

Weekly Newsletter
23rd September 2024



Right of the Fortnight: Article 12:
Your right to say what you think should
happen and be listened to.



Dear Parents/Carers,

There has been a wonderful buzz around school again this week with learning at the heart of everything! **'European Day of Languages'** will be celebrated by Oakdene staff and children on Tuesday, 24th September. Miss Robinson and our specialist language teacher, Rosie (Lingotots), have planned a wide range of exciting European **cultural** activities and **language** learning.

After-school and lunchtime clubs started last week and there was a great demand for places, particularly in KS2. A huge thank you to all staff who have committed to delivering this additional provision. We are hoping to relaunch the **Children's University** in the next few weeks.

We are trying our very best to ensure that children leave school each day with their belongings and uniform. Please ensure that your child's uniform, PE kit and coat are **clearly named or labelled**. Already we have a huge collection of 'lost property' items, mainly sweatshirts and cardigans.

A small minority of children are regularly late. Schools starts at 8.45am for two year old provision and nursery pupils. Pupils in Y1-Y6 start at 8.50am. **Our attendance officer will be carrying out regular spot checks to promote punctuality**. Thank you to everyone for **prioritising attendance** and ensuring that your children are in school and not missing out on the **high quality education** we provide.

Have a super week!

Mrs E Bramley and Mrs S Osborne



Macmillan Coffee Morning

On Thursday, **26th September** at 9:10am, Oakdene Primary Academy warmly invites you to join us for our Macmillan Coffee Morning in the school dining hall.

To help us **raise money** for Macmillan Cancer Support, there will be a range of games to participate in for a small cost. If you have the time to bake, contributions of cakes will be gratefully received.

Cake donations can be brought into school on Wednesday evening or Thursday morning.

There will be a star bake-off competition too **(with an added prize!)**

Please come along, buy cake and coffee and enjoy a chat.
We'd love to see you there.

For a small contribution, children will be able to buy any remaining cakes after the coffee morning has finished.



Dates For Your Diary - Autumn Term

Tues 24th Sept Celebrate European Day of Languages & Y2 Local Walk
Wed 25th Sept KS2 Cross Country event
Thurs 26th Sept Macmillan Coffee Morning
Fri 27th Sept **PD Day 2 for Staff Training (school closed for pupils)**

ORACY OCTOBER

Tues 1st Oct
Wed 2nd Oct
Thurs 3rd Oct
W/c Mon 7th Oct

Tues 8th Oct
Wed 9th Oct

Thurs 10th Oct

Tues 15th Oct
Mon 21st Oct
Tues 22nd Oct
Wed 23rd Oct

Fri 25th Oct

Black History Month

Tag Rugby Festival - PM
3.20pm Hallowe'en Costume Shop (Dining Hall)
National Poetry Day
Libraries Week
PM Y1 Visit Forum Theatre to see the Gruffalo
9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Y6 Pupils
Y1 Sports Festival, Y4 visit Binchester Roman Fort & Y6 Pupils visit Beamish Museum
Billingham Food Bank Assembly

9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Y1 Pupils
3.20pm ABC Coats For All Pop Up Shop
9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Y3 Pupils
Y2 Sports Festival (7 Girls)
Hallowe'en Disco 4-4.50pm Y1-Y3 and Y4-Y6 5-6pm
Children Break Up for Half-Term

Half-Term Break Monday, 28th Oct - Friday, 1st Nov

NOVEMBER

Wed 6th Nov

w/c Mon 11th Nov
Mon 11th Nov

Wed 13th Nov
Thurs 14th Nov
Fri 15th Nov

w/c Mon 18th Nov
Wed 20th Nov
Wed 27th Nov
Fri 29th Nov

9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Y2 Pupils
Boys Y5/Y6 Football
Parent Consultation Evenings (**No Extra-curricular Clubs this week**)
Phototronics (Individual and Sibling Photos)
Remembrance Day Activities
Y3 Danelaw Viking Visit & Y4 K'Nex STEM visit at EDF
Flu Nasal Spray (pupils from Rec-Y6)
Children In Need Day

Road Safety Week & UK Parliament Week
Y2 visit Preston Hall
9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Y4 Pupils
PD Day 3 for Staff Training (school closed for pupils)

DECEMBER

Tues 3rd Dec

Wed 4th Dec
Thurs 5th Dec

Mon 9th Dec
Wed 11th Dec
Fri 13th Dec

Tues 17th Dec
Wed 18th Dec
Thurs 19th Dec

Fri 20th Dec

'School's Big Gig - Rocking Christmas' 1.30-2.30 at Middlesbrough Town Hall.

