



Right of the Fortnight: Article 32:
You should be protected from work
that is dangerous



Dear Parents and Carers,
What a fabulous, fun-filled last week to the half term we all had. There has been lots of celebrations and it was so lovely to end the half term on such a high.

Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Decades was the theme for the Platinum Jubilee Pageant and it was great to see so many creative costumes from pupils and staff to represent the past 70 years. The school was also a sea of **red, white and blue** on the last day of term as we celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Children and staff came dressed in the colours of the Union Jack and celebrated with a **special 'afternoon tea' lunch—fit for a Queen!** Following on from the pandemic, we relish in these fantastic opportunities to celebrate together and knowing the children enjoyed a memorable day!



The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) is a tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 and many schools planted a tree to mark this occasion. At Oakdene, every year group chose a tree. With a little help from Miss Leonard and Dawson's Landscapes' representatives, each class planted their class trees. We have more than 10 beautiful additions to our school grounds.



Last Tuesday ,CEO Darren Holmes joined me for a whole school learning walk. Darren was struck by the immersive learning and positive learning behaviours in every classroom. He also had the opportunity to look at books and was impressed by the high expectations and pride across the whole school.



I would like to say a huge well done to Year 1 for their wonderful successes in their phonics screening checks this week. We are so proud of the exceptional progress the children have made. Once all assessments have been completed for the Y2s and the thresholds are released, I will share the results.

It's been wonderful to hear of our successes on the sports field too. Congratulations to the children who have qualified for the final matches, the girls cricket team, and to the Y5 and Y6 pupils for qualifying in the athletics trials.

Wednesday will be Mrs Smith's last day in Y4SW as she starts her maternity leave. We will let you know as soon as we hear any exciting news.

Have a great week!

Mrs E Bramley and Miss C Champion

Month of Pride

Throughout June, Oakdene Primary Academy are proudly celebrating Pride Month. Pride Month runs from 1st - 30th June, and is celebrated in honour of the Stonewall Riots (though Pride events occur all year round).

Gay pride, or LGBT+ pride, is the positive stance against discrimination and violence toward lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT+) people to promote their self-affirmation, dignity, equality rights, increase their visibility as a social group, build community, and celebrate sexual diversity and gender variance.



We will be looking at different relationships in our lessons, as well as promoting inspirational figures from the LGBTQ+ community.

If you have any questions relating to Pride Month, or would like further reading and support, please speak to your child's class teacher or contact Mrs Bramley or Miss Champion.



Dates For Your Diary - Summer Term

June	PRIDE Month
Wed 15th June Fri 17th June	Y3 Sing Education Workshop Some Y3s Engage in Sports Festival
W/C 20th June Mon 20th June	National Schools Sports Week World Refugee Day
Wed 29th June	Y2F & Y2/30 The Lost Words Visit, Danby.
Mon 4th July Wed 6th July Thurs 7th July Fri 8th July	Summer Reading Challenge Launch Assemblies 2pm KS2 Sports Day Y1 Saltburn-By-The Sea Visit 2pm KS1 Sports Day
Mon 11th July	Academy Hub Music Events for some Y3 pupils 4.30p.m. Meeting for New Reception Children Parents & Carers
Tues 12th July Fri 15th July	Y5 Eden Camp Visit Meet My New Teacher Event
Tues 19th July	Little Sycamores and Nursery AM and PM Teddy Bears Picnic 6pm Y6 Leavers' Performance (tickets only)
Thurs 21st July	Last day of the Summer Term



On Friday the children will say 'thank you' and 'goodbye' to **Mrs Lynn Chivers** who has been one of our school cooks for **over 30 years**.

Mrs Chivers is retiring and the children will miss her cheery smile and her fabulous biscuits. These were always hugely popular with parents and carers at Open Days too.

The Trust will be recruiting a new cook for September. If you know somebody who has a Food Hygiene Certificate and an NVQ Level 1 or 2 in food preparation/cooking or equivalent and has the experience below, please request an application form from school.

Experience required:

Recent and relevant catering experience, staff supervision, cooking for similar numbers plus experience of planning and ordering provisions within budget allocation.

