

## Weekly Newsletter 29th April 2024



### Right of the Fortnight: Article 17:

You have the right to honest information from newspapers & television that you can understand.



### Dear Parents/Carers,

We are now two weeks into the Summer term and there has been such a **buzz** around school since we returned from the Easter break. The children have all been working so **incredibly hard** and the staff are so **proud** of them.

### Attendance Expectations

Children are **expected to come to school every day and on time** and aim to have 100% attendance. Our school target is 97%. Good attendance is essential to guarantee the **highest possible achievement**. Lateness and poor attendance will have a negative impact on **children's learning, friendships and life chances**. Regular attendance at school enables children to make the best of the educational opportunities available to them. Parents and carers have a **legal responsibility** to make sure their children attend school regularly and if they allow their children to stay away from school without good reason they may be prosecuted. If a child is absent, parents or carers must contact the school by 9am and give the **reason for the absence**. Home visits by the **Education Welfare Officer** will be made if there is no contact. Poor attendance is monitored as a potential indicator of **safeguarding issues** in the home or elsewhere outside of the school.

Have a fantastic week and enjoy the **Bank Holiday** weekend. Let's hope the sunshine makes an appearance. We look forward to seeing you on **Tuesday, 7th May 2024!**

Enjoy the week ahead!

Mrs E Bramley and Mrs S Osborne

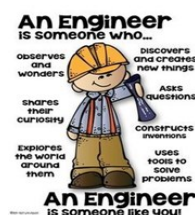


The 'If you were an engineer' competition is a **flagship STEM programme** that invites pupils of all ages, in both primary and secondary schools, to imagine if they were an engineer, what **problem** would they most like to **solve**? They do this by interviewing **professionals** from the **engineering** field to help inspire them to create their own **design** of a solution to a **real-world problem** through an **annotated** illustration detailing their invention.

Joshua Holt emailed Miss Bestwick on Friday to share that we had three winners who were **highly commended**. Many congratulations to **Arabella Sedgwick** – Year 1, **Oscar Prince** – Year 3 and **Phoebe Donnelly** – Year 5.

Joshua Holt shared that, *"Three winners from one school is a fantastic achievement as 10's of thousands of pupils submitted into the competition and went through 2 rounds of grading with engineers."* Arabella created an *automatic drier*, Oscar designed a *language learner* and Phoebe's invention was a bench which **converted** to a bed for the **homeless**. The children have been invited to a prestigious award ceremony at AMRC, Sheffield on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2024 where they will be presented with a **framed certificate** and a **badge** by VIP guests.

**IF YOU WERE AN  
ENGINEER  
WHAT WOULD YOU DO?**



## Dates For Your Diary - Summer Term

Wed 1st May **9.10am Open Morning for Parents/Carers of Y4 Pupils (rearranged)**  
Fri 3rd May 10-12 Y6 Visit Yarm School to meet Skandar author A F Steadman

Mon 6th May **BANK HOLIDAY (school closed)**  
Tues 7th May Reception & Y6 Height & Weight Check

Mon 13th May -Thurs 16th May **Key Stage 2 SATs** are Timetabled  
Fri 17th May Y6 Post SATs Bowling Trip

Tues 21st May Y3 Visit Teesside Princess River Cruise  
3.20pm Friends of Oakdene Coat Swap and Uniform Sale

Wed 22nd May Y4 TT Rockstar Day  
Thurs 23rd May Friends of Oakdene Summer Raffle

Half-term holiday runs from Monday, 27 May to Friday, 7 June 2024 inclusive (two weeks).

The children will **break up on Friday, 24 May 2024** and will  
**return to school on Monday, 10 June 2024.**

June **PRIDE Month**  
Wed 5th June World Environment Day

2-week period commencing 10th June: **Y4 Multiplication Tables Check**

Week commencing 10th June: **Y1 Phonics Screening Check & Y2 Resits**

Tues 11th June Class Photographs  
Thurs 13th June Y6 Pupils Attend Children Challenging Industry Lesson 1

Mon 17th-Wed 19th June Y6 Residential  
Mon 17th -24th June National Schools Sports Week  
Wed 19th June National Writing Day  
Thurs 20th June World Refugee Day

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

Mon 1st July 4.30pm Meeting for Parents and Carers of September 2024  
New Reception Pupils

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 KS1 Sports Day  
Thurs 18th July Y2 'Lost Words' Visit  
Fri 19th July 2pm KS2 Sports Day

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 Fayre  
Fri 26th July Little Sycamores and Nursery AM and PM Teddy Bears' Picnic

Tues 30th July **LAST DAY OF THE SUMMER TERM**



**Recommended Read**  
This week's recommended read is from  
**Year 1 & Mrs Brown**  
**'Camille & the Sunflowers'**  
By Laurence Anholt



This book is based on a true story - telling the tale of Vincent van Gogh's time spent painting in France.

