

Weekly Newsletter 27th September 2021



Right of the Fortnight: Article 42:
The government must let children and families know about children's rights.



Dear Parents/Carers,

There has been a wonderful buzz around school again this week with learning at the heart of everything! Autumn officially began last Wednesday so it was great to enjoy some last minute summer sunshine.

'European Day of Languages' was on Sunday, 26th September this year so we shared a live stream from Lingotot on Friday and some classes celebrated early see **page 2**. Miss Robinson has organised an exciting programme of events for each class which will carry over this week. Y6 will explore career opportunities linked to languages and Petra (ABC counsellor) will be able to share her life as an interpreter whilst Nursery will listen to 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' in French.

Catering

You may have heard in the media about the ongoing disruption to supply chains and now CO2 supply, and indeed noticed that some supermarket shelves are looking emptier than normal. So, how does this impact your child? Our catering team may feel the impact of a late delivery, product substitutions or out of stock items, which in turn may mean that there is a menu substitution or change at short notice. Whilst there may be some challenges, we will continue to provide a choice of nutritious meals for the children at lunchtime.

Have a super week!

Mrs E Bramley and Miss C Champion

Morrisons It's Good To Grow Vouchers

If you are shopping at Morrisons please remember to ask for the "It's Good To Grow" Vouchers. These are available both in store and online and can also be collected via the MyMorrisons App.

Please help us reach our target of 2500 so that we can order new equipment and seeds for our vegetable allotments and new greenhouse.



Last week **The Great Big Green Week** was marked by children embracing the change of seasons. Early Years & Y1 pupils enjoyed foraging and harvesting fruit from the Oakdene orchard. The blackberries, plums and pears were particularly impressive.



Our new **greenhouse** has arrived and the **KS2 raised beds** have been rebuilt. The children have designed plans so that we can produce food throughout the year for our school kitchen and food technology activities. **If you have any spare seeds or bulbs please bring these into school.**



Dates For Your Diary - Autumn Term



Mon 27th Sept European Day of Languages
Tues 28th Sept Y4 Visit to Housesteads Roman Fort
Six children (Y5/Y6) attending Primary Leaders Academy

OCTOBER Black History Month

Fri 1st Oct Last Day for Foodbank Harvest Appeal (hand donations to class teachers)
Mon 4th Oct Y5/Y6 Tag Rugby Tournament at Northfield 12:45pm - 2:45pm.

Thurs 7th Oct National Poetry Day
Y3 Pedestrian Training
Fri 8th Oct KS2 Global Enrichment Activities

W/c 11th Oct Telephone Consultation Evenings for Parent/Carers of EYFS & KS1

Tues 12th Oct PD Day 3 for Staff Training (school closed for pupils)

Thurs 14th Oct Y5 Greek Workshop

W/c 18th Oct Telephone Consultation Evenings for Parent/Carers of KS2
Thurs 21st Oct Y5 Black History Month Author Workshop
Fri 22nd Oct *Children break up for half term*

Monday, 25th Oct - Friday, 29th Oct

October Half-Term Break

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



[The Oak Academy Online Teaching and Learning resource](https://www.thenational.academy)

Should you ever need to access our **home learning offer** there is a high quality range of online resources available to you. You will be able to access a wide range of subjects and lessons. Each lesson is an hour long. They are delivered by a teacher, with a pre-recorded video as well as quizzes, worksheets and creative activities. It's all easy to use, there's no login or password required, you can access the lessons on any device, and pupils only need materials they can find at home. This is a national resource produced by the DfE

<https://www.thenational.academy> Have fun exploring the activities.

If you need anything at all please phone the main office: 01642 560768 or email your child's class teacher.

Y1s European Tea Party

The Tiger Who Came To Tea by Judith Kerr is a key text for the Y1 science curriculum. Last Friday the tiger visited Y1s. Our tiger had travelled around the world and came to celebrate European day of Languages. He brought food from four European countries. The children enjoyed tasting food from Spain, Germany, France and the Netherlands. It was delicious! The Y1s also played tiger games and designed tiger masks.



Recommended Read

This week's recommended read is from Mrs Osborne



I chose the book 'Seeds and Trees' by Brandon Walden because it is a special tale that can be enjoyed by all ages!

Seeds and Trees revels in the power of words. It explores how impactful kind and unkind words are on the feelings and emotions of those receiving them.

It's a great book around the theme of bullying, friendship and belief systems. It empowers children to speak nicely not only to others but to themselves!

It encourages children to form positive relationships.

The Importance of Reading

Those Who Read Succeed!

Please talk to your child about the book they are currently reading and foster a love of reading culture at home.


Why read 20 minutes at home?


Child A Reads:
20 minutes per day
3,600 minutes per school year
1,800,000 words per year


Child B Reads:
5 minutes per day
900 minutes per school year
282,000 words per year

Child C Reads:
1 minute per day
180 minutes per school year
8,000 words per year

The average word count for a typical novel is anywhere from 70,000 to 120,000 words

Between 15 and 25 books a year!


3 or 4 books a year


Less than one book per year


Want to be a better reader? Simply read!

<p>Weekly Awards - week-ending Friday, 24th September 2021</p> <p>Congratulations to each of our Star Pupils:</p> <p>Nursery - Louie Davies & Sava Ali</p> <p>Reception - Freddie Bell</p> <p>Little Willows - Theo Smith-Sewell</p> <p>Y1L - Evie Richardson Y2F - Florence Bruce Y2O - Amez Ali</p> <p>Y3R - Elicora Eguegu Y4L - Trudi Langstaff Y4SW - Arez Ali</p> <p>Y5BE - Sydney West-Oyston Y6G - Amy Rooney Y6S - Isabelle Ker</p>	<p>Weekly Awards - week-ending Friday, 24th September 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 - Callum Hall & Joseph Luker</p> <p>Reception - Niamh Bellew</p> <p>Little Willows - Joshua Wood</p> <p>Y1L - Daisy Thompson Y2F - Leah Cooley Y2O - Kain Carmichael</p> <p>Y3R - Isabelle Owens Y4L - Lucan Fletcher Y4SW - Eleanor Lewis</p> <p>Y5BE - Coden Owens Y6G - Robyn White Y6S - Lainey Milne-Forbes</p>
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Billingham Foodbank Collection

The newly elected Rights Respecting Steering Group at Oakdene have really stepped up and are organising Covid-safe ways of collecting donations for the **Billingham Foodbank**.

This year we would like you to bring in sugar, coffee, tinned ham, pickles, tinned or packet potatoes, gravy granules or stock cubes.

Christmas goodies such as trifles, jellies, puddings or chocolates will be greatly appreciated too. They are also running low on shampoo, conditioner, cleaning materials and washing powder.

NO FRESH GOODS PLEASE.

Items will be collected from school on
Friday 1st October 2021

**There will be a box in each classroom
for donations.**

Preparing to Celebrate Harvest

Harvest is always a special time of year in our school. Harvest is a time when we help those in need with our food donations.

With our many farming connections through the curriculum, for example, 'Food For Life' & 'FaceTime a Farmer', we love to say 'thank you' for all the food that is produced. This year we are particularly thankful for those involved in food production including all those supermarket staff who have kept us going during the pandemic.

