

Weekly Newsletter 3rd May 2022



Right of the Fortnight: Article 15: Your right to make friends & join groups.



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope that everyone had a fabulous Easter break and Bank Holiday weekend. The summer term is always a great term with so many events taking place. We will be sending out lots of information over the coming weeks so please make sure that you **check Marvellous Me and keep-up to date with the latest news on our website and weekly newsletters**. This is a very short half term but an extremely busy one. Despite the lighter nights we really emphasise that children maintain routines and have a good night's sleep. This is particularly important for Y2 and Y6 pupils, as this month is the time for 'quizzes'.

Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance for the year for most year groups is above the national average but some pupils have been disrupted by multiple periods of isolation. We now want to ensure that attendance improves or remains at this high level for the remainder of the year. It is important that children are in school every day that they possibly can be so they do not miss out on **memorable educational activities and opportunities**. We will be continuing to monitor punctuality as well as attendance.

Staggered starts and departs continue. Please make sure your child is at school on time so that they do not miss out on **valuable learning time**. The Education Welfare Officer will be doing **spot check 'late gates'** again from this term. If your child is unwell and not able to attend school, it is essential that parents or carers call the office first thing in the morning to let us know. If we do not have contact and are then unable to contact you this may become a safeguarding concern and the Education Welfare Officer then needs to carry out a home visit. We really value your support in working with us to improve attendance.

It was National Offer Day during the school holidays, Tuesday 19th April, for primary schools. Once again we've received a high volume of applications from other local schools and private day nurseries. **Congratulations** to all our nursery children who were offered a school Reception place for September 2022. We look forward to continuing your learning journey with us. More information will follow after the May half-term break.

On a final note, if you choose to buy our uniform with the logo, Rawcliffe's are the only uniform suppliers who are **currently embroidering with Oakdene Primary Academy**.

Have a super week!

Mrs E. Bramley and Miss C. Champion



Public Health Stockton We have been informed that there are currently elevated levels of **scarlett fever** and **chicken pox** locally. At a national level, an increase in outbreaks of both infections has been noted in nurseries and primary schools, including some co-circulation. During the Covid-19 pandemic activity has been very low for both scarlet fever and chicken pox.

Scarlett Fever

For further information please visit: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/scarlet-fever/>

Children can return to settings 24 hours after commencing antibiotic treatment.

Chicken Pox

For further information please visit: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox/>

Children should not attend settings for at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over.

Dates For Your Diary - Summer Term

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| Fri 6th May | KS1 Open the Book |
| Mon 16th May | Y5 SPARK Education visit |
| Mon 23rd May | Royal Reading Challenge |
| Thurs 26th | 10am Y2 'Guardians of the Wild' presentation PM Y2 Theatre Royal Newcastle visit 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat' |
| Fri 27th May | Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations including special Jubilee Menu at lunchtime PM KS1 Open the Book Children break up for Half Term |



MAY HALF TERM BREAK
Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June

Mon 6th June
PD Day for Staff Training (school closed for pupils)

Tues 7th June **School reopens for pupils**

Summer Term Statutory Assessments

KS1

- May 2022 **KS1 SATs** test period.
- Week commencing Tuesday 7th June: **Y1 Phonics Screening Check & Y2 resits.**

KS2

- **Key Stage 2 SATs** are timetabled Monday 9th May- Thursday 12th May 2022.

Mon 9th May: English grammar, punctuation & spelling papers 1 & 2.

Tues 10th May: English reading

Wed 11th May: Mathematics Paper 1 & 2

Thurs 12th May: Mathematics Paper 3

- 3-week period commencing Tuesday 7th June: **Y4 Multiplication Tables Check**

Your class teacher regularly shares information on what you can do to help your child with their learning. **Reading daily, quizzing with MyOn, learning spellings, learning number bonds or times tables and completing all homework tasks carefully remain the priority.** If you have any queries at all please do speak to your child's teacher.

Weekly Awards - week-ending
Friday, 29th April 2022

Congratulations to each of our
Star Pupils:

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| Nursery | - Miley Dodds-Day & Finley Short |
| Reception | - Oliver Coates |
| Little Willows | - Alyza Bateman |
| Y1L | - Jake Marshall |
| Y2F | - Autumn Lonsdale |
| Y2/30 | - Yener Arslan |
| Y3R | - Phoebe Donnelly |
| Y4H | - Ollie Smith |
| Y4SW | - Kaveesha Soyza |
| Y5BE | - Abbie Weetman |
| Y6G | - Amy Rooney |
| Y6S | - Kacey Richards |

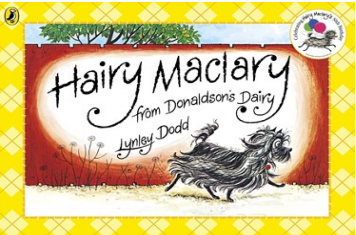
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Congratulations to each of our
Remarkable Readers:

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| Nursery | - Nate Oliver & Caleb Jefferies |
| Reception | - Niamh Bellew |
| Little Willows | - Leanne Fletcher |
| Y1L | - Lily Charlton |
| Y2F | - Taylor Perry |
| Y2/30 | - Piper Noon |
| Y3R | - Cally Wright |
| Y4H | - Kallum Squires |
| Y4SW | - Rocco Garthwaite |
| Y5BE | - Ben Jardine |
| Y6G | - Lily Donkin |
| Y6S | - Lacey Lambert |

Recommended Read

This week's recommended read is from
Mr Mc Connell
'Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy'
by Lynley Dodd.




Hairy Maclary goes off for a walk in to town, followed by a few friends. All is uneventful until they meet Scarface Claw, the toughest tom in town, and run for home.

The story is told by a brilliant, cumulative rhyming text and terrific pictures. Many of us love dogs and in lockdown many families gained a new furry friend. This story is the perfect choice for dog lovers.

The National Literacy Trust, in partnership with DK Publishing, are launching their new reading champions' Royal Reading Challenge, on 3rd May marking the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

We will be encouraging pupils to read as much as they can across the weeks surrounding this once-in-a-lifetime event, whilst also discovering lots of fun and interesting facts along the way.



Marvels of China – Y5 pupils visited the Oriental Museum in Durham. In this hands-on, art-based workshop, children explored the culture of China, focusing on symbolism, the importance of dragons, the story behind the Chinese Zodiac and aspects of life in Imperial China. The children also worked in teams to create their own mini terracotta warrior!



Mrs Wilson and the **Rights Respecting Steering Group** would like to thank you enormously for supporting Ukraine. **Thank you** for wearing blue and yellow, for collectively donating food and essential items and for cash donations **of £354.36**

As fuel, food and energy prices increase we are particularly thankful for your **generosity**. We know that your contributions will make a difference and change lives. **THANK YOU!**

A special mention to Y4 pupil Monica and her Mum (originally from Ukraine) who have helped make sure that your donations reach Ukranian families in need.



I had the impossible task of judging the **Easter Egg Decorating Competition**. Once again, the Oakdene team were really struck with how many children had linked their design to the curriculum, education visits or pupil voice initiatives. The standard was really impressive.



Many **congratulations** to the winners who were presented with an Easter Egg: Eli Prince, Caleb Jefferies, Darcie Berry, Gabriel Wraith, Joshua Wood, Piper Noon, Lily Daniel, Isabelle Owens, Olly Harris, Lucy Macklam, Toree Wardle, Daniel Bell and Isabella Delgado-Young.