

Weekly Newsletter
25th September 2023



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, 26th 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 start this week and there was a great demand for places. 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. **Our attendance officer will be carrying out regular spot checks to promote punctuality**. Pupils in Y1-Y6 start at 8.50am 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 Friday, **29th 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 Thursday evening or Friday 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

Week Commencing 25th Sept: Launch of Extra-curricular Clubs

Tues 26th Sept Celebrate European Day of Languages
Sports Leader Training for some Y5 Pupils
Fri 29th Sept Macmillan Coffee Morning



OCTOBER

Mon 3rd Oct Libraries Week
Thurs 5th Oct National Poetry Day
Fri 6th Oct 9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Y6 Pupils

Black History Month

Tues 10th Oct Y6 Pupils Visit Preston Hall Museum
Thurs 12th Oct 9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Y1 Pupils
(change of date)

Tues 17th Oct 9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Y5 Pupils
Y6 Pupils Visit Beamish Museum

Wed 25th Oct 9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Y3 Pupils
Hallowe'en Disco (new date)
KS1 (Y1, Y2) disco will be 4.00pm-4.50pm
KS2 will be 5.00pm-6.00pm.

Fri 27th Oct *Children Break Up for Half-Term*

Mon 30th Oct - Fri 3rd Nov - October Half-Term Break

Mon 6th Nov PD Day 3 for Staff Training (school closed for pupils)

Fri 11th 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)
Wed 15th Nov 10.00am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Y2 Pupils
(new date)

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 Christmas Lunch
Fri 15th Dec 9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Nursery Pupils

Mon 18th Dec AM and PM Little Sycamores and Nursery Christmas Parties
PM Reception Christmas Party

Tues 19th Dec PM Y1 & Y2 Christmas Parties
AM Y3 & Y4 Christmas Parties
PM Y5 & Y6 Christmas Parties
LAST DAY OF TERM

Christmas Holiday: Wednesday, 20th December 2023 - Tuesday, 2nd January 2024
school closed to pupils for in-service day (training) Wednesday, 3rd January 2024

Children will return to school on Thursday, 4 January 2024

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

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Lunch Time Monitor

Digital Leader!

Play Leader

RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS

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Pupil Voice

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LIBRARIAN

Reading Buddy

Y1 William Nimmo
Holland Finley

Y4 Kain Carmichael
Archie Hall

Y2 Oliver Coates
Ivy Fiddes



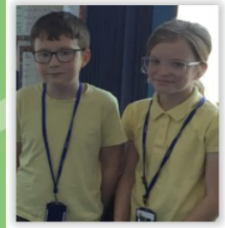
Y5 Arta Ahmadi
Joey Marshall

Y3 Aalia Dobson
Evie-Jayne Harrison



Y6 James Luker
Isaac Dobson

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



Congratulations to Mylah, Kaci-Leigh and Oliver!



Congratulations to Morgan, Arta, Indi, Connor, Kaveesha, Cody-Lee, Kiera, Amelia R & Meghan!



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



'Brown Bear, Brown Bear What Do You See?'
by Eric Carle is a firm favourite for all.

'Ours Brun, Ours Brun, dis-moi ce que tu vois?' is the same story translated into French.

Reading this popular story in French is a simple way to learn the names of colours and the names of animals in French. If you can't find a copy of this book there are many stories translated into French online.

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.

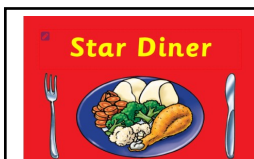
Activities included:- creating a vegetable **healthy hero** inspired by the text **Supertato**, and an introduction to 'Mighty Maths'. Mrs Osborne and I were so impressed with the superhero reading. It was great to see the children so eager to read **speed words** and to have a formal introduction to 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 22nd September 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	Ruben Black	Elijah Wilson-Hill	Annie Tunney	Coen Beadle
YR Miss Dixon	Lucas Milne	Elena Uzor	Amelia Wright	Elodie Richardson
Y1 Mrs Brown	Eli Prince	Brianna Pearce	Issac McCarthy	Gia Hindmarsh
Y2 Mrs Durham	Lilly Dixon	Max Prout	Riven Mansell	Riley Titlestad
Y3 Mr Horkan & Mr Brown	Lily Charlton	Edward Gardiner-Jukes	Megan Squires	Sophie Squires
Y4R Miss Robinson	Archie Hall	Logan Daniels-Owen	Toby Chocholko	Autumn Lonsdale
Y4S Miss Smith	Lily Daniel	Sophie-Alysa Minter	Finley Orley	Alyssa Frost-Usher
Y5 Mrs Wilson & Mrs Smith	Isabelle Owens	Scarlett Rogers	Arta Ahmadi	Cassius Dobson
Y6M Mr McConnell	Cody-Lee Fitzpatrick	Kaci-Leigh Moody-Blackburn	Jake Cody	Lenny Hawkes
Y6B Miss Bestwick	James Luker	Emily Daniel	Joe Gardiner-Jukes	Kiera Ibbotson



YR & KSI
Max Prout

Y3 & Y4
Megan Squires

Y5 & Y6
Morgan Titlestad