Weekly Newsletter 25th November 2024



Right of the Fortnight: Article 23:

Your right to have special support if you are disabled





Dear Parents/Carers

Last week was another busy week in school. We **hosted visits** for members of our Academy Improvement Committee and leaders from schools in Norton and Grimsby. They visited classes and toured the school to observe our **outstanding curriculum offer** and **exceptional learning behaviours**. They also talked to pupils informally, interviewed pupils from Y2-Y6 and met with staff. We shared our priorities for this year and they were really impressed with our developments so far to introduce a whole school approach to **oracy**. A report will follow shortly. One of the highlights was seeing our reception class prepare for the '**Mock Wedding'** at a local church.

We have also been asked to share our work **nationally** too. Each year we report on how we use every penny of our Pupil Premium **funding** allocation to make a difference to service children, children in care or adopted from care and disadvantaged pupils. The DfE are running a series of **Pupil Premium case study blogs** across the Autumn term on the **DfE's Teaching Blog.** In recognition of our **consistently impressive outcomes** for disadvantaged pupils, we've been asked to be **one of two schools in England** to showcase how we develop and sustain our Pupil Premium strategy and provide advice and tips for schools. The blog has been published and circulated to all schools this week. It will provoke thinking about how to use the funding to make the biggest difference to pupils.

Christmas Fair

We will holding our Christmas Fair on **Wednesday**, **4th December 2024** from 3:30pm - 5:00pm. Entry will be via the main entrance There will be lots of stalls, food, games and crafts and even the opportunity to meet Santa. **Thank you** for all your donations so far. We look forward to seeing you all!

Please remember, Friday, 29th November is a PD Day.

Enjoy the extra long weekend and we look forward to seeing you on **Monday, 2nd December.**

Mrs E Bramley and Mrs S Osborne





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.

The writing inspired from this visit has been amazing!

Dates For Your Diary - Autumn Term

NON FICTION NOVEMBER

w/c Mon 25th Nov Bring in Items for the Christmas Fair

9.15-10.15a.m. KS2 Northern Children's Book Festival Tues 26th Nov

Author: James Nichol

9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Y4 Pupils Wed 27th Nov

4.15pm Open Evening for Prospective EY Parents & Carers

10.00-11.00 a.m. Rec & KS1 Northern Children's Book Festival Thurs 28th Nov

Author: Alan Windram

Fri 29th Nov PD Day 3 for Staff Training (school closed for pupils)

DECEMBER

Y4 'School's Big Gig - Rocking Christmas' 1.30-2.30pm at Middlesbrough Town Hall Tues 3rd Dec

Y3 Speed Stacking Event 12.30-2.45pm 3.30pm Friends of Oakdene Christmas Fair 9.30am 24 Pupils Ice Skating Event

Wed 4th Dec Thurs 5th Dec

Christmas Lunch (please order on MCAS asap)

Fri 6th Dec 10.15am Y3 & Y4 Christmas Tableau at St Luke's Church

(Y3 & Y4 parents/carers welcome—ticketed event)

Mon 9th Dec 2.10pm Nativity Performance Y5 Visit Centre for Life, Newcastle Tues 10th Dec Wed 11th Dec 2.10pm Nativity Performance

Thurs 12th Dec AM Y1 Christmas Event at St Aidan's Church

10.30am Reception visit Arc - 'The Light Princess'

Fri 13th Dec 9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Nursery Pupils

Tues 17th Dec 9.10am Y5 & Y6 Christingle

PM Y1 & Y2 Christmas Parties

Wed 18th Dec PM Y3 & Y4 Christmas Parties

Thurs 19th Dec AM and PM Little Sycamores and Nursery Christmas Parties

> PM Reception Christmas Party PM Y5 & Y6 Christmas Parties

Fri 20th Dec LAST DAY OF TERM

Christmas Holiday: Monday, 23rd December 2024 - Friday, 3rd January 2025 Children will return to school on Monday, 6 January 2025





Billingham Forum Ice Arena played host to the Stockton Schools Partnership Primary School Festival with 10 Primary schools (including Oakdene) taking part in a Festival on Ice.

We selected 30 KS2 pupils and there will be another opportunity for more children to attend an ice festival very soon.

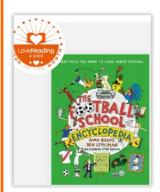
Y3 pupil Alex Wainwright is a superstar on the ice and has recently achieved his Level 2 award. Congratulations!



Recommended Read

This week's recommended read is from
Mr McConnell

'The Football Encyclopedia: Everything
you want to know about football'
By Alex Bellos & Ben Lyttleton





Discover everything you've EVER wanted to know about football, from fascinating facts about your favourite players and clubs, to incredible international stats and terrific trivia. Packed with hilarious illustrations, this encyclopedia is anything but boring!



Congratulations to Y5 pupil Kain Carmichael who was awarded a trophy in recognition for being 'Player of the Match' representing the 'Dragons' at Billingham Rugby Club Under 10s.

Kain is a great team player and was very proud that he'd been noticed.



Y5 pupil Leah Cooley attends the 4th Billingham Cub Group. Leah likes to work towards the challenges and collect badges for her efforts.

Leah has just received 4 badges for being an accomplished artist, home safety, digital maker and community impact.

These are fabulous **skills** for life!



Y4 pupil Hannah
Liddle was beaming
with pride as she
brought in a beautiful
Billingham Symphonia
JFC Tournament
Winners Plate for
2024.

Hannah's individual award was to celebrate the efforts of her team.



Well done to Y4
pupil Jacob EdgarSimpson who was
nominated 'Man of
the Match'.

Jacob enjoys playing for the **Billingham** S**ynthonia Under 9s** Football Club.



Y2 pupil William Nimmo has completed his Level 3 and 4 Duckling awards. William is now an expert jumping in, going underwater and can float and travel 10 metres unaided.

He is rightly proud of his new found **confidence** in the water!



Y3 pupil Lola Pearce won 2nd place at born2perform in Solihull recently.
Lola and her troupe danced 'The Lion Sleeps Tonight' with great technique.

Lola will be performing in the **grand final** at Gloucester very soon—we are sending lots of **luck** and positive vibes!

Week Ending 22nd November 2024 Stars of the Week at Oakdene Primary Academy

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$\begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \end{array}$	Nursery Mrs Guest	Rivah Mansell	Lola Langridge	Ruby Bunn	Lewis Daniels-Owen
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$\begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \end{array}$	YI Mrs. Brown &	Elodie Richardson	Isla Featherstone	Michael Smith	Izzy Matthews
$\stackrel{\wedge}{\longrightarrow}$	Mrs. Thompson	Tommy Wilks	Harper Cooper	Aysel Khan	Isabel Liddle
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$\begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \end{array}$	y6 Mrs. Cowan	Daniel Young	Thea Birch	Jack Westmoreland	Tyler Curry
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y5 & y6 Eliza Unsworth \bigstar