We have thoroughly enjoyed using this text to support our learning and develop our writing. It is a wonderful tale... the illustrations are beautiful too!

Lyfta is an award winning resource which enables children to digitally visit every country in the world by the time they leave school. Lyfta shared hundreds of positive human stories modelling resilience, problem-solving, teamwork, and many other critical skills, values and competencies.

At Oakdene, we use Lyfta to enhance our curriculum and to elevate our assemblies. To launch 'Earth Day' Mrs Osborne transported the children to Easter Island, Chile. They met Rob the beachcomber who collects all plastics (not just single use) and reuses them as he creates incredible things from his collections. We linked this back to the critical work our Eco Council achieves.



In 2021, Kristina Bowser died from cancer at just 29 years old. She was the first NQT to be appointed by the Trust.

An enormous thank you to everyone who has collected plastic milk bottle tops to raise funds for the **Yorkshire Cancer Research**. The latest collection from ELT was **30KG!** in memory of such an inspirational teacher.

Please keep sending in your MILK BOTTLE tops.



We've taken the **Let's Go Zero** pledge, declaring our aim to become **zero carbon by 2030**. Schools can be the trailblazers for their community, we will be part of Let's Go Zero's national network of schools and sustainability, sharing information about how to reach zero carbon, and working with the local council and government to make it happen.

We're committing to cut carbon in a number of key areas. Here are some of the things we are doing and planning to do: continue to **monitor waste, water and energy** to reduce bills and **save resources**, continue to encourage families to **walk to school** to ensure more **sustainable** and **active** forms of travel, continue to enjoy our **outdoor learning** and plan more **litter picks**.

This will send a strong message to our whole school and community that together we can **safeguard our planet** for future generations.

## Friends of Oakdene COAT SWAP

Tuesday, 21st May:  
Dining Hall from 3.20pm



Give your preloved coat a **NEW** home!  
We are taking donations now until  
Friday, 17th May!

**TESCO**  
*Every little helps*



Tesco have kindly donated a number of **two-pack lemon gingham** dresses in a variety of sizes from age 5-13.

Unfortunately, there are no more 3-4s, 4-5s or 6-7s available. Please pop in to the main office if you'd like **free uniform** in any of the remaining sizes.

Thank you to Emmie Marshall's Grandma, Jayne for organising this.

## OAKDENE PRIMARY ACADEMY

### Friends of Oakdene Summer Raffle



We are extremely lucky to have such wonderful grounds and opportunities for children to learn outside. Some of our outdoor equipment for breaktimes and lunchtimes needs to be replenished and some of our existing features have been damaged through wear and tear/vandalism.

We need your help to raise funds towards improving our **outdoor environment** (buying more **outdoor equipment**, replacing the **willow panels** near the greenhouse, new **storage sheds** etc). **Your children deserve the very best.**



We are going to hold a **Summer Raffle** in school. Tickets will be priced at **£1.00 per strip** payable via the **My Child At School app**. **Please buy your tickets by Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May**. The raffle will be drawn on **Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2024**.

There will be lots of chances to win **perfect picnics treats, vouchers for days out, gardening or outdoor games and toys**.

There's something for everyone!



Thank you for your continuing help and support.

Good Luck!

Mrs Bramley and Mrs Osborne

Congratulations to Y2 pupil **Niamh Bellew** for progressing to her **level 2 ice skating** award. Niamh has perfected her gliding and can now move to a full snowplough and forward skate.



Y3 pupil **Eliza-Grace Mack** has danced her way to another medal. Eliza has impressed her **ballet** and **tap** teachers. Richly deserved!



Week Ending 26th April 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	Ruban Gilbey	Annie Tunney	Poppy Daniel	Oscar Stainsby
YR Miss Dixon	Olivia Curry	Nate Oliver	Tommy Wilks	Scarlett Van Wyk
Y1 Mrs Brown	Keesha Griffin	Hunter Lake	Gia Hindmarsh	Joseph Luker
Y2 Mrs Durham	Leighton Daniels-Owen	Oliver Coates	Lincoln Rose	Junior Hindmarsh
Y3 Mr Horkan & Mr Brown	Leanne Fletcher	Blake Playle	Evie-Jayne Harrison	Isaac Cummings
Y4R Miss Robinson	Logan Daniels-Owen	Archie Hall	William Marshall	Piper Noon
Y4S Miss Smith	Kayci Scott-Mullin	Alannah Bell	Eddie-James Midgley	Finley Orley
Y5 Mrs Wilson & Mrs Smith	Brienna-May Thomas	Amelia Wilks	Tyler Curry	Holly Hill
Y6M Mr McConnell	Trudi Langstaff	Harleigh Ramsey	Arez Ali	Aiden-James Finley
Y6B Miss Bestwick	Ceejay Chambers	Connor Bateman	James Duff	Lucy Macklam



YR & KSI  
Freddie Bell

Y3 & Y4  
Harley Wallace

Y5 & Y6  
Lucy Macklam