

Weekly Newsletter
24th June 2024



Right of the Fortnight: Article 22:

You have the right to special protection
if you are a refugee.



Dear Parents/Carers,

WOW! What a week with so many achievements to **celebrate**. Our children continue to **achieve significantly above the national averages** for 2023 (2024 national data isn't released until the Autumn). **73%** of reception pupils achieved a **Good Level of Development**. In the **Y1 Phonics Screening Check** a phenomenal **93%** met the standard. **100%** of judgements in the writing moderation were agreed across the Trust for multiple year groups (including Y6) and evidenced **exceptional progress**. The **Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check results** are looking very **strong** too. **KS2 SATS results will be published on 9th July**.

Friends of Oakdene Summer Fair

The Friends of Oakdene are busy organising the Summer Fair– this is one of our biggest fundraisers. The Friends have asked me to request **if we can reach out to more parents/carers to help set up on the 24th July - please contact the school office**. Nearer the time, we shall be requesting **donations** and these will be staggered: **Mon 15th July - good quality school uniforms, Tues 16th July - good quality teddies, Wed 17th July - toiletries and smellies, Thurs 18th July - chocolates and sweets, Fri 19th July - bottles, Wed 24th July - cake donations**. There will also be a book stall, however, this year, **we will not be taking any book or toy donations**.

Finally, we would like to extend a **warm welcome** to all of the **new families** that have joined us recently. It is heartwarming to hear your **positive comments and** how you can see how our Oakdene Team go the extra mile. A huge thank you to parents and carers who are spreading the word about how amazing our school is. We already have 11 new families who will be moving their children to our school in September.

Have a fantastic week!

Mrs E Bramley and Mrs S Osborne

Our year 6 pupils enjoyed their three-day **residential** last week. It provided them with time spent in nature away from screens and technology. Being **outdoors** is a great boost for their **mental** and **physical** health. It was wonderful to see them return to school talking of **camaraderie** around the **campfire**, enjoying **nature** and creating **magical memories** with their teaching team and peers. It was a chance to **work together** and bring closure to their primary school experience. A huge thank you to Miss Bestwick, Mr Mc Connell and Miss Owens for staying overnight with the children.



Dates For Your Diary - Summer Term

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 Qualified athletics event for some Y5s and Y6s
Thurs 27th June	Y5 Taster Day at Northfield
Fri 28th June	Class Photographs (new date) Y5 & Y6 Y4 Girls football event for girls @ Northfield
Mon 1st July	Summer Reading Challenge Assembly led by Angela Foster 4.30pm Meeting for Parents and Carers of September 2024 New Reception Pupils
Wed 3rd July	Reception Visit Hardwick Park 'Step into Storytime'
Thurs 4th July	Y5 Eden Camp Visit Y1 Beach Schools Visit Y4 Independence Day Celebrations
Mon 8th July	Lee Owston, National Director, Education Ofsted, Visits Oakdene
Tues 9th July	Academy Hub Music Events for some Y3 Pupils
Tues 16th July	2.15pm Sports Day for pupils in Y1-Y3
Wed 17th July	Y5 VE Day
Thurs 18th July	Y2 'Lost Words' Visit
Fri 19th July	Y3 Captain Cook Visit 2pm Sports Day for pupils in Y4-Y6
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 Fair
Thurs 25th July	Rec 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



Emily Smith (Y5) attends the Synthonia Scout Group and was awarded Runner Up to the **Synthonia Scout Group Club Scout of the Year**.

Emily was also presented with the **'Buddy Dales Trophy'** for **excellent attendance and engagement** with activities.

Emily's name is engraved and she is one of a very small minority of girls who has ever achieved this wonderful **accolade**.



Congratulations to Y4 pupil **Ava Hammond** who has been awarded a certificate for her amazing **acting skills** at the **Billingham Forum Theatre School**.



Recommended Read

This week's recommended read is from some of our Y6 pupil librarians

'The Final Year' By Matt Goodfellow

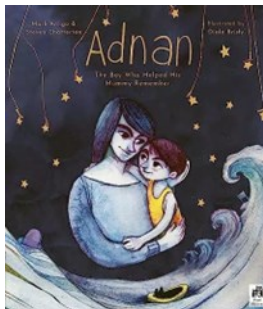


This incredibly powerful novel, written entirely in free verse, is a must read for pupils preparing for transition to secondary school. The book is very relatable and follows the journey of Nate in his final year of primary school.

The Virtual Author Event with Mark Arrigo & Steven Chatterton proved a hit with Y2, Y3 & Y4 pupils as it provided the perfect link to World Refugee Day.

They talked about the meaning behind the powerful illustrations which reveal the heartwarming story of a refugee boy's attempts to heal his mother's mental health issues with the power of his creativity, as they rebuild their lives in their new home.

World Refugee Day is an international day designated by the United Nations to honour refugees around the globe. It falls each year on 20 June and shines a light on the rights, needs and dreams of those forced to flee.



EYFS & KS1 enjoyed a Virtual Author Event with Lauren Hoffmeier which linked to International Yoga Day.

Lauren shared her latest publication: 'Mula & The Lovesick Snake' which is book four in the Mula and Friends series.

Lauren is a yoga teacher as well as an author. As she read the story, she introduced yoga poses promoting a happy, healthy lifestyle and encouraged reading to be a time to rewind and relax.

Our children are Yoga experts as they access weekly yoga sessions with 'Mighty Warriors'.



Y5 and Y6 pupils were enthralled listening to Michael Rosen's Virtual Author Event.

Michael shared some of his poems about refugees. Sharing texts and real life experiences of seeking asylum from 'Safe Passage' provided the opportunity to help dispel some of the myths and perceptions around asylum seekers and refugees.

He also talked fondly about the inspirational poet Benjamin Zephaniah who sadly died in December 2023.



Week Ending 21st June 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	Rocco Smith	Jenson-John Murray	Coen Beadle	Freya White
YR Miss Dixon	Isla Featherstone	Michael Smith	Harry Robinson	Amelia Wright
Y1 Mrs Brown	Neave Bateman	Mia Hudzicka	Eli Prince	Keesha Griffin
Y2 Mrs Durham	Freddie Bell	Skyla Wilks	Elena Hold	Junior Hindmarsh
Y3 Mr Horkan & Mr Brown	Alyza Bateman	Jake Marshall	Quinn Parkin	Evie-Jayne Harrison
Y4R Miss Robinson	Reuben Edgar-Simpson	Frankie McQuilling	Skye Stainsby	Hollie Dale
Y4S Miss Smith	Sophie-Alysa Minter	Alyssa Frost-Usher	Eddie-James Midgley	Elliot Lambert
Y5 Mrs Wilson & Mrs Smith	Jacob Smithson	Zia Kelly-Bostock	Holly Stapleton	Joey Marshall
Y6M Mr McConnell	Olly Harris	Trudi Langstaff	Ollie Smith	Harleigh Ramsey
Y6B Miss Bestwick	Haiden-Marc Cotterill	Joe Gardiner-Jukes	Kiera Ibbotson	Isabelle Bramley



YR & KSI
Alex Wainwright

Y3 & Y4
Sophie Squires

Y5 & Y6
Cody-Lee Fitzpatrick