

Weekly Newsletter
30th September 2024



Right of the Fortnight: Article 42:
The government must let children & families
know about children's rights.



Dear Parents/Carers,

We can't believe that we are half-way through the first half-term already. It's been another **BUSY** and **PRODUCTIVE** week with so much learning taking place. As professionals, we are living and breathing our 'Learning for Life' motto too. One of academy improvement priorities is 'To introduce a whole school approach to oracy'. Oracy was a key feature of our training day last week and we've embarked on a project called **Voice 21**. We'll be introducing benchmark 1 as we launch **Oracy October**. **Reading for pleasure** is always prioritised at Oakdene. This week we look forward to celebrating '**National Poetry Day**' on **Thursday, 3rd October**.

October also marks the start of '**Black History Month**'. During this month, our pupils will be taking part in a wide range of **enriching cultural** activities. At Oakdene, October is not the only time that we talk about and share in the achievements of black people in history - our curriculum is rich in opportunities to learn about their many wonderful achievements and contributions they have made. We will continue to **celebrate** successes of **all cultures** and **backgrounds** across the curriculum over the course of the coming year such as, authors, artists, scientists, musicians and inventors, to name but a few. Over the next month, this will have a particular focus on 'Black History'.

Wishing you a wonderful week!

Mrs E Bramley and Mrs S Osborne



THE BIG HALLOWEEN COSTUME SALE
REUSE, RECYCLE, REWEAR & REDUCE THE WASTE FOR A BETTER FUTURE
OCT 2ND 3:30PM
MAIN HALL
COSTUMES & PROPS STARTING FROM ONLY £1
WITH OVER 60 COSTUMES TO CHOOSE FROM!

26.9.24
The Tiger Who Came to Tea

Year One had a fantastic tiger tea party to end our topic. We enjoyed games, food and a story with our masks.

PIC-COLLAGES

The Rights Respecting Group needs you!
Please donate to the food bank!
Monday 21st October last day for donations.

Long Life UHT Milk
Small bottles of squash
Tinned Fish
Tinned Fruit
Tinned Tomatoes
Tinned Rice pudding/Custard
Coffee
Washing up liquid
Washing capsules
Toilet Roll/Deodorants/Shampoo
Shower gel

On Thursday, 26th September, we held another successful **Macmillan Coffee Morning**. Many thanks to all of you who baked and donated cakes for this amazing cause.

Many thanks to our fabulous school cook **Karen Smith** who had the difficult task of judging the cakes. Many congratulations to **Jemma Skipp** who won **'Star Baker'**. Well done to **Erika Tillestad** who made the most accurate guess for the number of coffee cups on the poster.

A huge thank you to everyone who came along to support the coffee morning or gave their children money to purchase sweet treats. There was a lovely atmosphere. **This year we raised just over £155.00 - THANK YOU**

Finally, a huge thank you to **Mrs Osborne**, our wonderful TA **Mrs Jackson** & the **Friends of Oakdene** who helped set up the refreshments and cake sale alongside our delightful **Y6 pupils**.



As a school we would like to plan regular events to support the work of the school both **financially** and **socially**. We are delighted that **Mrs Jackson** has returned to school fit and well and can step back into her role as coordinating the 'Friends of Oakdene'.

If you are a parent/carer of a pupil in school and would like to be involved in supporting school events such as discos, fundraising and fayres, please complete the **'Friends of Oakdene'** form. which is available at the school office, and return it to school. The first meeting will take place on **Friday, 4th October at 3.30pm**. *(We'll have activities to occupy children if childcare is an issue).*

Everyone is welcome to join us, especially if you are new to school.



Dates For Your Diary - Autumn Term

ORACY OCTOBER

Wed 2nd Oct
Thurs 3rd Oct

Black History Month

3.20pm Hallowe'en Costume Shop (Dining Hall)
National Poetry Day

W/c Mon 7th Oct

Libraries Week
PM Y1 Visit Forum Theatre to see the Gruffalo
Rearranged Tag Rugby Festival - PM

Tues 8th Oct

Wed 9th Oct

9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Y6 Pupils
Y1 Sports Festival, Y4 visit Binchester Roman Fort &
Y6 Pupils visit Beamish Museum
Billingham Food Bank Assembly

Thurs 10th Oct

Tues 15th Oct

9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Y1 Pupils

Mon 21st Oct

Tues 22nd Oct

Wed 23rd Oct

3.20pm ABC Coats For All Pop Up Shop
9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Y3 Pupils
Y2 Sports Festival (7 Girls)
Hallowe'en Disco 4-4.50pm Y1-Y3 and 5-6pm Y4-Y6
Children Break Up for Half-Term

Fri 25th Oct

Half-Term Break Monday, 28th Oct - Friday, 1st Nov

NOVEMBER

Wed 6th Nov

9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Y2 Pupils
Boys Y5/Y6 Football

Tues 7th Nov

Y1 visit Wharton Park (Percy' The Park Keeper's Snowy Weather)

w/c Mon 11th Nov

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Parent Consultation Evenings (**No Extra-curricular Clubs this week**)
Phototronics (Individual and Sibling Photos)
Remembrance Day Activities

Wed 13th Nov

Thurs 14th Nov

Fri 15th Nov

Y3 Danelaw Viking Visit & Y4 K'Nex STEM visit at EDF
Flu Nasal Spray (pupils from Rec-Y6)
Children In Need Day

w/c Mon 18th Nov

Wed 20th Nov

Wed 27th Nov

Fri 29th Nov

Road Safety Week & UK Parliament Week
Y2 visit Preston Hall
9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Y4 Pupils
PD Day 3 for Staff Training (school closed for pupils)

DECEMBER

Tues 3rd Dec

'School's Big Gig - Rocking Christmas' 1.30-2.30 at
Middlesbrough Town Hall.

