

## Weekly Newsletter 28th March 2022 - Part 1



Right of the Fortnight: Article 40:  
**Your right to legal help if you need it.**



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been quite a week. I want to start by thanking the **staff team for being so incredible**. There have been days this week when we have had 12 members of staff not in school due to a combination of genuine reasons (illness, Covid, training...). Some of these members of staff also have several roles across school, further increasing the pressure on the staff team. At present, as is the case in many regions, if staff are not in school we have been unable to get any supply teachers unless booked significantly in advance. We have experienced this first hand this week when we phoned 10 agencies and none could provide a teacher; this is the same for this week. These are not things I would always share with you, but I feel it is important as the **staff team continue to work tirelessly doing their own job and much more besides, all to help our children, school and team**.

Despite these challenges, I am pleased to report that it has been another **wonderful week** at Oakdene. It's been great to see classes making the best of the beautiful weather that we've been blessed with and spending more of their learning time outside. As a **Learning Outside the Classroom Silver Charter Mark School** we always encourage outdoor learning wherever possible as we know the children really benefit from this. We have to take every opportunity to catch a glimpse of the sun in this country. Mrs Laville however will be seeing much more sun as her family embark on a **new adventure in Abu Dhabi**. We will miss Helen and her family enormously and send every good wish for their new life. The Y4s have written letters for Mrs Laville's new class of international pupils to respond to.

It has been wonderful to welcome parents/carers into school to view their children's books and meet class teachers face to face. For those of you who opted for the telephone call we hope that you found the parent/carers calls useful. It was great that so many of you were able to hear about the great things your child has been **learning** and their overall **wellbeing**.

Next week, the **Rights Respecting Steering Group** are organising a **non uniform day** 'blue and yellow colours' to raise money for Ukraine on Friday 8th April. Please donate what you can or please bring in contributions next Friday which will go to the Ukraine **charity appeal**. **More information will be shared by Mrs Wilson and the RRS Steering group**.

Wishing you a super week!

Mrs E. Bramley and Miss C. Champion



**Easter Egg Decorating Competition** The time has come to enter the school Easter egg competition, so kids, let your imagination run wild and decorate a hardboiled egg! **The theme this year is 'reading'**. The children will use a hard-boiled egg/eggs to create a character/scene from a book they love reading. The competition is open to all pupils and every entry will receive a small chocolatey surprise, with the winner from each year receiving a chocolate egg. **The winners will be announced on Friday 8th April**. Please make sure that all entries are labelled with the pupil's name and year. We appreciate some children may need support with this activity (especially when it comes to boiling the eggs!), however, we would like to encourage children to show off their creativity by designing and decorating the eggs themselves. We are egg-cited to see all of the wonderful creations!

W/c 28th March  
Mon 28th March  
Tues 29th March  
Wed 30th March  
Fri 8th April

### Dates For Your Diary - Spring Term

Consultation Evenings for Parent/Carers for Y2F, Y3-Y6.  
Y2/3O Washington Wetlands Visit  
Y1 Theatre Visit based on Key Author  
Y2F Washington Wetlands Visit  
p.m. KS1 Open the Book



Tues 5th April  
Fri 8th April  
Ukraine

Y5 Oriental Museum Visit  
Non-uniform day raising money for

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

Reception visited Hall Hill Farm. They were greeted by their tour guide, who would be showing us around the farm. Reception were very lucky to hold and pet guinea pigs, rabbits and chicks. They also fed sheep, goats and even bottle fed a lamb! After a picnic lunch in the barn, they explored the paddock. They met lots of other animals, including alpacas, wallabies, chickens, Percy the peacock and a turkey. Everyone enjoyed a tractor and trailer ride. It was very bumpy but the children were able to see all of the farm. It was beautiful!

YR had such an amazing day at the farm and demonstrated excellent listening skills, asked lots of questions and showed exemplary behaviour, which was commented on by the tour guide.



<p><b>Weekly Awards - week-ending Friday, 25th March 2022</b> Congratulations to each of our Star Pupils:</p> <p><b>Nursery</b> - Harry Robinson &amp; Neave Bateman</p> <p><b>Reception</b> - Leo Archer</p> <p><b>Little Willows</b> - Leanne Fletcher</p> <p><b>Y1L</b> - Evie Harrison</p> <p><b>Y2F</b> - George Reeve</p> <p><b>Y2/30</b> - Max Harris</p> <p><b>Y3R</b> - Eliza Kirk</p> <p><b>Y4L</b> - Casey-Lee Morgan</p> <p><b>Y4SW</b> - Amelia Richards</p> <p><b>Y5BE</b> - George McNay</p> <p><b>Y6G</b> - Kadie Bolt</p> <p><b>Y6S</b> - Kacey Richards</p>	<p><b>Weekly Awards - week-ending Friday, 25th March 2022</b> Congratulations to each of our Remarkable Readers:</p> <p><b>Nursery</b> - Callum Hall &amp; Darcy Hammond</p> <p><b>Reception</b> - Rosie Daniel</p> <p><b>Little Willows</b> - Joshua Wood</p> <p><b>Y1L</b> - Oscar Prince</p> <p><b>Y2F</b> - Lily Daniel</p> <p><b>Y2/30</b> - Harry Laws</p> <p><b>Y3R</b> - Scarlett Rogers</p> <p><b>Y4L</b> - Jack Tunney</p> <p><b>Y4SW</b> - Arez Ali</p> <p><b>Y5BE</b> - Joshua Car-</p> <p><b>ruthers</b> - Molly Gill</p> <p><b>Y6G</b> - Lainey-Milne</p> <p><b>Y6S</b> - Forbes</p>
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**Recommended Read**  
This week's recommended read is from Mrs Wardle 'What the Ladybird Heard' by Julia Donaldson and Lydia Monks.



Can you spot the glittery ladybird on every page? This is a wonderful rhyming tale about Hefty Hugh and Lanky Len hatching a plot to steal a fine prize cow. It is full of fun. There are a number of books in this collection e.g. 'What the Ladybird Heard Next' & 'The What the Ladybird Heard Play'.

**World Autism Acceptance Week** runs from 28th March to 3rd April.

We'd love you to join us to promote acceptance of autism and help improve the lives of autistic children by sharing a story with your child/ren.

Ages 3-6



Ages 4-8



Ages 8-12

