

Weekly Newsletter 15th November 2021



Right of the Fortnight: Article 27:

Your Right to a Good Standard of Living



Dear Parents/Carers,

It's that time of year when we plan for the challenges that the weather may bring. Our **winter gritting plan** is on the school website and we highlight priority routes for Mr Armstrong (Caretaker) to grit. Please stick to priority paths.

It is difficult to predict what the conditions will be like this year. The weather may vary from day to day, so a decision to open the school is made each day. As there are many factors to take into account, these decisions are made once it is clear whether the school is able to operate safely and with the correct level of supervision for the children. We endeavour to make the decision as early as possible in order for us to communicate this with parents/carers as we appreciate that alternative childcare arrangements are often required. Oakdene has a fantastic record of opening school on days when other local schools are closed, however, last year, some children who live very close stayed off when we were open, so please check.

In the case of 'emergency closures' the school has a clear protocol to follow. Announcements would be made on Marvellous Me, Stockton Borough Council's website and also by local television and radio stations. Parents and carers are more than welcome to phone the school from 8.30am onwards before setting out on their journey if they are concerned in anyway.

Children need to be prepared for the change in temperature. Please ensure they bring a warm coat and suitable footwear to school each day.



As part of **Road Safety Week** we'll also be reminding children how to stay safe. Now that the clocks have gone back, it's time to make sure you are wearing something reflective or extra bright. This will help drivers spot you and keep you safe.

Mrs E Bramley and Miss C Champion

Once again Miss Gregory (RE subject leader) planned an exciting **Diwali Day**. The children were immersed in a range of activities including making clay divas, henna mehndi patterns, rangoli patterns, lanterns, cards and making special food. It was a privilege to welcome back Aqeela Baig who led engaging and energetic dance workshops. We wish our Sikh and Hindu community a 'Happy Diwali'!



Dates For Your Diary - Autumn Term 2

W/c 15th Nov Tues 16th Nov	Road Safety Week & Friendship Week (One Kind Word) Y1 Visit to the North York Moors Y3 Jorvik Visit
Wed 17th Nov Fri 19th Nov	Nursery Theatre Visit—The Very Hungry Caterpillar Children In Need Day
Mon 22nd Nov Wed 24th Nov Fri 26th Nov	Celebrate Universal Children's Day Y2 Visit Preston Hall Museum Phototronics (individual photos) Full School Uniform
Mon 29th Nov Wed 1st Dec	Nasal Flu Spray Y5 STEAM Day with SPARKS
Tues 7th Dec Fri 10th Dec	Little Sycamores—Music Workshop Y5 & Y6 Christingle Church Service (for pupils only)
Tues 14th Dec Thur 16th Dec	Y1 Health Screening Reception Theatre Visit—The Tin Foil Astronaut
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—Pupils Return to School

Remembrance Day *At the going down of the sun and in the morning. We will remember them...*

Every year the nation unites to make sure that no-one is forgotten and to remember and honour those who have sacrificed themselves to secure and protect our freedom. Remembrance is an ideal time to bring people of all ages and backgrounds together to reflect upon the service and sacrifice of the Armed Forces, and to join together in the hope for a brighter, peaceful future. Teaching Remembrance is key to understanding how modern diverse Britain was created and the shared heritage of service and sacrifice across all the UK's communities. Children across the school have created some amazing artwork.

Reception had a glorious time with glitter. This beautiful artwork on the left was inspired by the fields of poppies. Y2s created their own version using the edge of a piece of card to print the stems and their finger tips to print the poppies. The willow poppies were made by KS2 pupils a number of years ago—we remember the children who created them.