3.30pm Friends of Oakdene Christmas Fair
Christmas Lunch

2.10pm Nativity Performance
2.10pm Nativity Performance
9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Nursery Pupils

9.10am Y5 & Y6 Christingle, PM Y1 & Y2 Christmas Parties
PM Y3 & Y4 Christmas Parties
AM and PM Little Sycamores and Nursery Christmas Parties
PM Reception Christmas Party
PM Y5 & Y6 Christmas Parties

LAST DAY OF TERM



Christmas Holiday: Monday, 23rd December 2024 - Friday, 3rd January 2025
Children will return to school on Monday, 6 January 2025
(More dates will be confirmed shortly)

New Pupil Voice elections have taken place. Congratulations to our new school councillors!

Pupil Voice

Right of the Fortnight
week commencing 18th September & week commencing 25th September

Article 12:
Your right to say what you think should happen, and be listened to.

Logos included: Oakdene Primary Academy Digital Leader!, Oakdene Primary Academy Play Leader, UNICEF RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS UNITED KINGDOM, the enquire learning trust, Oakdene Primary School Learning for Life, and a 'OUR RIGHTS' wheel.

Y1
Elliot Hardy
Hallie Richardson

Y2
Zayn Gibson
Keesha Griffin

Y3
Michelle Adekunle
Olivia Wilkinson

Y4
Evie Richardson
Milo Hancock

Y5
Florence Bruce
Skye Stainsby

Y6
Daniel Young
Emily Smith

Logos included: School Council and Oakdene Primary School Learning for Life.

Congratulations to our new school librarians and reading buddies!
They submitted written applications, were shortlisted and were interviewed
by Angela Foster (Stockton librarian).



Wonderland
 Arta & Indi
 Fact Forest & Poet
 Tree Corner
 Cally & Morgan
 Hogwarts
 Ellie & Scarlett
 Narnia
 Noah & Zia

Role summary
 We're inviting you to apply to be a pupil librarian to help in the running of the school library.

Key responsibilities

- Help pupils find books and online resources
- Issue library resources to pupils and staff
- Put returned resources back on the shelves
- Attend training and meetings when asked
- Help with library events such as author visits and World Book Day activities
- Act as an ambassador for the library around the school
- Prepare new books for the library shelves (give them a jacket, stamp and label)
- Share ideas for library activities
- Help with library displays
- Help keep the library tidy
- Help with any other library-related duties under the direction of the library coordinator

Qualities and skills

ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reliable - Punctual - Friendly - Good alphabetical and numerical skills - Hard-working, motivated - Enjoys books and reading 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Knowledge of books for children and young people - Good ICT skills



Reading Buddies
 with Reception



Deputy
 Librarians

⊗
 Kara Dixon
 Amelia Wilks
 Holly Hill



Congratulations to our new school digital leaders.
They submitted written applications and were shortlisted by Mr Horkan.



Sava Ali
Henry Brown
Alexander Wainright
Riley Titlestad
Aalia Dobson
Lily Scott-Mullin
Edward Gardiner - Jukes
Fearne Fisher
Amez Ali
Logan Daniels-Owen
George Robinson
Jack Wilks

What Makes a Good Digital Leader?

- Keen to help
- Positive role model
- Resilient
- Collaborative worker
- Creative problem solver
- Passionate about technology
- Online safety ambassador

This week Y1 met Lois from the Blue Cross & Kezzie from Cats Protection. We learned how to look after animals and how to keep safe.

Well done to Y2 pupil **Holland Finley** who was awarded **two rosettes** in recognition for her **enthusiasm and talent**.

Holland was particularly proud that she came **1st** for her **first class canter**.

Brothers **Eli (Y2)** and **Oscar Prince (Y4)** have been **swimming** their way to **success**. Eli achieved his **5 metres** badge and certificate and Oscar achieved his **10 metres** award. Swimming is an important life skill.

New Pupil Voice elections have taken place. Congratulations to our new school playleaders.



Piper Noon
 Archie Hall
 Ava Hammond
 Ben Bainbridge
 Kayci Scott-
 Mullin
 Nancy Green

Was the sports leader...	
Confident	Did they explain the activities clearly?
	Did they use a loud voice that everyone could hear?
Organised	Did they have everything they needed for the activities?
	Did they start games quickly and on time?
Helpful	Did they answer any questions that were asked?
	Did they help anyone that needed it?
Enthusiastic	Did the leader make participants feel excited about the activities?
Fair	Did they make sure the rules were followed?
	Did they make sure any teams were even in numbers and abilities?

The children named above received **Play Leader training** last week. The leadership training aims to introduce pupils to the skills needed to be a Sports Leader and enthuse the leaders to take on this leadership role when back in school. The training day is only the beginning and leaders are expected to assist school staff in **promoting the School Games**, running intra school competitions, organising personal best challenges, getting children active and leading warm ups in PE. Our leaders were praised for their **enthusiasm** towards being active and for demonstrating **excellent organisational and communication skills**.



