

Weekly Newsletter
23rd October 2023



Right of the Fortnight: Article 16:

Your right to privacy.



Dear Parents/Carers,

Another week has passed and we only have this week left before our **half term break**. I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge **well done** to all of the staff and children for their hard work this half term. It's been a fun-packed 7 weeks so far.

On Friday, we say **goodbye** to one of our **long serving Lunchtime Supervisory Assistants**, Mrs Andria Caveney. We wish Andria a **happy and healthy retirement**.

Children from Reception to Y6 were due to have a **nasal flu spray** in school on **Thursday, 26th October**. Unfortunately, we have been advised that this date has been cancelled and will be re-arranged for after the half-term. We are requesting that the consent portal be re-opened and we will inform you of this by Marvellous Me. If you have not yet completed the online consent form, you will have a further opportunity to do so and, if you choose to not complete the consent form, your child will not be able to have the nasal spray.

With Hallowe'en and Bonfire Night also on the horizon, a reminder to everyone to **stay safe** and to keep your children supervised. The clocks will go back **in the early hours of Sunday, 29th October**, giving everyone an extra hour in bed. Changing the clocks in October gives us an extra hour of morning daylight in the darkness of autumn and winter.

Stay safe and we look forward to seeing you on **Tuesday, 7th November 2023**.

Have a wonderful half term!

Mrs E Bramley and Mrs S Osborne



It was a delight to welcome so many parents & carers of **Y5 pupils** during their **open morning** last week. Two activities were linked to Y5's Key Author—Roald Dahl. The activities included **making BFG Dream catchers**, **sampling a Lingotots French lesson**, **maths battles** and, in our forest area, everyone learnt how to light a **fire safely** and a highlight of the morning was **making s'mores**. They finished off the session by sharing a Roald Dahl classic.



Dates For Your Diary - Autumn Term

OCTOBER

Tues 24th Oct
Wed 25th Oct

Black History Month

Athletics

9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Y3 Pupils

Y1 Sports Festival at Durham Campus

Hallowe'en Disco KS1 (Y1, Y2) & Y3 will be 4.00pm-4.50pm

Y4-Y6 will be 5.00pm-6.00pm.

Thurs 26th Oct

Nasal Flu Spray (Postponed—new date to be advised)

Fri 27th Oct

3.15-4.45pm Coats For All Event

Y6 Victorian Day

Children Break Up for Half-Term

Mon 30th Oct to Fri 3rd Nov - October Half-Term Break
NON FICTION NOVEMBER

Mon 6th Nov

PD Day 3 for Staff Training (school closed for pupils)

Fri 10th Nov

UK Parliament Week

Remembrance Day Activities

w/c Mon 13th Nov

Parent Consultation Evenings (No Extra-curricular Clubs)

Mon 13th Nov

Phototronics (Individual and Sibling Photos)

Tues 14th Nov

Y1 Visit North York Moors 'One Snowy Night'

Wed 15th Nov

10.00am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Y2 Pupils

Fri 17th Nov

Y3 Danelaw Viking Visit

Children In Need Day

Mon 20th Nov

Road Safety Week

Wed 22nd Nov

9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Y4 Pupils

Fri 1st Dec

3.30pm Christmas Fair

Tues 12th Dec

2.00pm Nativity Performance

Wed 13th Dec

2.00pm Nativity Performance

Thurs 14th Dec

NEW DATE 10.15am Y3 & Y4 Christmas Tableau at
St Luke's Church (Y3/Y4 parents welcome)

Fri 15th Dec

Christmas Lunch for staff & pupils

9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Nursery Pupils

Some Y4 pupils will attend Snappy Christmas Music Event

Mon 18th Dec

AM and PM Little Sycamores and Nursery Christmas Parties

PM Reception Christmas Party

PM Y1 & Y2 Christmas Parties

Tues 19th Dec

AM Y3 & Y4 Christmas Parties

PM Y5 & Y6 Christmas Parties

LAST DAY OF TERM

Christmas Holiday:

Wednesday, 20th December 2023 - Tuesday, 2nd January 2024

Wednesday, 3rd January 2024 school closed to pupils for in-service day (training)

Children will return to school on Thursday, 4 January 2024



Y2 enjoyed their visit to **Preston Hall Museum** to support their topic 'What is in the Oakdene Museum Today?'

They explored a range of **artefacts** in the **Homes Workshop** with a special emphasis on **toys from the past**, as well as in and around this local **Museum**.

