

Weekly Newsletter  
22nd November 2021



Right of the Fortnight: Article 27:  
Your Right to a  
Good Standard of Living



**Dear Parents/Carers,**

Over a number of years, governors and senior leaders regularly review and research the benefits of staying as a maintained Local Authority primary school compared to joining a Multi Academy Trust. The research continued through the pandemic and it became evident that, at times, we were at a disadvantage, for example, our allocation of laptops and iPads limited and arrived far too late because we'd managed to keep bubbles open. Many Academy Trusts provided an iPad to every child.

In July 2021, the Governing Body agreed formally that this was the right decision for the future of the school and agreed with the match that I presented on behalf of senior leaders. **A North East Advisory Board Meeting took place on 11th November 2021 to discuss whether to approve the Academy Order for Oakdene Primary School, to convert and join The Enquire Learning Trust. with effect from 1st April 2022.**

The Chair of Governors was informed by the Department for Education that this was approved. In the new year, consultations will be organised to capture the views of the whole school community. Parents and carers will find out what this change would mean for our school and the benefits for your child.

The theme for last week's **Friendship Week** was **One Kind Word**. Class assemblies linked to One Kind Word have shown how one kind word can make a big difference in the interactions we have with others. The children were engaged and thought carefully about how one kind word or act of kindness can create a 'chain of kindness'.

**Kindness** is more important today than it has ever been and the isolation of the last year has underlined how little acts of consideration can break down barriers and brighten the lives of the people around us.

Our **Fabulous Fundraising** is just one shining example of how kindness can make a huge difference to others. I've been asked to say a **huge thank you** from our School Councillors and Rights Respecting Ambassadors for your generosity supporting charities during these unprecedented times. The **British Legion merchandise** proved to be very popular and the **'Children In Need Day'** raised **£245.44**. The children shared that these special days feel even more precious at the moment.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who have **demonstrated kindness** to other parents/carers and staff by **wearing face coverings at drop-off and pick-up times again**. **Unless you are exempt we strongly encourage everybody to do this to protect our staff and essentially keep school open**. **Public Health England told Stockton schools in a meeting last week that this really can help make a difference.**

Thank you for your on-going support.

Mrs E Bramley and Miss C Champion

**Reception September 2022 Applications**

Parents and carers of children due to start Reception in September 2022 (Born between 01-09-2017 and 31-08-2018) can now **apply for a Reception Place**.

Mrs Elsherif (Family Support officer) can offer support to parents / carers if you need support printing / questions / completing application form.

The deadline for all applications is **15th January 2022**.

## Dates For Your Diary - Autumn Term 2

Mon 22nd Nov-Fri 26th Nov	<b>Outdoor Learning Week</b>
Mon 22nd Nov	Celebrate Universal Children's Day
Tues 23rd Nov	Reception Church Visit Mock Wedding
Wed 24th Nov	Y2 Visit Preston Hall Museum
Fri 26th Nov	Phototronics (individual photos) Full School Uniform
Mon 29th Nov	Nasal Flu Spray
Tues 30th Nov	4 x Y6 Pupils Attend Maths Event @ Northfield
Wed 1st Dec	Y5 STEAM Day with SPARKS
Tues 7th Dec	Little Sycamores—Music Workshop
Wed 8th Dec	Christmas Lunch
Fri 10th Dec	Y5 & Y6 Christingle Church Service (for pupils only)
Tues 14th Dec	Y1 Health Screening
Thur 16th Dec	Reception Theatre Visit—The Tin Foil Astronaut
Fri 17th Dec	<b>Break up for Christmas Holidays</b>



**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**

All KS1 Children participated in **Road Safety Week** on the theme Road Safety Heroes. They enjoyed completing a range of activities such as Road Safety Hero posters and a Road Safety Hero postcard to their parent/carer to thank them for keeping them safe on and near roads.

The children also read the non-fiction text 'Ride Right' - this is one of our Myon texts. Children accessed the text using iPad & props to enforce safety messages when on bikes, scooters etc.

All children were then presented with a certificate to take home alongside their postcard.



## 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**

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.