Last Spring, the **Little Sycamores** planted their **vegetable patch** and watched the seeds grow. The children were amazed at how tall our sunflower **grew** and measured themselves against it almost daily! This term our new children were **investigating** the box and noticed the **carrots** popping out of the soil so we pulled them up. They noticed big ones and small ones. The children did some great counting and used brilliant **mathematical language**. They showed the **harvest** to the former Little Sycamores.



Pupils have voted for a **special brunch** on **Thursday 3rd October**

- Full English breakfast
- Vegetarian Full English breakfast
- Tomato Sauce Pasta Kitchen

If your child normally has a packed lunch please **book a brunch**.



Reading Spotlight

HERE'S THE IMPACT OF
READING 20
MINUTES PER DAY!

A student who reads

20:00

minutes per day

A student who reads

5:00

minutes per day

A student who reads

1:00

minute per day

will be exposed to
1.8 MILLION
words per year
and scores in
90th PERCENTILE
on standardized tests

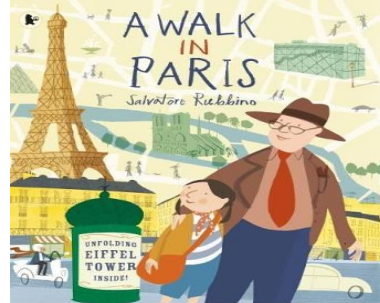
will be exposed to
282,000
words per year
and scores in
50th PERCENTILE
on standardized tests

will be exposed to
8,000
words per year
and scores in
10th PERCENTILE
on standardized tests

#20MinutesADay

Recommended Read

This week's recommended read is from
Miss Robinson
'A Walk in Paris' by **Salvatore Rubbino**



Paris is claimed to be the most
beautiful city in the world!

A young girl and her grandad explore Paris's
iconic landmarks and experience the **culture**
first hand as they visit a traditional
street market, climb to the top of
Notre-Dame, wander through the **Tuileries**
Gardens and gaze up at the **Eiffel Tower**.
They also indulge in some tasty treats-
délicieux!

YR Open Morning and Reading Book Launch 'Read All About It!'

Developing a love for reading and sharing books in the early years is really important. It was amazing to see how engaged and enthusiastic our new Reception children were as they experienced a carousel of activities linked to their 'Superhero' topic.

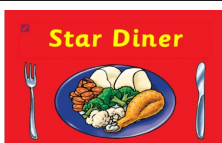
Activities included:- creating a vegetable **healthy hero**, inspired by the text **Supertato**, and an introduction to 'Mighty Maths'. Mrs Osborne and I were so impressed with the superhero reading. It was great to see the children so eager to read **speed words** and to have a formal introduction to the **Oxford Reading Tree** characters. Sharing a book with your child each day for just five minutes will make a huge difference to their progress in the Early Years and will establish excellent **early reading habits** for their time at Oakdene.

READING IS KNOWLEDGE AND KNOWLEDGE IS POWER!



Week Ending 20th September 2024
Stars of the Week at Oakdene Primary Academy

Class	Star of the Week 	Star Reader 	Star Writer 	Star Mathematician 
Nursery Mrs Guest	Lola Langridge	Jayden Serrechia	Rory Baker	Sophia Peers
YR Miss Dixon	Isaac Stewart	Poppy Daniel	Leighton Wardle	Annie Tunney
Y1 Mrs Brown & Mrs Thompson	Thomasin Scotland	Elodie Richardson	Vinnie Westwood	Katy Coates
	Aysel Khan	Prashvita Bhimavarapu	Harper Cooper	Finley Short
Y2 Mrs Durham	Holland Finley	Brianna Pearce	Keesha Griffin	Jospeh Luker
Y3 Mr Horkan	Oakley Purvis	Leighton Daniels-Owen	Oliver Coates	Skyla Wilks
Y4 Miss Robinson	Alyza Bateman	Daisy Thompson	Jake Marshall	Edward Gardiner-Jukes
Y5SW Mrs Wilson & Mrs Smith	Piper Noon	Autumn Lonsdale	Amez Ali	Charlie Kibbler
Y5M Mr McConnell	Alyssa Frost-Usher	Amber Hammond	Fearne Fisher	Nancy Green
Y6 Mrs Cowan	Emily Smith	Tyler Curry	Arta Ahmadi	Phoebe Donnelly



YR & KSI
Poppy Daniel

Y3 & Y4
Oliver Coates

Y5 & Y6
Ben Bainbridge