

Weekly Newsletter 23rd May 2022



Right of the Fortnight: Article 15: Your right to make friends & join groups.



Dear Parents and Carers

Another week has passed us by as we speed towards half term! I have been really impressed with Year 2 who continue to complete their SATS quizzes - the children have really pushed their limits and tried their very best. With just one more quiz to go please ensure your children are in school each day.

Last week, six colleagues from Flowery Field Academy, Manchester came to visit our Early Years Foundation Stage provision accompanied by the Trust's CEO, Mr Holmes. We spent time observing the provision and practice in Little Sycamores (two year old provision), Nursery and Reception.

The Principal, Claire Silk, emailed me: *Thank you for taking the time to accompany us on our visit to EYFS. Your **ambition for excellence** was reflected throughout the school. We were struck by the **calm, purposeful environments** your team have created. It was lovely to see children accessing many of the resources **independently**, through the systems and **routines** your teams have embedded. We have used our visit to begin to formulate our action plan for Early Years.*

Reflections from the CEO were:

- having a **clear and overarching vision** is key - and all staff were able to articulate this cogently
- clear agreements on curriculum design and approaches to assessment underpin the provision
- **knowing children well** forms the basis of effective interventions
- **routines and task design** create the conditions for teaching to be focused and effective
- **quality and attention to detail** pervades environments (space, learning areas, displays, lighting, soundscapes etc.), journals, interactions, task design...
- **EY leadership is shared** (between the designated EYFS lead, and the Principal (whose intense interest and expectation is vital)).



Have a **wonderful Half-Term break** and we look forward to seeing you on **Tuesday, 7th June 2022!**

Mrs E Bramley and Miss C Champion

Dates For Your Diary - Summer Term

W/c 23rd May	Y5 Swimming Daily (Block 1)
Mon 23rd May	World Cultural Diversity Day & The Royal Reading Challenge
Thurs 26th May	10am Y2 'Guardians of the Wild' Presentation PM Y2 Theatre Royal Newcastle Visit - 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat'
Fri 27th May	Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations including a special Jubilee Menu at lunchtime

Children break up for Half Term

MAY HALF TERM BREAK
Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June

Mon 6th June
PD Day for Staff Training
(school closed for pupils)

Tues 7th June
School reopens for pupils

June	PRIDE Month
W/c 7th June	Y5 Swimming Daily (Block 2)
Wed 15th June	Y3 Sing Education Workshop
Fri 17th June	Some Y3s Engage in Sports Festival
Mon 11th July	Academy Hub Music Events for some Y3 pupils
Thurs 21st July	Last day of the Summer Term



Summer Term Statutory Assessments

KS1

- May 2022 **KS1 SATs** test period.
- Week commencing Tuesday 7th June: **Y1 Phonics Screening Check & Y2 resits.**

KS2

- 3-week period commencing Tuesday 7th June: **Y4 Multiplication Tables Check**

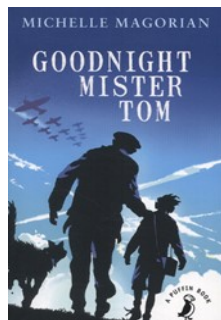
Your class teacher regularly shares information on what you can do to help your child with their learning. **Reading daily, quizzing with MyOn, learning spellings, learning number bonds or times tables and completing all homework tasks carefully remain the priority.**

If you have any queries at all please do speak to your child's teacher.

<p>Weekly Awards - week-ending Friday, 20th May 2022</p> <p>Congratulations to each of our Star Pupils:</p> <p>Nursery - Noah Selvon & Louie Walker</p> <p>Reception - Freddie McQuilling</p> <p>Little Willows - Theo Smith-Sewell</p> <p>Y1L - Lewis Harris</p> <p>Y2F - Taylor Perry</p> <p>Y2/30 - Olivia-Grace Allison</p> <p>Y3R - Scarlett Rogers</p> <p>Y4H - Lucy Macklam</p> <p>Y4SW - Isaac Dobson</p> <p>Y5BE - Toree Wardle</p> <p>Y6G - Alicia Archer</p> <p>Y6S - Paige Evis</p>	<p>Weekly Awards - week-ending Friday, 20th May 2022</p> <p>Congratulations to each of our Remarkable Readers:</p> <p>Nursery - Miley Dodds-Day & Neave Bateman</p> <p>Reception - Junior Hindmarsh</p> <p>Little Willows - Theo Smith-Sewell</p> <p>Y1L - Evie Richardson</p> <p>Y2F - Florence Bruce</p> <p>Y2/30 - Frankie McQuilling</p> <p>Y3R - Noah Stephenson</p> <p>Y4H - Harleigh Ramsey</p> <p>Y4SW - Finely Amos</p> <p>Y5BE - David Smith</p> <p>Y6G - Alissia Fryett</p> <p>Y6S - Daniel Bell</p>
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Recommended Read

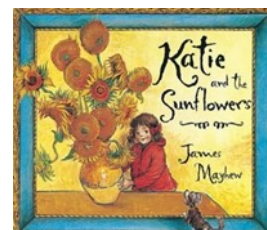
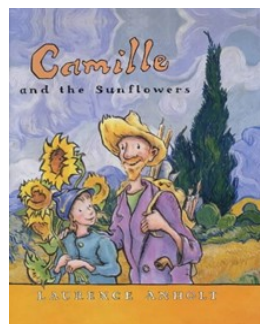
This week's recommended read is from
Miss Owens
"Goodnight Mister Tom"
by Michelle Magorian



This is one of Y5's whole class reading books for our World War 2 topic. A boy named Willie Beech is evacuated to a tiny English village in the country just before the outbreak of World War II. A deeply moving tale which shows that even the most unlikely people can become exceptional parents.

In Art and Design Year 1 pupils have been finding out about their Key artist, Vincent Van Gogh. The children have been sharing two key texts: *Camille and the Sunflowers* by Laurence Anholt and *Katie and the Sunflowers* by James Mayhew.

We have multiple copies in school. Both of these books are also brought to life on YouTube.



World of Work at your Feet

Year 5 visited the new headquarters for AV Dawson in Middlesbrough at the Port. The children learnt to use 'DASH' robots and code them to complete challenges, such as drive the perimeter of a map or dance at specific coordinates. Year 5 also learnt about businesses and careers in the area such as PD Ports, Abacus Bean and The Globe and created presentations using Keynote. The children met the marketing coordinator from Intellect in Middlesbrough and asked her about her role. The children were complimented for their exceptional skills, all skills we are developing through the Skills Builder Accelerator Programme, their teamwork was particularly outstanding.



Cracking Cricket

Oakdene entered 3 teams into the Y5/6 Cricket Tournament- an open team, a girls team and an all-stars team. All teams **won** some games with the **open and girls teams coming third**. The children were a credit to the school and all improved on their own cricket skills. The rules were based on the new **ECB 'Dynamo' cricket**, this is very similar to Kwik cricket. Very well done!



Amazing Athletics

Year 5 and 6 took part in track and field events competing against other Stockton Schools at the **Athletics competition** at Middlesbrough Sports Village. It was a great experience for the children to run on a real athletics track and we have a number of children who have made it through to the next round.

Events included - sprint, hurdles, 600m and relay and field events were long jump, triple jump, chest throw and cricket ball throw. The children modelled the **Games Mark Values** and all showed excellent sportsmanship and supported each other through the events.

Well Done to everyone who competed for trying their **best** and representing Oakdene!

Congratulations to **Lennon Harper-Raze, Kacey Richards, Isabella Delgado Young, Reuben Quinn and Levi Hall** who **excelled** and either achieved first or second place and have **qualified** for the next round.

