

Weekly Newsletter 9th May 2022



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



Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week seemed to go so quickly with a four day week. It was a strange week—a number of challenges which we overcame with a smile on our faces and some amazing acts of kindness too.

Our first challenge was first thing Tuesday morning when we discovered that we had **no heating nor hot water**. Fortunately, Mr Armstrong was 'on the case' promptly and by 9.00a.m. the problem was rectified so we were able to stay open. Covid continues to impact on staff. We had a few issues with **My Child At School** and **Bromcom** too. **Thank you** for being so patient with any issues regarding ordering or paying for school lunches. We are receiving incredible support both in school and behind the scenes from the Enquire Learning Trust to try to iron out any teething problems. Over 200 people have signed up already, **THANK YOU** so much for working alongside us. **If you haven't signed up already you will need to do this urgently or you will not be able to consent or pay for school visits.**

Last week we celebrated 'National Gardening Week' and the Y1 gardeners received a wonderful surprise. A huge thank you to the **Dutch Garden Centre in Hartlepool** who provided us with over 100 plants free of charge and delivered them to the gardening club on Friday. We can't wait to plant them in our outdoor classroom and have more beautiful colour to brighten our learning area. **Please visit them** in Hartlepool when you need plants and flowers for your gardens. They will be delighted to see you when you mention Oakdene Primary Academy.



Wishing you all a fabulous week!

Mrs E. Bramley and Miss C. Champion

Last week Oakdene officially started our journey to become a **Rainbow Flag Award School**. Myself and Mr Horkan attended training last week and all the workforce will receive training on our next PD day in June. In recognition of our commitment, we can now use the 'Working Towards the Rainbow Flag Award' logo on the website and letterheads.

The Rainbow Flag Award is a quality assurance framework for schools, primary and secondary which focuses on six areas: **Skilled Teacher; Supportive Governors and Parents; Effective Policies; Pastoral Support; Inclusive Curriculum and Pupil Voice.**

The award focuses on positive inclusion of the LGBT+ community and it is a whole school inclusive approach that also develops strategies to effectively challenge phobic bullying.



Dates For Your Diary - Summer Term

Mon 16th May	Y5 SPARK Education Visit
Mon 16th & Wed 18th May	Rearranged Consultation Evenings for Parent/Carers of Y2F
Tues 17th May	Athletic Event for some Y5 and Y6 Pupils
Thurs 19th May	Cricket Event for some Y6 Pupils
W/c 23rd May	Y5 Swimming Daily (Block 1)
Mon 23rd May	World Cultural Diversity Day & The Royal Reading Challenge
Thurs 26th May	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 <i>Children break up for Half Term</i>

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

7th–10th June Y5 Swimming Daily (Block 2)



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, 6th May 2022

Congratulations to each of our Star Pupils:

Nursery - Jacob Jackson & Ruben Black

Reception - Elena Hold

Little Willows - Eliza Copland

Y1L - Isaac Cummings

Y2F - Charlie Kibbler

Y2/30 - Yener Arslan

Y3R - Jack Wilks

Y4H - Amelia Wood

Y4SW - Mylah Bruce

Y5BE - Levi Hall

Y6G - Robyn White

Y6S - Mia Meek

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Congratulations to each of our Remarkable Readers:

Nursery - Callum Hall & Esmea Skipp

Reception - Roman Chesworth

Little Willows - Harrison Kirk

Y1L - Eliza Mack

Y2F - Brooke Carse

Y2/30 - Olivia-Grace Allison

Y3R - Cassius Dobson

Y4H - Meghan Dyson

Y4SW - Oliver Copland

Y5BE - Sydney West-Oyston

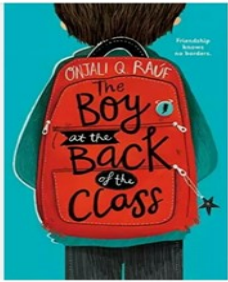
Y6G - Michael Booth

Y6S - Oliver McCorricken

Recommended Read

This week's recommended read is from Miss Dixon

"The Boy at the Back of the Class" by Onjali Q. Rauf.



It's a heart-warming story about a Syrian refugee child called Ahmet who joins a new school. The book has strong focus on the importance of friendship and kindness towards those who are different from ourselves.

Miss Dixon feels it's especially relevant after the recent events in Ukraine.

Jubilee Celebrations at Seven Stories, Newcastle:
The Queen's Knickers

A fabulous fun-filled session celebrating a wonderfully funny tale all about the Queen's Knickers.

This session is designed for children aged 7+ with an interactive story time and knicker-making activity - this will be a celebration to remember!

For more details and to book tickets visit:
www.sevenstories.org.uk

Tickets are £6.50 per child (includes one adult entry). Second adult is £6.50 and siblings go half price.