Wed 4th Dec

Thurs 5th Dec

3.30pm Friends of Oakdene Christmas Fair
Christmas Lunch

Mon 9th Dec

Wed 11th Dec

Fri 13th Dec

2.10pm Nativity Performance
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9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Nursery Pupils

Tues 17th Dec

Wed 18th Dec

Thurs 19th Dec

9.10am Y5 & Y6 Christingle, PM Y1 & Y2 Christmas Parties
PM Y3 & Y4 Christmas Parties
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

(More dates will be confirmed shortly)

A HUGE congratulations to all our superstar runners that represented the school so well in the **Cluster Cross-Country Competition** last week. Everyone tried their very best. A special mention to **George Robinson** and **Landon Quinn** who qualified into the Stockton finals. We wish them both every success in the finals taking place shortly.



Y6 pupil **Indi Chesworth** swam at an annual Autumn Swimming Gala last weekend. Indi swam **8 races** including the 50/100/200 free-style, 50/100 butterfly, 50/100 backstroke and 200 individual medley. Indi performed phenomenally well beating every single **Personal Best** she held as well as finishing in the **top 5** in 7 races out of 34 girls in her age group. The highlight of the weekend was placing 3rd in the 200 freestyle. Indi's **hard work** and **dedication** to her training and early morning swims before school is really paying off.



Y2 pupil **William Nimmo** is just starting out on his **swimming journey** and has achieved his stage 3 & 4 Ducking awards for demonstrating **fantastic floating**—well done William!



Y5 pupil **Lily Daniel** danced her way to **5 medals** (2 Gold, 2 Silver & 1 Bronze).

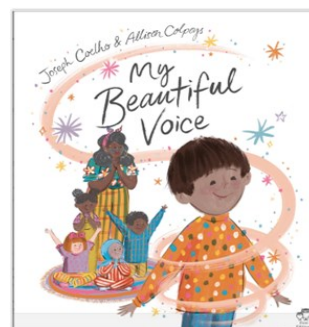
Lily also received a **trophy** in recognition of her effort and skill.

Thank you to Miss Robinson who organised our **European Day of Languages'** last week which was enjoyed by all. Each class studied a country, some of these made connections with topics. KS2 children were also super excited to participate in the **Lingotot European Day of Languages Festival** on Tuesday, 24th September! The children had a fun-filled day with Rosie, our **specialist language teacher**, who led activities based on everyday life in France.

Country	Country suggested ideas & activities
UK	Learn English (your own class)
Germany	Write songs in different European languages Learn to read (start with simple words)
Year 1 Spanish	Language system in many holiday destinations
Year 2 French	Learn to read Language system in many holiday destinations
Year 3 Norway, Denmark & Sweden	Learn to read Language system in many holiday destinations
Year 4 Greece	Learn to read Language system in many holiday destinations
Year 5 Italian	Learn to read Language system in many holiday destinations
Year 6 Japanese	Learn to read Language system in many holiday destinations




Recommended Read
This week's recommended read is a **lyrical picture book** from Mrs Osborne. It's **National Poetry Day** on **Thursday, 3rd October**. **'My Beautiful Voice'** by **Y4 Key poet Joseph Coelho**



This lyrical picture book is about a shy child unlocking the **power of their own voice** through **poetry**, with the helping hand of an **extra special teacher**.

Week Ending 26th September 2024
Stars of the Week at Oakdene Primary Academy

Class	Star of the Week 	Star Reader 	Star Writer 	Star Mathematician 
Nursery Mrs Guest	Archer Dixon	Max Kendall	Oliver Metcalf	Finley Ayre
YR Miss Dixon	Coen Beadle	Freya White	Darcie Murray-Denby	Eddie Smithson
Y1 Mrs Brown & Mrs Thompson	Harry Robinson	Caleb Jefferies	Ruben Black	Michael Smith
	Jenson-John Murray	Louie Walker	Darcy Hammond	Lucas Lee
Y2 Mrs Durham	Fionn Baker	Saga Svedlund	Lily Grantham	Jacob Jackson
Y3 Mr Horkan	Lily Archer	Michelle Adekunle	Lincoln Rose	Riley Titlestad
Y4 Miss Robinson	Gracie Dale	Scarlett Allon	Harrison Unsworth	Beth Denmark
Y5SW Mrs Wilson & Mrs Smith	Archie Hall	Amez Ali	Jake Atkinson	Max Devlin
Y5M Mr McConnell	Kain Carmichael	Annie Murray	Finley Orley	Lily Daniel
Y6 Mrs Cowan	Thea Birch	Kara Dixon	Indi Chesworth	Jacob Smithson

	YR & KSI Hallie Richardson	Y3 & Y4 Harley Wallace	Y5 & Y6 Hayden Jackson
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