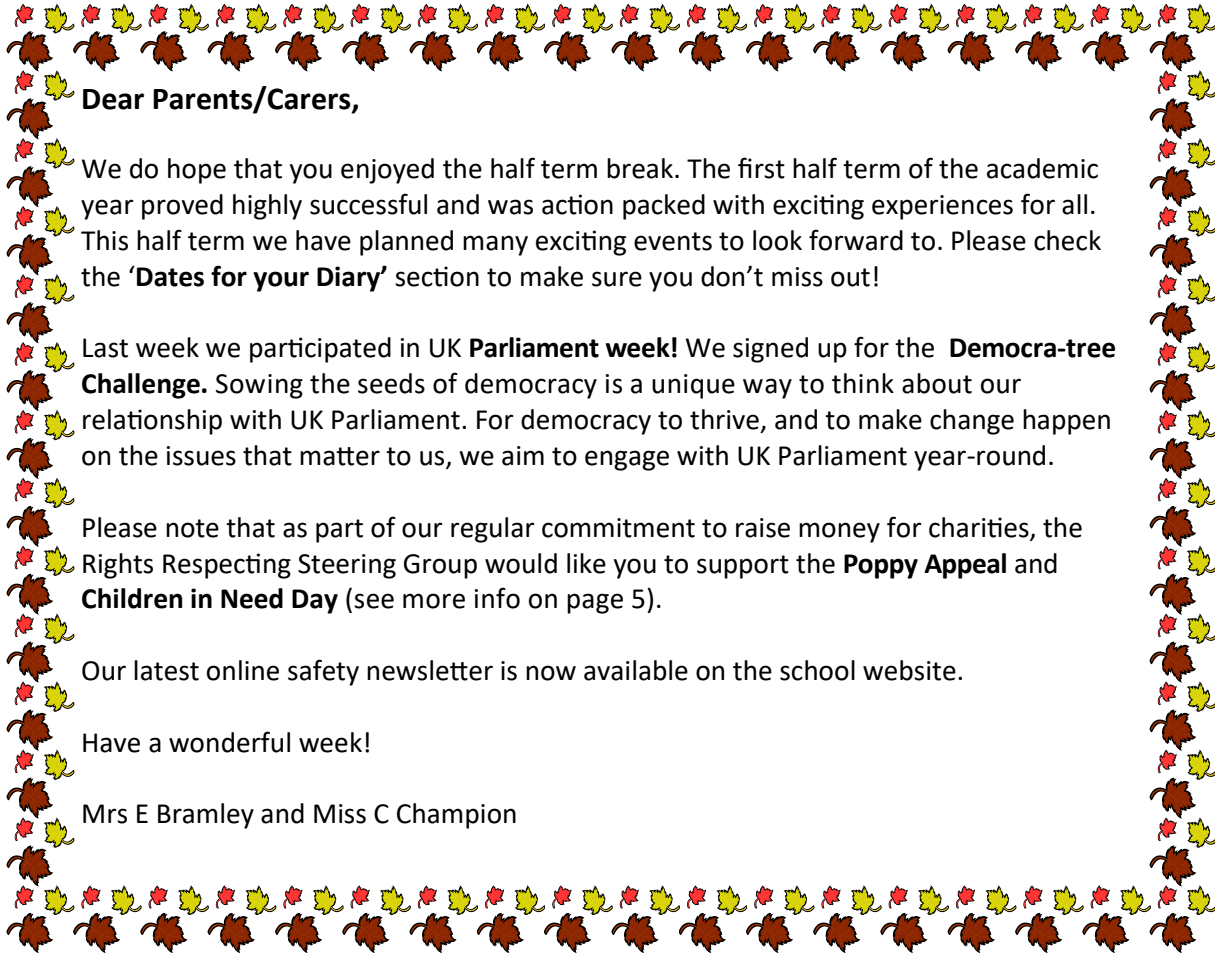


Weekly Newsletter
8th November 2021



Right of the Fortnight: Article 31:

Your Right to Relax & Play



Dear Parents/Carers,

We do hope that you enjoyed the half term break. The first half term of the academic year proved highly successful and was action packed with exciting experiences for all. This half term we have planned many exciting events to look forward to. Please check the 'Dates for your Diary' section to make sure you don't miss out!