<p>Weekly Awards - week-ending Friday, 19th November 2021</p> <p>Congratulations to each of our Star Pupils:</p> <p>Nursery - Bella Mansell &amp; Caleb Jefferies</p> <p>Reception - Elena Hold</p> <p>Little Willows - Theo Smith-Sewell</p> <p>Y1L - Evie-Jayne Harrison</p> <p>Y2F - Charlie Kibbler</p> <p>Y2/30 - Olivia-Grace Allison</p> <p>Y3R - Indi Chesworth</p> <p>Y4L - Lucy Macklam</p> <p>Y4SW - Kaveesha Soyza</p> <p>Y5BE - Abbie Weetman</p> <p>Y6G - Robyn White</p> <p>Y6S - Freddie Dunne</p>	<p>Weekly Awards - week-ending Friday, 19th 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> <p>Nursery - Lewis Wilks-Wood &amp; Sava Ali</p> <p>Reception - Max Prout</p> <p>Little Willows - Blake Playle</p> <p>Y1L - Reggie McCabe</p> <p>Y2F - Taylor Perry</p> <p>Y2/30 - Sophie-Alysa Minter</p> <p>Y3R - George Robinson</p> <p>Y4L - Kallum Squires</p> <p>Y4SW - Arez Ali</p> <p>Y5BE - David Smith</p> <p>Y6G - Launa Evis</p> <p>Y6S - Paige Evis</p>
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Y1s enjoyed a visit at the North York Moors National Park to bring to life their science, Forest School and Percy the Park Keeper work. Percy left a special message for the Y1 children. The children followed an animal fact file and trail of clues around the grounds of the visitor centre, collecting animal characters from the story and taking part in short activities related to wildlife on the way. The children were invited to take a close look at, and handle, stuffed animals and birds from a woodland habitat including characters from the story. Everyone enjoyed a game of woodland pass the parcel and ended up in a magical Mongolian Yurt, warmed by a log burner, whilst listening to the story and sipping hot chocolate.



### Jorvik

Y3 children enjoyed a visit to the Jorvik Museum where they experienced an immersive ride which explained what it was like in the Viking times through the telling of facts and stories.

They also visited the DIG centre where they learnt about Viking animals and used tools to recover artefacts linking to Viking times.

This work was a great opportunity to remind the Y3s of their Key Scientists Holly Betts (paleobiologist) and (palaeontologist) Mary Anning.



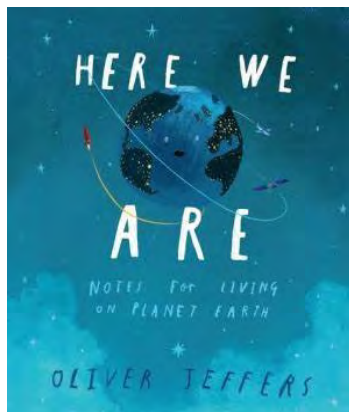
As Oakdene continues to celebrate **National Non-Fiction November** we are auditing our stock in Non-Fiction library and researching new books to buy. Seven stories recommended this one, Marie Curie and her Daughters:



It is filled with stunning illustrations, text and comic strips. A brilliant introduction to their inspiring stories & to scientific history and breakthroughs throughout the 20th century. If you have any suggestions please pass onto your child's class teacher via email.

### Recommended Read

This week's recommended read is from Mrs Hood



Here We Are Notes for Living on Planet Earth by Oliver Jeffers really captures a child's imagination before sleep, the illustrations are brilliant and it's the perfect way to capture the thought that the world is bigger than all of us and we all have our part to play and that we are never alone.

Nursery pupils were mesmerized as they saw the delightful celebration of Eric Carle's adored classics, including **Very Hungry Caterpillar and three other classics**, move from page to stage at the Forum Theatre.

The children spotted over 75 lovable puppets who moved to charming music.



The children proved they could be fantastic problem solvers as they retrieved the answers to questions such as "Will the Hungry Caterpillar ever be full?"



A wonderful introduction to live theatre!



World Nursery Rhyme week is a global initiative that encourages children and anyone involved in early years around the world to focus on enjoying a week of fun with Nursery Rhymes and Music.

Each year the event centres around 5 featured rhymes which we, ('Piccolo Music'), as the official music partner, provide.

The children in EYFS have been singing these songs (AMAZINGLY!) all this week and we want them to be able to continue singing and dancing their socks off with you when they get home!

