

Weekly Newsletter
27th February 2023



Right of the Fortnight: Article 28:
Your right to an education—to learn and go to school.



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have really looked forward to seeing you all back after the half term break where we have so much more planned. The staff are so committed to providing an excellent education for each and every child, in every classroom, every day. Don't forget that **World Book Day** is on Thursday, 2nd March. Remember, you do not need to spend money, just use a little imagination by making your own costume or customising something you already own—have fun!

If you are worried about your child's **mood, behaviour and learning**, a good place to start is their **diet and routine**. Studies have shown that the best diet for a good mood, behaviour and learning, is one that includes a regular eating pattern and a variety of food with 2-3 handfuls of vegetables per day. Before half term, we sent out the parents and carer guide to promote the '**Eat Them to Defeat Them**' campaign. This campaign is proven to encourage even the most fussy eaters to eat more veg.

Fairtrade Fortnight begins this week. Try and look out for the Fairtrade products when you go shopping.

During the half term break, we were informed that one of our Oakdene parents, Mrs Deborah Fearn, sadly passed away following a courageous battle with cancer. Deborah has been connected to our Oakdene family for many years. We would always know if she was in the building in her role as a dedicated reading volunteer as the beautiful scent from her body creams and perfumes would drift through the corridors. As an additional adult on many school visits, Deborah was always generous with her time and her mints! Deborah had a heart of gold and would always offer to pay/fund things so that no child would miss out on an experience. Even through treatment, Deborah was such a positive person, an inspiration to us all. Our thoughts are with the family at this difficult time.

Make everyday count!

Mrs E Bramley and Mrs S Osborne



'Pantastic' Y1 Open Afternoon

It was great to see so many parents & carers attend an informative open day based on STEM activities mostly linked to Shrove Tuesday. The children used their maths skills to measure and weigh the ingredients to make their **pancake batter** which, in turn, they applied their food technology skills to **create their own pancakes**, with a little help from their parents and carers. The children **surveyed different toppings** on their pancakes and everyone had great fun with **pancake races**. Mr Brown delivered key messages about how to stay safe online. Thank you all for coming!



Dates For Your Diary - Spring Term

Week commencing 27th Feb: Fairtrade Fortnight (27th Feb to 12th March)

Mon 27th Feb Y4/Y5 STEM Visit (am):
Industry will Power the Future Workshops
Tues 28th Feb 9.10am Y3L & Y3/4H Open Morning for Parents & Carers
Thurs 2nd March World Book Day (**SPECIAL WORLD BOOK DAY LUNCH MENU**)
& Readathon Celebration
Fri 3rd March Wonderdome In School

Mon 6th March Careers Week
Tues 7th March Y4 Visit RSPB Saltholme
Wed 8th March 9.10am Y2 Open Morning for Parents & Carers
Fri 10th March Inspiring Maritime Virtual Careers Workshop for Y3L & 3/4H

Mon 13th March PD Day 5 for Staff Training (school closed for pupils)
Launch of British Science Week
Wed 15th March Y4 Times Table Rockstar League Competition
Fri 17th March Red Nose Comic Relief Charity Day
1.30pm Reception Open Afternoon for Parents and Carers

Wed 22nd March 9.10am Y4 Open Morning for Parents & Carers
World Water Day
Thurs 23rd March World Maths Day
Fri 24th March Y3 Earth Hour

Week commencing 27th March: Consultation Evenings for Parent/Carers

Thurs 30th March Y6 Easter-themed Chocolate Workshops & **Easter Bake Sale**
Fri 31st March Nursery Open Morning and Afternoon (times to be confirmed)

Children break up for Easter

EASTER HOLIDAYS
Monday, 3rd April - Friday, 14th April

Mon 17th April Summer Term Commences - Children Return to School

Mon 17th April—Fri 28th April Swimming Block 3 for Y5 pupils

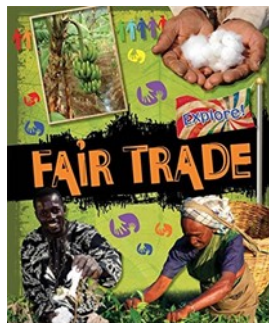
Fri 28th April 9.15am Coffee Morning led by Alliance and Mrs Hood