Last week we participated in UK **Parliament week!** We signed up for the **Democra-tree Challenge**. Sowing the seeds of democracy is a unique way to think about our relationship with UK Parliament. For democracy to thrive, and to make change happen on the issues that matter to us, we aim to engage with UK Parliament year-round.

Please note that as part of our regular commitment to raise money for charities, the Rights Respecting Steering Group would like you to support the **Poppy Appeal** and **Children in Need Day** (see more info on page 5).

Our latest online safety newsletter is now available on the school website.

Have a wonderful week!

Mrs E Bramley and Miss C Champion

We are incredibly proud of one of our Y5 pupils – **Jack Moss**. Jack competed in the British indoor karting championship. Jack completed his practice laps on Friday 5th November and qualified for the racing heats on Saturday 6th November. Jack had to compete in four 15 minute heats and finished 1st/2nd/1st and 5th and qualified for the grand final. Jack managed to get up to third place and was pushing for 2nd place. Unfortunately, he was bumped from behind and span off with 5 laps to go. Jack kept his composure and managed to race back to finish in 6th position. **Jack's new UK ranking for the North of England is 4th.**

Jack has said he will continue to train the best he can at his club and will return next year to win . We wish Jack continued success on **chasing his dream of becoming a racing driver.**



Driver	Time
1 Keiran Culling	40.363
2 Matty Pinks-Wright	42.669
3 Addison Smith	42.716
4 Jack Moss	43.146
5 Oliver O'Connell	43.275
6 Lily Wilkinson	43.447
7 Max Murrell	44.365



Dates For Your Diary - Autumn Term 2

Wed 10th Nov	Diwali Dance Workshops Y2, Y3 and Y4 Virtual Author visit KS2 - Zanib Mian
Thur 11th Nov	Remembrance Day
W/c 15th Nov	Road Safety Week & Friendship Week (One Kind Word)
Tues 16th Nov	Y1 Visit to the North York Moors & Y3 Jorvik Visit
Wed 17th Nov	Nursery Theatre Visit—The Very Hungry Caterpillar
Fri 19th Nov	Children In Need Day
Mon 22nd Nov	Celebrate Universal Children's Day
Wed 24th Nov	Y2 Visit Preston Hall Museum
Fri 26th Nov	Phototronics (individual photos)
Mon 29th Nov	Nasal Flu Spray
Wed 1st Dec	Y5 STEAM Day with SPARKS
Tues 7th Dec	Little Sycamores—Music Workshop
Fri 10th Dec	Y5 & Y6 Christingle Church Service (for pupils only)
Tues 14th Dec	Y1 Health Screening
Thur 17th Dec	Reception Theatre Visit—The Tin Foil Astronaut
Fri 17th Dec	<i>Break up for Christmas Holidays</i>



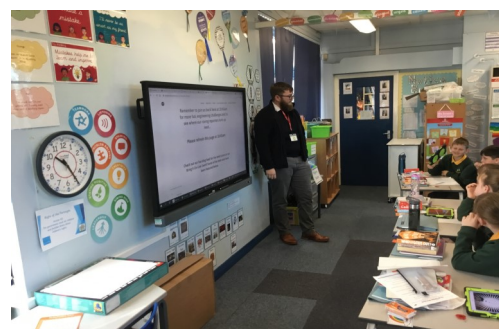
Monday, 20th December 2021 - Monday, 3rd January 2022 Christmas Holidays

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

Wed 5th Jan Spring Term Commences

Bring it on North East Year 4 and Year 5 took part in 'Bring it On North East' this year with the theme Net Zero North East – Engineering Your Future to coincide with the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26). The children completed challenges linked to sustainability set by different North East companies. Year 5 completed the challenge set by NEXUS who are responsible for the METRO in Newcastle. The children had to design a more sustainable METRO station - our favourite idea was bikes in the station that create power through movement - 10 minutes cycle was one free ticket!

We also had a visit from a local engineer who helped us come up with ideas and inspired us by talking about his engineering career! We watched live streams through the morning from local companies such as NISSAN and KOMATSU. The children came up with some fantastic ideas!

