

Weekly Newsletter
4th October 2021



Right of the Fortnight: Article 42:

The government must let children and families know about children's rights.



Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been another BUSY and PRODUCIVE week with so much learning taking place. The EYFS team (Little Sycamores, Nursery & Reception) had a visit from Carole Goodchild, our Chair of Governors. She commented on how Oakdene **EXUDES EXCELLENCE**. Our new starters have settled in **BRILLIANTLY!** Mrs Hood is currently busy completing one to one baseline assessments with reception pupils.

Generosity A huge thank you from the **Rights Respecting Steering Group** for donating items for the foodbank. Due to the pandemic, a small group will be taking the food to the foodbank later this week. The **Eco-council** were really thankful for the donations of seeds. They were particularly curious about eating nasturtiums.

Black History Month falls in October each year and is a great time to learn about, and celebrate, Black heritage. However, at Oakdene we believe that Black history can, and should, be recognised all year round. Mrs Wilson has created a calendar of events to ensure we achieve this.

Finally, as the weather is changing, please ensure that your child brings a **named, waterproof coat** to school each day.

Mrs E Bramley and Miss C Champion

Some Y6 pupils received **Play Leader** training last week on how to deliver different games at break time. Our play leaders volunteer their time to support the younger pupils at play times to establish a happy play time for all children. As well as delivering traditional playground games, the children have lots of play equipment to enjoy, ranging from hula hoops, skipping ropes, basketball, netball, bowling, football and dodgeball with more equipment on the way!



We continued celebrating **European Day of Languages** last week.

All classes were involved in fun activities. Year 6 explored different careers which link to languages. They found out a little more about these jobs and discussed which they might like to do when they enter the world of work.

Staff enjoyed being served a 'Continental breakfast/brunch' by Y6 pupils as part of Well-being Wednesday.



Dates For Your Diary - Autumn Term

Mon 4th Oct	Y5/Y6 Tag Rugby Tournament @ Northfield 12:45pm - 2:45pm.
Thursday 7th Oct	National Poetry Day Y3 Pedestrian Training
Fri 8th Oct	KS2 Global Enrichment Activities
W/c 11th Oct	Telephone Consultation Eves for Parent/Carers of EYFS & KS1 Pupils

Tues 12th Oct PD Day 3 for Staff Training (school closed for pupils)

Wed 13th Oct	Y1 Church Visit for Mock Baptism
Thurs 14th Oct	Greek Workshop Y5
Fri 15th Oct	a.m. Year 5 attend Scavenger Hunt at Northfield School.

W/c 18th Oct	Telephone Consultation Eves for Parent/Carers of KS2 Pupils
Thurs 21st Oct	Y5 Black History Month Author Workshop
Fri 22nd Oct	Superhero Day for Reception Class
Fri 22nd Oct	Children break up for half term

Monday, 25th Oct - Friday, 29th Oct

October Half-Term Break

Fri 17th Dec *Break up for Christmas Holidays*

Monday, 20th December 2021 - Monday, 3rd January 2022 Christmas Holidays

Tues 4th Jan PD Day 4 for Staff Training (school closed for pupils)

Wed 5th Jan **Spring Term Commences**

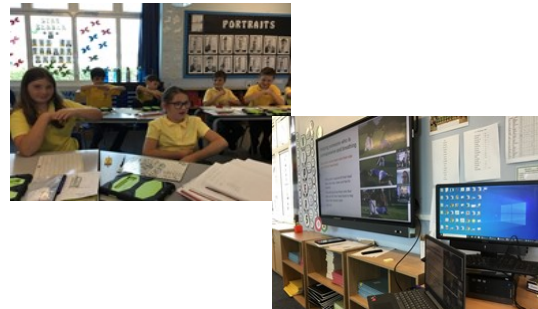


Y4 Roman Visit to Housesteads Roman Fort was a unique experience. Stood high on the wild Whin Sill Escarpment, Housesteads is the most complete example of a Roman fort anywhere in Britain. Y4s discovered what life was like for the 800 soldiers based there. With a history that goes back almost 2,000 years, Housesteads offered the children a great insight into what Roman Britain was like.



Virtual Visits

Y6 were enthralled by two first aid presentations delivered by the Red Cross. The first session was about migration and empathy. The children found out about the different reasons people have to leave their homes and homeland. They demonstrated great empathy towards the challenges refugees face. They also found about how to help in emergency situations and administer basic first aid.





The Marcus Rashford Book Club is a reader-recommends programme created by England International footballer and child food poverty campaigner Marcus Rashford MBE and Macmillan Children's Books.