Thurs 4th May 9.10am Y5 Open Morning for Parents & Carers



Recommended Read

This week's recommended read is from
'Mrs Wilson'
"Explore! Fair Trade" by Jillian Powell



From chocolate and tea to flowers and cotton, discover the history of fair trade and its products. Learn what difference fair trade makes to the people producing the goods, what the ten principles of fair trade are, and how fair trade practices affect the environment. Read an interview with a worker from a fair trade project in India, debate the issues surrounding fair trade, make a fair trade ice cream sundae and find out amazing fair trade stats and facts.

KS1 children enjoyed a series of 'Open the Book' workshops before half term.

The children have enjoyed learning about Epiphany and how Christians wait for good things and prepare for the next season in the church calendar—Lent, through Bible stories.



Promoting the Love of Reading

For children in hospital, books and stories are particularly important - they comfort, distract, reassure and entertain. **Read for Good** provides a regular supply of brand new books along with storyteller visits to brighten up the days of children in all of the UK's main children's hospitals.

It's been heart-warming to hear the children talking about how the **Readathon** has kept them busy during the half term break.

Please complete the Readathon & return the Sponsor Cards to school on **World Book Day Thursday, 2nd March 2023**



All children who return their completed Sponsor Cards this Thursday on World Book Day will be given a certificate & sticker for their participation.

These will be presented by Nichola from **Billingham Library** as well as our own **Oakdene librarians!**

If you are able to make a donation please do so via the website: www.readforgood.org.uk

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| Select | -Sponsor a Pupil (Blue Tab) |
| Enter | -Oakdene Primary Academy/
Billingham/TS23 3NR |
| Select | -Our school from the drop down list |
| Donate | -Choose amount or click other to enter your amount |
| Complete | -Your details including name, address & postcode |
| Pay | -By Direct Debit or Credit Card |

Week Ending 16th February 2023
Stars of the Week at Oakdene Primary Academy

Class	Star of the Week 	Star Reader 	Star Writer 
Morning Nursery Mrs Guest	Darcy Hammond	Ivy Laing	Katy Coates
Afternoon Nursery Mrs Guest	Thomasin Scotland	Harper Cooper	Elodie Richardson
YR Miss Robinson	Sava Ali	Hunter Lake	Gia Hindmarsh
Willows Mrs Farnaby & Mr Brown	Theo Smith-Sewell	Edward Gardiner-Jukes	Alyza Bateman
Y1L Miss Leonard	Alex Wainwright	Freddie Bell	Darcie Berry
Y2D Mrs Durham	Lewis Harris	Megan Squires	Reggie McCabe
Y3/4H Mr Horkan	Ava Hammond	Logan Daniels-Owen	Sophie-Alysa Minter
Y3L Mrs Largan	Autumn Lonsdale	Ellis Fearn	Alyssa Frost-Usher
Y4S Miss Smith	Phoebe Donnelly	Emily Smith	Thea Birch
Y5W Mrs Wilson	Eleanor Lewis	Olly Harris	Haiden-Marc Cotterill
Y5M Mr McConnell	Lucy Macklam	Jack Tunney	Kaci-Leigh Moody-Blackburn
Y6B Miss Bestwick	Sydney West-Oyston	Joshua Carruthers	Ben Carmichael

Star of the Week: High no of Dojos, Rights Respecting both in class & at lunchtime, PE Readiness, read at home, learnt spellings etc

Star Reader: Read at least minimum number of times depending on key stage therefore in Reading Raffle, using myON at home etc

Star Writer: Joined handwriting, presentation of written work, creative content, quality/quantity of written work, correct letter sizes etc