<p>Weekly Awards - week-ending Friday, 27th May 2022</p> <p>Congratulations to each of our Star Pupils:</p> <p>Nursery - Nate Oliver & Sava Ali</p> <p>Reception - Rosie Daniel</p> <p>Little Willows - Leanne Fletcher</p> <p>Y1L - Gabriel Wraith</p> <p>Y2F - Leighton Harvey</p> <p>Y2/30 - Kayci-Lei Scott</p> <p>Y3R - George Robinson</p> <p>Y4H - Kaci-Leigh Moody-Blackburn</p> <p>Y4SW - Ceejay Chambers</p> <p>Y5B - Robyn Kirk</p> <p>Y6G - Joel Dale</p> <p>Y6S - Harry Prout</p>		<p>Weekly Awards - week-ending Friday, 27th May 2022</p> <p>Congratulations to each of our Remarkable Readers:</p> <p>Nursery - Delilah Dodds-Day & Oliver Hall</p> <p>Reception - Lottie Donnelly</p> <p>Little Willows - Harley Black</p> <p>Y1L - Edward Gardiner</p> <p>Y2F - Charlie Kibbler</p> <p>Y2/30 - Piper Noon</p> <p>Y3R - Morgan Titlestad</p> <p>Y4H - Kiera Ibbotson</p> <p>Y4SW - Emily Daniel</p> <p>Y5B - Ben Jardine</p> <p>Y6G - Molly Gill</p> <p>Y6S - Lexi Singleton</p>	
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<p>Weekly Awards - week-ending Friday, 10th June 2022</p> <p>Congratulations to each of our Star Pupils:</p> <p>Nursery - Callum Hall & Neave Bateman</p> <p>Reception - Frankie Jeffrey</p> <p>Little Willows - Alyza Bateman</p> <p>Y1L - Reggie McCabe</p> <p>Y2F - Vinnie Jeffrey</p> <p>Y2/30 - Holly Hill</p> <p>Y3R - Cally Wright</p> <p>Y4H - Lenny Hawkes</p> <p>Y4SW - Rocco Garthwaite</p> <p>Y5B - Sydney West-Oyston</p> <p>Y6G - Michael Booth</p> <p>Y6S - Sahand Ahmadi</p>		<p>Weekly Awards - week-ending Friday, 10th June 2022</p> <p>Congratulations to each of our Remarkable Readers:</p> <p>Nursery - Jack Bourne & Jenson-John Murray</p> <p>Reception - Max Prout</p> <p>Little Willows - Theo Smith-Sewell</p> <p>Y1L - Spencer Jardine</p> <p>Y2F - Alyssa Frost-Usher</p> <p>Y2/30 - Max Devlin</p> <p>Y3R - Teddie Edmenson</p> <p>Y4H - James Luker</p> <p>Y4SW - Finley Amos</p> <p>Y5B - Libby Hancock</p> <p>Y6G - Robyn White</p> <p>Y6S - Freddie Dunne</p>	
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Recommended Read

This week's recommended read is from Mrs Gordon "What Wesley Wore" by Samuel Langley-Swain



All the weasels in Westburrow Wood are supposed to follow the rules and fit in. So, imagine their confusion when they meet Wesley, a wacky weasel, who is obsessed with clothes! As the other weasels plot and protest against Wesley, Wesley escapes to the city and leaves the wood feeling much less colourful.

An LGBT dad of two, Wesley was the first text Samuel wrote, inspired by his youth growing up in a small Welsh village and being teased and ostracised due to his fashion and outwardly flamboyant nature.

Joanne Newbury from the Washington Wetland Centre visited Oakdene to make a presentation to our Y2/3 'Guardians of the Wild' .



Joanne fed back "I really enjoyed it and found it all inspiring. To see lovely pupils so excited and motivated by Ava was splendid."

Well done to our **Glorious Guardians!**

To close their topic, Y2 visited the Theatre Royal Newcastle to see **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat**. The children were enthralled by this exciting retelling of the Biblical story of Joseph, his eleven brothers and the coat of many colours. This magical musical is full of unforgettable songs including "Go, Go, Go Joseph", "Any Dream Will Do", "Jacob and Sons", "Close Every Door To Me" and many more. It was great to see the children joining in.



IN DT Year 2's learnt about their **Key Designer Althea McNish** and considered how can her designs inspire their own coats for Joseph? Y2s began by learning about the traditional coat shape worn by people in Egypt and Canaan many years ago. They looked at a design criteria for the coats and the materials available, then planned their designs. They were all fantastic!



Key Designer: Althea McNish

"People needed more colour in their lives and I decided to give it to them."



Name: Althea McNish
Born: 19th May 1924 **Died:** 15th April 2020
Nationality: Trinidadian

Althea McNish was a textile designer born in Trinidad. She moved to Britain in the 1950s. She was associated with the Caribbean Artists Movement in the 1970s, participating in CIMA exhibitions and seminars that helped to promote Caribbean arts to a British public. Her work is represented in the collection of the Victoria and Albert Museum among other places.

Althea designed bright, vibrant, multi-coloured prints, often with the Caribbean island colours and patterns. These prints were especially attractive to post-war Britain as people were desperate to get back the grass and wildlife seen from colour. Althea was commissioned for both fashion and homebody items.