<p>Weekly Awards - week-ending Friday, 12th November 2021</p> <p><i>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</i></p> <p>PROBLEM SOLVING <i>skills.</i></p>  <p>Congratulations to each of our Star Pupils:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Nursery</td> <td>- Holland Finley & Jacob Matthews</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Reception</td> <td>- Roman Chesworth</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Little Willows</td> <td>- Leanne Fletcher</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Y1L</td> <td>- Anna Cooley</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Y2F</td> <td>- Leah Cooley</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Y2/30</td> <td>- Toby Chocholko</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Y3R</td> <td>- Teddie Edmenson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Y4L</td> <td>- Kiera Ibbotson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Y4SW</td> <td>- Finley Amos</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Y5BE</td> <td>- David Eguegu</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Y6G</td> <td>- Zainab Mohammad</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Y6S</td> <td>- Daniel Bell</td> </tr> </table>	Nursery	- Holland Finley & Jacob Matthews	Reception	- Roman Chesworth	Little Willows	- Leanne Fletcher	Y1L	- Anna Cooley	Y2F	- Leah Cooley	Y2/30	- Toby Chocholko	Y3R	- Teddie Edmenson	Y4L	- Kiera Ibbotson	Y4SW	- Finley Amos	Y5BE	- David Eguegu	Y6G	- Zainab Mohammad	Y6S	- Daniel Bell	<p>Weekly Awards - week-ending Friday, 12th November 2021</p> <p>Each week we award children in each class for REMARKABLE READING.</p> <p>Congratulations to each of our Remarkable Readers:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Nursery</td> <td>- Bella Mansell & Esmea Skipp</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Reception</td> <td>- Jaxon Davies</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Little Willows</td> <td>- Harrison Kirk</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Y1L</td> <td>- Charlie Owens</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Y2F</td> <td>- Florence Bruce</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Y2/30</td> <td>- Finley Orley</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Y3R</td> <td>- Holly Stapleton</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Y4L</td> <td>- Kaci-Leigh Moody-Blackburn</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Y4SW</td> <td>- Jake Cody</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Y5BE</td> <td>- Lucy Westmoreland</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Y6G</td> <td>- Oliver Laville</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Y6S</td> <td>- Joshua Fenton</td> </tr> </table>	Nursery	- Bella Mansell & Esmea Skipp	Reception	- Jaxon Davies	Little Willows	- Harrison Kirk	Y1L	- Charlie Owens	Y2F	- Florence Bruce	Y2/30	- Finley Orley	Y3R	- Holly Stapleton	Y4L	- Kaci-Leigh Moody-Blackburn	Y4SW	- Jake Cody	Y5BE	- Lucy Westmoreland	Y6G	- Oliver Laville	Y6S	- Joshua Fenton
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REMINDER

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** which will be administered by nurses.

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.



As part of the Northern Children's Book Festival Mrs Stevenson organised a Virtual Author visit for KS2 pupils. Zanib Mian grew up in London and still lives there today. She was a science teacher for a few years after leaving university but, right from when she was a little girl, her passion was writing stories and poetry. She has released lots of picture books with the independent publisher Sweet Apple Publishers, but *Planet Omar* is the first time she's written for older readers. *Planet Omar* won the Little Rebels Award 2018, as well as being shortlisted for the UKLA Award and nominated for the CILIP Carnegie Medal.

Research shows that authors inspire children and help them on their journey to a love of reading:

'The impact of an author visiting shouldn't be underestimated. These are the types of things that people talk about when you ask them what they remember about school.' - Times Educational Supplement

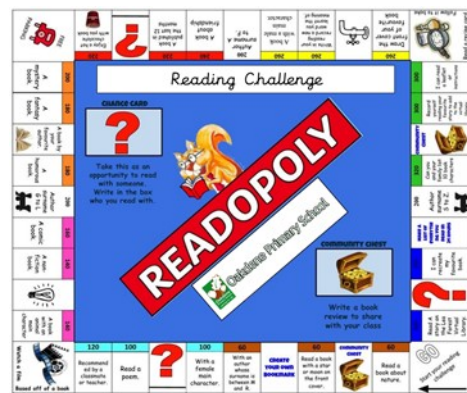


Recommended Read
This week's recommended read is from Mr Horkan



This fascinating book 'Humanimal' by Christopher Lloyd is full of surprising and interesting facts showing us how alike humans and our animal friends really are!

Autumn Term Reading Challenge



Please keep 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!