The children were immersed into a cobbled **Victorian Street** and enjoyed talking to the volunteers working in the shops. The children looked at **careers** from the past.



FREE POP UP SHOP
 Thursday 26th October:
 at Oakdene Primary, TS23 3NR
 3.15pm-4.45pm

Give your preloved coat a NEW Home!
 Taking Donations now
 till 20th October!

Coats for All 2023

Coat Donations drop off at:
 ABC Office 23a The Green,
 Billingham, TS23 1ES

Y6 visited **Beamish Open Air Museum** to experience what life was like in Britain in the early 1900's. They learnt lots about how life in Britain has changed, rode on trams, visited the old school and coal mine and visited the town to do some shopping. The busiest shop was the old sweet shop.



Toby Chocholko (Y4) was awarded a trophy for his amazing goalkeeping skills.

Toby proudly brought his shiny trophy into the celebration assembly for all to see.

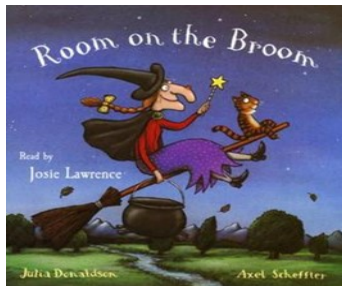


Congratulations to **Amber Hammond** (Y4) who achieved her Stage 6 in gymnastics.

Richly deserved!



Recommended Read
This week's recommended read is from
Mrs Brown
'Room on the Broom'
by **Julia Donaldson**



A perfect read for Halloween written by
Y1's key author, Julia Donaldson.

Each time the witch loses something in the
windy weather, she and her cat are
introduced to a new friend who loves
flying on her broom.

This book is full of fun, rhyme and rhythm.

Open the Book is a project which offers children an opportunity to hear Bible stories.

Last week, reception and KS1 shared the story of Adam and Eve.

The children were invited to take an active role in the retelling of the story.

They held props, listened beautifully and showcased their performances.



We are supporting the Royal British Legion in school and will be selling items for the children to buy if they wish.

*Suggested donations are: 50p for a poppy or a zip pull or a reflector;
£1.00 for a wrist band and £1.50 for a snap band.*

Thank you.



Reading

The scheme used for early reading is 'Oxford Reading Tree' to ensure children have books that are matched to their **reading ability** and **phonic phase**. Children have access to online books using **MyOn** matched to their phonic phase that they can access in school and at home.

'Accelerated Reader' is an online programme successfully used across Y2 and all Key Stage 2 classes. AR is an online programme that aims to **foster the habit of independent reading**. With a vast collection of books available in our library, the children have ample opportunity to select books that are of interest to them and within their reading ability. Pupils take computerised **quizzes** on the books they have read to check their understanding and earn AR points for their hard work.

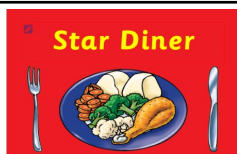
Please keep reading for pleasure over half-term. Remember you can read anywhere!



Week Ending 20th October 2023

Stars of the Week at Oakdene Primary Academy

Class	Star of the Week 	Star Reader 	Star Writer 	Star Mathematician 
Early Years Unit Mrs Guest	Junior Scarth-Ferguson	Jude Gibson	Coen Beadle	Eddie Smithson
YR Miss Dixon	Michael Smith	Harper Cooper	Altay Arslan	Delilah Dodds-Day
Y1 Mrs Brown	Esmea Skipp	Neave Bateman	Charlie Beken	Arabella Sedgwick
Y2 Mrs Durham	Riven Mansell	Malachi Worth	Charlotte Eley-Carberry	Alex Wainwright
Y3 Mr Horkan & Mr Brown	Oscar Prince	Theo Smith-Sewell	Albert Balanescu	Anna Cooley
Y4R Miss Robinson	Hollie Dale	Harry Laws	Olivia-Grace Allison	Archie Hall
Y4S Miss Smith	Landon Quinn	Lily Daniel	George Reevell	Sophie-Alysa Minter
Y5 Mrs Wilson & Mrs Smith	Morgan Titlestad	Joey Marshall	Thea Birch	Teddie Edmenson
Y6M Mr McConnell	Isaac Dobson	Kallum Squires	Casey-Lee Morgan	Trudi Langstaff
Y6B Miss Bestwick	Joe Gardiner-Jukes	Amelia Wood	Mylah Bruce	Haiden-Marc Cotterill



YR & KSI
Scarlett Van Wyk

Y3 & Y4
Joseph Cooper

Y5 & Y6
Emily Daniel