

# Weekly Newsletter

## 30th January 2023



**Right of the Fortnight: Article 38:**  
Children should be protected during war  
& not allowed to fight in an army.



## Dear Parents/Carers

Although January feels like it's been a long month, another week has flown by and, as always, the children and staff have been really busy. Here at Oakdene we are passionate about providing an **exceptional, innovative education** that **inspires** and **empowers** our pupils, in every class, every day! We aim to develop **confident, resilient, independent lifelong learners** and this has been evident in all of the lessons and after school activities I have visited this week. I am always blown away by the children's articulation about their **learning**. The children are always so proud too!

Just a quick reminder, Oakdene will be open as usual and pupils should come into school as normal **on Wednesday, 1st February**. Normal arrangements for reporting absence will be used so please notify us if your child will not be attending school.

## Reading for pleasure

Mrs Osborne has mapped out our **Reading Challenges** through the 'Seasons at Oakdene'. For Winter, we are encouraging children to take part in the **Winter Mini Challenge**, it's simple. All you have to do is read at least three books between **1 December 2022** and **20 February 2023**. You can choose any books you like – fact books, fiction, joke books, picture books, eBooks, audio books – the choice is yours! **Search for <https://readingagency.org.uk>** to register. This week we look forward to celebrating **National Storytelling Week**.

Keep reading! Have a fabulous week!

Mrs E Bramley and Mrs S Osborne



At Oakdene there are lots of opportunities for **parents, Carers** and **family** members to come in and **engage** in the life of the school eg, termly open days. The long term benefits of this are that it contributes to improved pupil attendance, punctuality, behaviour and progress, **increases parent/Carer participation** and involvement, enhances **parent/Carer support** in their children's learning and **improves home school communication**.

Our **'Stay and Play'** sessions have recommenced. Children in nursery have enjoyed showing family members around the beautiful nursery **environment**, sharing their **learning journals** and **making memories** together. Thank you for coming!



## Dates For Your Diary - Spring Term

Mon 30th Jan Y4 STEM Visit (am) : Industry will Power the Future Workshops  
Tues 31st Jan Y3 Visit Mosque (am)  
Group of Y4 Active Learning Competition (pm)

Week Commencing 28th Jan: 'National Storytelling Week'

Week Commencing 6th Feb: 'Children's Mental Health Week'



Mon 6th Feb Y1 Wheels Day

Tues 7th Feb 9.10am Y6 Open Morning for Parents & Carers  
Safer Internet Day

Thurs 16th Feb 1.30pm Y1 (inc Y1 Willows) Open Afternoon for Parents & Carers  
Launch Readathon  
Pupils break up for half term

Fri 17th Feb **PD Day 4 for Staff Training (school closed for pupils)**

### HALF TERM

**Monday 20th February - Friday 24th February**

**Mon 27th February - Children return to school**

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 & Readathon Celebration  
Fri 3rd March Wonderdome In School

Mon 6th March Careers Week

**Mon 13th March PD Day 5 for Staff Training (school closed for pupils)**

Launch of British Science Week  
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 28th March: Consultation Evenings for Parent/Carers

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**

## Recommended Reads

This week's recommended read is from  
Mrs Lowe (Wellbeing Governor)  
'Invisible String'  
by Patrice Karst



Specifically written to address children's fear of being apart from the ones they love, *The Invisible String* delivers a particularly compelling message that though we may be separated from the ones we care for, whether through anger, or distance or even death, love is the unending connection that binds us all, and, by extension, ultimately binds every person on the planet to everyone else.

We have ordered copies for our school library areas.

## Diversity Display



Having a **diverse** bookshelf is not just about the characters in the books but about the people who make the books.

We are delighted with the selection of additional books we have purchased to celebrate books by **Black authors** and **illustrators**.

This is a move towards true **representation**. **Storytelling** is about hearing **different perspectives** and tales told as a result of life experiences. The more voices we get to hear, the better.



Set an on-line reading goal then unlock a limited edition virtual badge & special certificate.



**Challenge:**  
Winter



**When:**  
December -  
February



Week Ending 27th January 2023  
Stars of the Week at Oakdene Primary Academy

Class	Star of the Week 	Star Reader 	Star Writer 
Morning Nursery Mrs Guest	Isla Featherstone	Dylan Allon	Scarlett Van Wyk
Afternoon Nursery Mrs Guest	Elena Uzor	Eddie Smithson	N/A
YR Miss Robinson	Neave Bateman	Elsie Dinsdale-Swales	Freddy Donnelly
Willows Mrs Farnaby & Mr Brown	Alyza Bateman	Eliza Copland	Daisy Murray-Walker
Y1L Miss Leonard	Lily Archer	Lottie Donnelly	Max Prout
Y2D Mrs Durham	Oscar Prince	Charlie Owens	Sebastian Eley-Carberry
Y3/4H Mr Horkan	Ben Bainbridge	Esme-Olivya Donnelly	Skye Stainsby
Y3L Mrs Lorgan	Brooke Carse	Autumn Lonsdale	Vinnie Jeffrey
Y4S Miss Smith	Jacob Smithson	Noah Stephenson	Teddie Edmenson
Y5W Mrs Wilson	Isaac Dobson	Oliver Copland	Emily Daniel
Y5M Mr McConnell	Lucan Fletcher	Casey-Lee Morgan	Lucy Macklam
Y6B Miss Bestwick	Jacob Stephenson	Jack Moss	David Smith

**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