The book club aims to encourage and nurture a love of reading in children, and launched in June 2021 with its first title, **A Dinosaur Ate My Sister** by Pooja Puri, illustrated by Allen Fatimaharan.

The second title in the book club is **Silas and the Marvellous Misfits**, written and illustrated by Tom Percival, published on **14 October 2021**. The book helps children to love their differences and discover the joy of being themselves. A great message for us all.

Recommended Read

This week's recommended read is from Mrs Bramley



It's National Poetry Day on 7th October. I chose this book because it is a beautifully illustrated collection of 366 animal poems - one for every day of the year.

It brings the richness and wonder of the animal kingdom to life & takes you on a journey through the seasons. A perfect birthday or Christmas gift. We have a number of copies in school.

Happy Reading!

Great Quotes About Reading

by famous people

Eerdmans.com/YoungReaders

Never trust anyone who has not brought a book with them.

- Lemony Snicket

You can never get a cup of tea large enough or a book long enough to suit me.

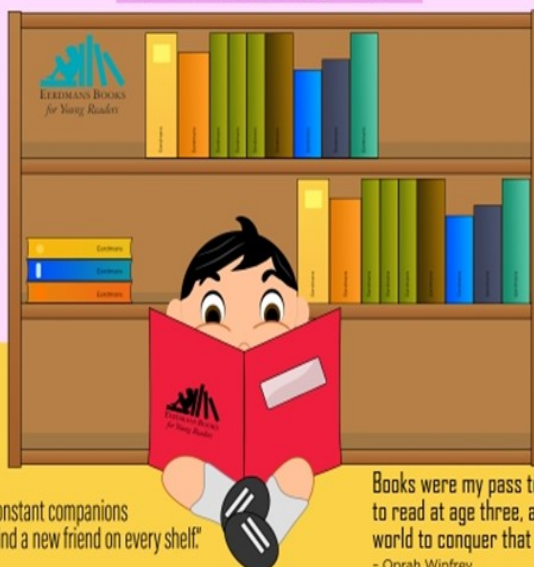
- C.S. Lewis

Show me a family of readers, and I will show you the people who move the world.

- Napoléon Bonaparte

From an early age, books were my constant companions and my local library a place I could find a new friend on every shelf!

- Sarah Jessica Parker



Reading is essential for those who seek to rise above the ordinary.

- Jim Rohn

'Classic' - a book which people praise and don't read.

- Mark Twain

A capacity, and taste, for reading gives access to whatever has already been discovered by others.

- Abraham Lincoln

Books were my pass to personal freedom. I learned to read at age three, and there discovered was a whole world to conquer that went beyond our farm in Mississippi."

- Oprah Winfrey

<p>Weekly Awards - week-ending Friday, 1st October 2021</p> <p>Congratulations to each of our Star Pupils:</p>		<p>Weekly Awards - week-ending Friday, 1st October 2021</p> <p>Each week we award children in each class for REMARKABLE READING.</p> <p>Congratulations to each of our Remarkable Readers:</p>	
Nursery	- Miley Dodds-Day & Joseph Luker	Nursery	- Aria Dugdale & Oakley Harrison
Reception	- Charlotte Eley-Carberry	Reception	- Lillymae Morgan
Little Willows	- Alyza Bateman	Little Willows	- Harrison Kirk
Y1L	- Scarlett Allon	Y1L	- Joseph Cooper
Y2F	- Archie Hall	Y2F	- Ellis Fearn
Y2O	- Ben Bainbridge	Y2O	- Olivia-Grace Allison
Y3R	- Noah Stephenson	Y3R	- Peter Balanescu
Y4SW	- Mylah Swinburne	Y4SW	- Finley Amos
Y4L	- Ollie Smith	Y4L	- Monica Dobson
Y5BE	- Ben Jardine	Y5BE	- Jacob Stephenson
Y6G	- Imogen Gate	Y6G	- Zainab Mohammad
Y6S	- Mia Meek	Y6S	- Kacey Richards

Morrisons It's Good To Grow Vouchers

If you are shopping at Morrisons please remember to ask for the "It's Good To Grow" Vouchers. These are available both in store and online and can also be collected via the MyMorrisons App. Please help us reach our target of 2500 so that we can order new equipment and seeds for our vegetable allotments and new greenhouse.



Help us get **FREE**
gardening equipment
for our school

It's Good to Grow
from Morrisons

*Key dates for secondary school
admissions 2022*

We do hope that most Y6 pupils will have taken the opportunity to visit secondary school open evenings last week.

Mrs Elsherif can offer support to parents/carers if you need support printing / questions / completing application forms.

The deadline for all applications is:

31st October 2021