitators were especially **impressed** with their knowledge on **Aboriginal Australian culture!** "*



Each year, 8th May marks the anniversary of VE Day, the end of the Second World War in Europe.

The Y5 team recreated the nationwide celebrations of 1945 in school. The Y5s looked stunning in their authentic costumes, they sampled food from a typical rationed meal, played games and sang some wartime tunes!

This event marked a fitting end to the children's WW2 topic.



Y6 pupils visited the **Hancock Museum** to close their history topic '**Ancient Egyptians**' to life.

The Egyptian **gallery** is really special – not only because of the large number of perfectly **preserved artefacts** it contains, but for the huge variety of objects on display.

The Y6s marvelled at enormous stone statues, tiny lucky charms, precious burial goods and entire coffins.



Oakdene entered one final football tournament for our Y6 boys. We travelled to The Glebe Primary in Norton, to compete against 9 other teams. We started off tremendously, as all children demonstrated their skill and fantastic team work to come out victorious in many of the matches.

We only conceded 5 goals throughout the whole tournament, as our defence stood strong. We won 8 out of 9 games! This impressive result meant we came joint winners at the top of the table with 24 points.

Another fantastic sporting achievement for Team Oakdene!



Thank you to everyone who came along to support our **Y4-Y6 Sports Day** event on the hottest day of the year, so far! The children had a wonderful time **competing** in the traditional sports day events organised by **Mr McConnell**. Due to staff sickness, we had no TAs from Y5 & Y6 so a huge thanks to all staff for being so **committed**. We greatly appreciated parents/carers who stepped in to help, for example, resetting the obstacle courses etc. Thanks also to Alison (ELT) who set up the **'hydration station'** - the ice lollies were a hit!



In September, we will continue to ask that in Years 1-6 children come to school in their **PE kit** on their PE day/s.

This will mean that:

- **Time isn't wasted with children getting changed!**
- **Clothes won't get lost!**
- **Children don't need to worry about privacy or be self-conscious getting changed**
- **Everyone will have PE kit, hair tied back and earrings removed on their PE day!**

The **PE uniform** is displayed on our **school website** for children. Although you do not need to purchase Oakdene branded uniform, please ensure that you **wear the school colours**. Plain dark green or black joggers can be worn during colder months, then we recommend substituting joggers for plain green or black shorts in the warmer months.

If you would like to opt for the Oakdene branded uniform, but would like to save costs - Caswell's will embroider any supermarket / plain items of the full school uniform / PE kit.

They look very professional and are an alternative to buying branded uniforms from uniform shops.



The **Summer Reading Challenge** is back this year! All our children have been invited to participate in the 2024 Summer Reading Challenge at **Billingham Library**. Each year, the Summer Reading Challenge has a new theme: **'Marvellous Makers'**. This year it's all about getting **CREATIVE**, music, junk-modelling, photography, dancing, story writing... the possibilities are endless.

Children aged 4-11 can visit **Billingham Library** from Saturday, 6th July onwards to participate in our Summer Reading Challenge! **Angela** (Billingham Librarian) has rearranged a launch assembly to promote the rewards: certificates, stickers and medals.

If there's one thing you can do over the school holidays—keep up the daily/regular reading habits.

Nursery pupil **Emmie Marshall** took part in a **dance** competition on Saturday. Emmie gained five medals; three were **1st place medals** and two 2nd place medals.



Reception pupil **Katie Coates** has received a colourful **investiture certificate** for making her **Rainbow promise**.

Y2 pupil **Niamh Bellew** has also been invested in the **Synthia Beaver Scout Colony**. Both girls enjoyed their **special days** and are **deeply committed** to keeping their promises.



Y2 pupil **Olivia Wilkinson** is rightly proud to have achieved her **L1, 2 and 3** of the **'Learn to Skate'** assessment criteria.

Olivia is learning the **fundamentals of ice-skating** and knows this could open many doors such as **figure skating, ice hockey and speed skating!**



Y5 pupil **Tyler Curry** competed in the **Gigafinal** for the **North of England and Scotland**. He performed **exceptionally well**, however, he just missed out on achieving enough points to progress to the **Terafinal**.

We are all so **proud** of Tyler and how hard he has worked. Tyler is very **determined** to keep playing and try again next year. What an **amazing attitude!**



Y4 pupil **Landon Quinn** brought in his team's trophies that they've won this season. In their first season together they won the **Premier Division** and the **League Cup**.

Landon has enjoyed a great season personally, as he's continued to develop his knowledge of the game and progress with his skills.

The icing on the cake was winning the **'Players Player of the Season Award'**. This **prestigious** award demonstrates that Landon is **highly respected** by his teammates and they look up to Landon as a **remarkable role model**.

Congratulations!



Reception pupil **Dylan Allon**, has just attended his first two weeks at **Billingham Town's 'Mini Messi Billingham'** each **Wednesday night**. Dylan has used this opportunity to show off his fantastic footwork and listening skills. Dylan was so excited to share his exciting news - he was named **'Man of The Match'** with his new football team. What a star!



Week Ending 19th July 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	Jenson-John Murray	Jessie-Rae Allison	Freya White	Oscar Stainsby
YR Miss Dixon	Michael Smith	Izzy Matthews	Delilah Dodds-Day	Jack Bourne
Y1 Mrs Brown	William Nimmo	Aria Dugdale	Zayn Gibson	Arabella Sedgwick
Y2 Mrs Durham	Lilly Dixon	Olivia Wilkinson	Roman Chesworth	Charlotte Eley-Carberry
Y3 Mr Horkan & Mr Brown	Joshua Wood	Archie Donnelly	Harley Black	Jessica Dunn
Y4R Miss Robinson	Toby Chocholko	Autumn Lonsdale	Ava Hammond	Jake Atkinson
Y4S Miss Smith	Nancy Green	Eddie-James Midgley	Fearne Fisher	Leighton Harvey
Y5 Mrs Wilson & Mrs Smith	George Robinson	Holly Hill	Thea Birch	Morgan Titlestad
Y6M Mr McConnell	Cody-Lee Fitzpatrick	Kallum Squires	Jake Cody	Aiden-James Finley
Y6B Miss Bestwick	Joe Gardiner-Jukes	Lucan Fletcher	Meghan Dyson	Jack Tunney



YR & KSI
Rosie Daniel

Y3 & Y4
Amez Ali

Y5 & Y6
Cee jay Chambers