



Right of the Fortnight: Article 13:

Your Right to have Information



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have just one week left before we break-up for the Easter holidays! It's continued to be really busy around school with a number of **trips** and **visitors**, **sports competitions** and **re-accreditation** award visits. In addition to this, we've had a real **focus on attendance** which has risen this week. We all need to work together to ensure children are not missing any learning opportunities, so thank you for those of you that have gone the extra mile the past few weeks.

Easter Activities Reminder

We are going to hold our annual **Easter Egg Decorating Competition** this week. We invite all children to decorate a hard-boiled egg with materials in your home; this is of course an optional activity. Y6s will be baking and decorating **Easter treats** with help from Alison (the Enquire Learning Trust). These will be on sale after school on **Thursday, 30th March**.

Ramadan Kareem

This week, some of our Oakdene community members have started Ramadan. During Ramadan, our Muslim community members will be observing a daily fast which will mean that they do not eat or drink from sunrise until sunset. Community members will fast to remind them of the less fortunate and to reinforce the need to be **thankful** for what they have. We wish all those observing Ramadan a period of **peace** and **reflection**.

On behalf of everyone here at Oakdene I'd like to wish everyone a wonderful Easter break.

We look forward to seeing you on **Monday, 17th April!**

Mrs E Bramley and Mrs S Osborne

An **incubator**, a **crate** and **some eggs** arrived a few weeks ago to the delight of our reception class. They were very lucky to observe **five ducklings** hatch! The children discussed what the chicks would need to survive and we shared the role of making sure the chicks had enough **water**, **food** and **bedding**. Reception enjoyed the experience of watching them change each day and gained lots of **new information** about chicks, animals and their babies and how to take care of animals. Reception were sad to see the chicks go, however, our Y4 TA Mrs Jackson has offered them a new home. This means that we'll have regular visits and updates on how the ducklings progress.



Dates For Your Diary - Spring Term

Week commencing 27th March: Consultation Evenings for Parent/Carers
(blended offer phone & face to face)

Wed 29th March Netball Competition
Thurs 30th March Y6 Easter-themed Chocolate Workshops & **Easter Bake Sale**
Fri 31st March Nursery Open Morning 8.55am and Afternoon 1.45pm
Reception Visit Hall Hill Farm
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

Mon 17th April Green Cuisine Day

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

May 2023 KS1 SATs Test Period

Mon 1st May **BANK HOLIDAY**

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

Mon 8th May **BANK HOLIDAY (KING's CORONATION)**

Tues 9th May- Friday 12th May 2022 **Key Stage 2 SATs** are timetabled

2-week period commencing 5th June: **Y4 Multiplication Tables Check**

Week commencing 12th June: **Y1 Phonics Screening Check & Y2 resits.**



Last week we held another exciting **Open Morning** for the Parents & Carers of Year Four pupils.

The activities included:- **STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths).**

Science - science in making lemonade scones, **Technology** - staying safe online,

Engineering - building a structural bridge using craft sticks & marshmallows and

Mathematics - showcase our methods of teaching and learning times tables ready for our Summer times-table check.



Recommended Read

This week's recommended read is from
Nichola Davey (Librarian)
'Plum Tree Among the Skyscrapers'
by Poet Laureate **Simon Armitage**.

This poem is part of a collection that was
commissioned by the National Trust. It
honours spring blossoms that are starting to
come out as the new season begins.

Nichola Davey (Billingham Librarian)
joined our Oakdene librarians to officially
open our new **Poet Tree Corner** on World
Poetry Day. Nichola shared poems with
classes throughout the day.



Mrs Osborne recently received a **Thank you** pack from Readathon from our **incredible fundraising**. This included a PowerPoint presentation to share with children in assembly, **10 free high quality texts** and a personalised certificate for each of our **amazing Oakdene librarians**.

Readathon rewards schools and pupils alike. It is **rewarding** for pupils, as they discover books and stories they **love to read** and feel good about themselves as they are reading to help others (National Literacy Trust research shows pupils who do Readathon are **happier!**).






Y2 visit the **Washington Wetlands** each year to prepare a **launchpad** for their **science** topic in the Summer Term. During this school visit, children met characters from a **digital storybook** – including Ava in life-size puppet form at her giant nest. She challenged them to discover the secrets of her story from the animals on site and designed magical listening devices that enabled the children to hear what they are saying. The children eagerly carried out **nature connection** activities to show that they care about nature. To reward them, the animals revealed their secrets. This memorable visit culminated with the children helping Ava to fly. She disappeared into the distance as she began her long journey to West Africa where she hoped to be re-united with her family. There, she will also have the chance to present to the **Guardians of the Wild**, a council of animals that protect nature.

Children, teachers and family members were provided with log ins on return to school. They can access a specially designed website where Ava's story continues through a series of updates from her journey. Children are encouraged to complete nature activities in school and with their families to collect virtual badges. The Guardians have promised that any child who demonstrates they are willing to **reconnect** with nature can themselves become Guardians of the Wild, an honour not bestowed on humans for thousands of years. Will they do enough to be welcomed as a Guardian and receive their Guardian certificate and membership badge?



Week Ending 24th March 2023
Stars of the Week at Oakdene Primary Academy

Class	Star of the Week 	Star Reader 	Star Writer 
Morning Nursery Mrs Guest	Jack Bourne	Harrison Dent	N/A
Afternoon Nursery Mrs Guest	Elodie Richardson	Darcie Murray-Denby	N/A
YR Miss Robinson	Oliver Hall	Lincoln Wardle	Ariana Wilson-Hill
Willows Mrs Farnaby & Mr Brown	Eliza Copland	Junior Hindmarsh	Daisy Murray-Walker
Y1L Miss Leonard	Olivia Wallace	Lillymae Morgan	Skyla Wilks
Y2D Mrs Durham	Evie-Jayne Harrison	Evie Richardson	Spencer Jardine
Y3/4H Mr Horkan	Sophie-Alyssa Minter	Max Devlin	Amber Hammond
Y3L Mrs Largan	Alannah Bell	Lily Daniel	Leighton Harvey
Y4S Miss Smith	Jaden Ridley	Arta Ahmadi	Morgan Titlestad
Y5W Mrs Wilson	Finley Amos	Blake Jeffrey	Mylah Bruce
Y5M Mr McConnell	Jack Tunney	Aiden-James Finley	Monica Dobson
Y6B Miss Bestwick	Lily Dodds-Day	Jack Colley	Reuben Quinn

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