

Weekly Newsletter
21st March 2022



Right of the Fortnight: Article 13:
Your right to information.



Dear Parents and Carers,

We ended the week participating in **Red Nose Day**, dressing in red and wearing red noses to raise money for charity. Red Nose Day Thank you to everyone who donated to **Comic Relief**. Oakdene raised over £200 for this fantastic charity.

On Wednesday 16th March, two teams of Y5 and 6 pupils visited Northfield to take part in a Netball tournament competing against other schools in Billingham. Both teams performed amazingly and showcased great passing and some great shooting. All children displayed outstanding teamwork, respect, resilience and passion and were successful in lots of their games. Out of 7 teams, the Year 6 team came second and will progress to the next round in April.

Following the Easter break we plan to capture pupil and parent/carer voice regarding relaunching our **after school provision offer**. We hope to offer taster sessions for children from Y1-Y6. Most of these activities will take place outside and will start after the May half term. We are aware that some schools have offered clubs earlier however, in many cases they have been stopped and started on a number of occasions due to the ongoing pandemic and staffing issues. Schools have been advised to continue with contingency / outbreak plans outlining how they will temporarily reintroduce measures to manage risk.

Have a wonderful week and make the most of the beautiful weather!

Mrs E. Bramley and Miss C. Champion



Easter Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) – Parent/Carer Fun, food and friends this Easter!
Could your child be eligible for free activities this Easter?
All children and young people aged 5-16 years old who live in Stockton-on-Tees and are in receipt of benefits-related free school meals are being offered a place for fun activities, including a meal over the Easter holidays.
There is a wide range of activities on offer including sports, boxing, martial arts, high wire adventures at Go Climb, dancing, drama workshops, music, arts and crafts, cooking, gardening and horse riding.
This is a great way to have fun this Easter, build confidence, learn new skills and receive a nutritious meal each day.
The programme is delivered by Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council in partnership with the Department for Education and Catalyst.
To find out more, check your eligibility and register visit www.stockton.gov.uk/haf

Dates For Your Diary - Spring Term

W/c 21st March	Consultation Evenings for Parent/Carers for Early Years, Y1 and Y2/30.
Mon 21st March	YR Hall Hill Farm Visit Y5 & 6 science workshops for Y5/Y6 linked to sustainability creating a hydrogen fuelled car
Tues 22nd March	Y1 Fire Station Visit
Wed 23rd March	World Maths Day
Thurs 24th March	Bright Minds workshop to Y4SW
Fri 25th March	Rearranged Y4 RSPB visit
W/c 28th March	Consultation Evenings for Parent/Carers for Y2F, Y3-Y6.
Mon 28th March	Y2/30 Washington Wetlands Visit
Tues 29th March	Y1 Theatre Visit based on Key Author
Wed 30th March	Y2F Washington Wetlands Visit
Fri 8th April	p.m. KS1 Open the Book
Tues 5th April	Y5 Oriental Museum Visit
Fri 8th April	p.m. KS1 Open the Book Children break up for Easter

EASTER HOLIDAYS Monday 11th April - Friday 22nd April

Mon 25th April
Summer term commences—children return to school



Summer Term Statutory Assessments

KS1

- Week commencing 6th June: Y1 Phonics Screening Check & Y2 resits.
- May 2022 KS1 SATs test period.

KS2

- 3-week period commencing 6th June: Y4 Multiplication Tables Check
- 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

Weekly Awards - week-ending Friday, 18th March 2022

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 ability to **AIM HIGH**



Congratulations to each of our Star Pupils:

Nursery McCarthy	- Katy Coats & Isaac
Reception Little Willows	- Isla O'Hare
Y1L	- Theo Smith-Sewell
Y2F	- Charlie Owens
Y2/30	- Jacob Smithson
Y3R	- Joey Marshall
Y4L	- Kallum Squires
Y4SW	- Jake Cody
Y5BE	- Jack Moss
Y6G	- Isabella Delgado
Young Y6S	- Lexi Singleton

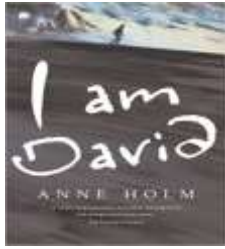
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Congratulations to each of our Remarkable Readers:

Nursery	- Louis Davies & Hunter Lake
Reception	- Leo Archer
Little Willows	- Eliza Copland
Y1L	- Blake Playle
Y2F	-
Y2/30	- Ben Bainbridge
Y3R	- Jack Wilks
Y4L	- Meghan Dyson
Y4SW	- Emily Daniel
Y5BE	- Arthur Stead
Y6G	- Amy Rooney
Y6S	- Paige Evis

Recommended Read

This week's recommended read is from Mrs Rowe 'I am David' by Anne Holm




It tells the story of a young boy who, with the help of a prison guard, escapes from a concentration camp in an unnamed Eastern European country (according to geographical clues, probably Bulgaria) and journeys to Denmark.

Along the way he meets many people who teach him and show him how different life can be.

Diversifying our Book Collections

Books by black authors and illustrators are essential. Children need to read books that feature authentic representation through authors who have lived experience of the topics or books they're writing. It is essential that black authors and illustrators receive the attention that their white counterparts have enjoyed in the books industry for decades.



Wilderness Outdoor Experience

On Tuesday 15th March, all Y1 pupils took part in a special **Wilderness Adventure day**. This involved being in the Oakdene Forest Area for various lessons throughout the day; building, cooking, weaving and creating. The children made hot chocolate, cooked bread, designed and created artwork and had great fun with lots of mud! It was a fantastic opportunity for Y1 and they can't wait to do it again.



Each year, the British Science Association runs a ten-day celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) called British Science Week. During this celebration of Science, people from all over the UK take part in events and activities to develop their skills in all three scientific disciplines (Chemistry, Biology, Physics).

Miss Bestwick organised scientists in residence to host virtual workshops across the school. Nursery children created a living bar chart of their heights. Reception observed amazing transformations with skittles chromatography. Year 1 and 2 blasted off with water rockets. Year 3 and 4 created a rainbow in a jar and made raisins dance! Year 5 and 6 pupils experimented with chemical reactions creating mountains of foam! Many children purchased science themed gadgets from our science shop - from Volcano kits to rocket balloons and Dinosaur fossil digging kits! Thank you for supporting this.

