

Weekly Newsletter
11th October 2021



Right of the Fortnight: Article 16:
Your right to privacy



Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been another really exciting week at Oakdene and yet again I have been so impressed by how **resilient** the children are and how brilliantly they have been doing with their learning both at school or home if they are self-isolating.

Since the beginning of term three members of staff who have been double vaccinated have been infected with Covid and have been quite poorly. We need to work together to keep our staff and school community safe. An enormous thank you to the large majority of people who have been very respectful and following Public Health England advice. Our ultimate aim is to minimise disruption.

We ended the week on a high with an **extremely successful annual MER (Monitoring and Review)** visit on Thursday from our Local Authority Adviser, Ms McCleave. She spent time observing the quality of teaching and learning of EYFS and early reading in Y1. Ms McCleave observed exemplary behaviour and attitudes around school and interviewed pupils about their experiences in school. Ms McCleave also met with some of our leaders to discuss curriculum development. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive.

Parent/carer consultations will take place over the next two weeks. Please ensure you take up this offer. This will provide an opportunity for school to provide feedback to let you know how your child has settled back into school; their strengths and the areas they need to improve / develop / strengthen. It will also provide you with an opportunity to ask questions. Next term we really hope that we can hold face to face meetings and share the beautiful journals and books to celebrate your child's outstanding learning journey.

Have an amazing week!
Mrs E Bramley and Miss C Champion

Global Learning Consultant, Hilaire Agnama, delivered **Global Enrichment Activities** for KS2 pupils last Friday. Hilaire invited the children to explore teaching **Global Goals** including Poverty, Climate, Children Rights, Inequalities and Gender. Hilaire also entertained the children to drumming and songs from his native Togo and an exhibition of paintings from one of the best artists from Togo (Robert Falshau).



Dates For Your Diary - Autumn Term

Wed 13th Oct
Thur 14th Oct
Fri 15th Oct

Y1 Church Visit for Mock Baptism
Greek Workshop Y5
a.m. Year 5 attend Scavenger Hunt at Northfield School.

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

Monday, 25th Oct - Friday, 29th Oct

October Half-Term Break

W/c 1st Nov

UK Parliament Week

W/c 15th Nov

Road Safety Week

Tues 16th Nov

Y3 Jorvik Visit

Wed 17th Nov

Nursery Theatre Visit—The Very Hungry Caterpillar

Thur 18th & Fri 19th Nov

Y1 Vision & Hearing Checks

Fri 19th Nov

Children In Need Day

Wed 24th Nov

Y2 Visit Preston Hall Museum

Fri 26th Nov

Phototronics (individual photos)

Mon 29th Nov

Nasal Flu Spray



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

Education is about developing skills for life. Last week Y3s engaged in **pedestrian training**. The aim of this training is to reduce the number of child pedestrian casualties by raising children's awareness of their surroundings and encouraging them to think about roads and traffic. Y3s were encouraged to ask questions enabling them to make choices and decisions rather than just being told how to cross the road. The Y3s were shown how to safely cross different types of roads, such as a straight road and a T junction and how to use a car as a shield.



Tag rugby is a fast-moving, non-contact invasion game suitable for boys and girls. Last week our children did us proud competing in the **Y5/Y6 Tag Rugby Tournament** at Northfield by demonstrating the six School Games' values: passion, self-belief, teamwork, respect, honesty and determination.

Well done Team Oakdene!



Weekly Awards - week-ending Friday, 8th October 2021

Congratulations to each of our Star Pupils:

*Our skills led careers curriculum focuses on the skills that are essential for children to succeed in the world of work. The children have been developing their **SPEAKING** skills.*



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As a part of their Victorian topic, Y6 visited Preston Hall and Museum to engage in a project on **history through art**. The children worked with an artist and photographer. They had the opportunity to paint portraits, dress up in Victorian clothes and take some photographs. They are simply stunning!








Swimming is another really important **life skill**. Y5s have just completed their first two-week block. Our Aim is for all children to gain increased water confidence, swim competently using different strokes and be safe around open water. Also, for all children to be able to swim 25m unaided by the time they leave Oakdene Primary School.

Due to the pandemic, the children have missed opportunities to access swimming pools. Please try to keep visiting your local pool as the children have worked really hard on their water confidence and it's important to keep this going between now and their next swimming block which is planned for the Spring term.



BENEFITS OF READING to your Child

Parents play an integral part in their children's education and helping them reach their full potential. Here are some benefits of reading to your children:

Helps them sleep.

Getting a good night's rest is important for developing children, and reading to them while they are in bed can calm their minds and bodies.

Improves communication skills.

When you spend time reading to children, they will be much more likely to express themselves and relate to others in a healthy way.

Creates new bonds.

With a majority of our days spent looking at computer, TV and phone screens, it's important to take a few moments to spend quality time with your children. Reading to your children also can build an emotional connection. It's a win-win.



Teaches them the basics.

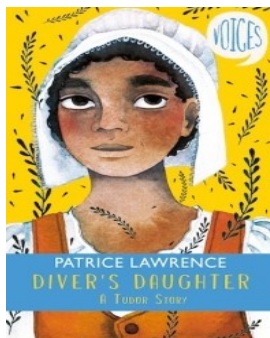
Teaching children to read is like building a house — you need to have a solid foundation that you can build upon later in life.

Improves logical thinking skills.

Reading to children helps their ability to grasp abstract concepts, apply logic, recognize cause and effect, and use good judgment.

Recommended Read

This week's recommended read is from
Miss Gregory



Although the story of Eve and her mother is fictional, there really was an African diver Jacque Francis in Tudor times, along with very many other people of colour living in Elizabethan times,

Diver's Daughter by Patrice Lawrence is the perfect choice for Black History Month.



The theme for National Poetry Day 2021 was **Choice**. This year we linked our work to performance poetry. The children either learnt poems by heart or read them aloud — performing with expression and actions. The children had great fun performing some of their favourite poems.



Celebrating National Poetry Day isn't just for schools! On the National Literacy Trust website, there is a **Words for Life** web portal for families. You will find a great list of recommended children's poetry books .