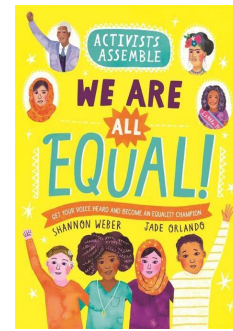
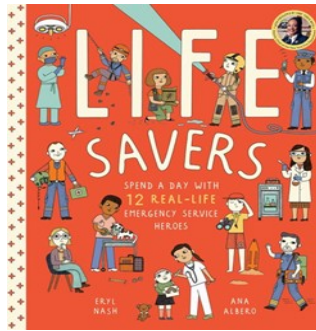
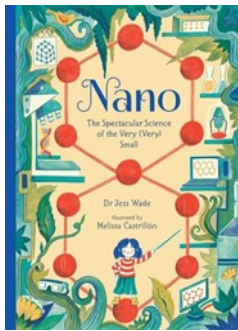


Oakdene celebrates National Non-Fiction November

Organised by the Federation of Children's Book Groups, **National Non-Fiction November** is an annual celebration of the power of non-fiction to inspire children and celebrate readers who have a passion for information and facts.

The theme chosen for this year is a nod to all the real-life superheroes out there. Ordinary people who do the most extraordinary things to make a positive difference to the world we live in. Spanning history and from all around the globe, ground-breakers, freedom fighters, political pioneers, environmental activists, super scientists, awesome authors, inspiring inventors, sporting superheroes, and rebels who have rocked the world.

We have many high quality texts in school which we are sharing with the children including: **Nano: The Spectacular Science of the Very (Very) Small**, **Lifesavers** and **Activists Assemble** and **We Are All Equal!** Try to choose more Non-Fiction this November!



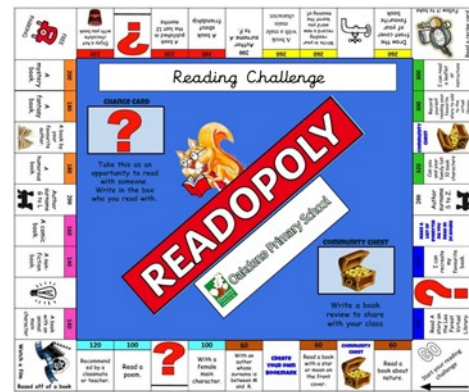
Recommended Read

This week's recommended read is from **Mr Brown**



With over 60 flaps to lift, this delightful book answers questions such as "Where have people visited in space?", "What's a cosmonaut?", "Why can't I see stars in daytime?" and lots more what, where, how, why, and yes or no questions with answers beneath the flaps. Internet links take children to carefully selected websites to find out more.

Autumn Term Reading Challenge



Over the half term many of you kept reading.

Thank you for sending in your amazing photographs to show that you have completed some of the challenges. This is something everyone at home can get involved with.

If you complete the board you will be awarded with a raffle ticket which will go into a prize draw.

The winning prize will be an iPad.
KEEP READING!

Poppies and Remembrance Day

We will be selling poppies in support of the Royal British Legion each day. We will also be selling a selection of wrist bands, reflectors and zip pulls in school with all proceeds going the Royal British Legion. Stock was re-ordered last week due to high demand. Thank you to the Y6s for organising this.

This week we will focus on the importance of remembering to show respect and to celebrate the work of our armed forces today.



Reception had a wonderful Superhero Day.

They participated in lots of activities throughout the day that relied on us needing to use our superpowers in defeating Evil Pea and rescuing our friends from the Forest, demonstrating super strength during our zumba session and keeping super healthy by trying different fruits and super smoothies.

What a great way to end their topic!



Once again the Rights Respecting Steering Group would like to support **Children in Need Day** on **Friday, 19th November**.

This year's theme is '**Together We Can**'.

Non-uniform or pyjamas are welcomed. Whatever your child chooses to come dressed in, please just make sure that it is appropriate for the school day, eg, sensible shoes for playtime. We would like to encourage the children to bring in a voluntary donation (£1 suggestion) to contribute towards this fundraiser.



REMINDER

NASAL FLU IMMUNISATION

Children from Reception to Y6 will be able to have a flu nasal spray in school on **Monday, 29th November 2021**

If you have not yet completed the consent form, please do so as soon as possible.

If you have mislaid your form, spare copies are available from Mrs Swash in the school office.

If you do not complete the consent form, your child will not be able to have the nasal spray.

