



Oakfields Weekly

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House points

Elm	465
Oak	581
Beech	466
Chestnut	514

Winning House this week:
BEECH

Dear Parents

This week I have attended Cognita's Global Head's Conference where I have found myself alongside Head Teachers from Chile, Vietnam, Spain, Hong Kong, Singapore and the UK. We have immersed ourselves in research-based electives and sharing of effective practice. It has been quite an exhausting and yet inspiring week and I have taken time to forge links with the Cognita global community. I look forward to embedding these within our curriculum so that each and every child benefits from this unique collaboration of schools.

On Wednesday, Ann Nelson delivered first class staff training on the use of Bloom's Taxonomy to ensure quality questioning and deeper learning for all. Ann has worked with NACE (National Association for Able Children in Education) for over 10 years as both a Challenge Award consultant and assessor providing CPD for schools on their behalf. Ann has also worked previously as for Thurrock, Newham and Cambridge Local Authorities supporting the needs of able pupils. Her main work for NACE focuses on advice and support for provision of more able students, ensuring teaching staff are able to meet the needs of pupils and to identify and tackle underachievement.

Wednesday saw the first of the season's football league round for girls and boys u11. I was so proud to learn that the boys won the tournament bearing three schools with the final finishing on nail biting penalties. Good luck boys in the quarter-finals! The girls also played amazingly well considering it was their first time together as a team winning one game and losing two to finish fourth.

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Dates for your Diary

26th November Christmas decorations go up at Oakfields!

28th November Yrs 5—6 Football cup round at Engayne

See Over:

30th November Christmas Pantomime Rec—Yr 6. Return to School at 4 pm

30th November 2.15– 2.50 pm Kindergarten Christmas Tea Party

30th November Oakfields Winter Warmer Christmas Family Event

5th December Carol Service at Brentwood Cathedral. Parents (Rec—Yr6) to arrive for 6 pm prompt to join the children

8th December 10—11 a.m. K2 Nativity Play

☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆ **Headteacher's Award** ☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆
Aurelia (Reception), Barlow (Yr 1), Tom (Yr 2), Zoey (Yr 3NT), Oscar (Yr 3LJ), Emily (Yr 4JM), Xiran (Yr 4AB), Adiel (Yr 5) and Simran (Yr 6).

Well done to all our award winners!

13th December Children's Christmas dinner

14th December Kindergarten Christmas Party for the children

15th December Christmas Jumper Day (non school uniform)

15th December Break up for Christmas—usual finishing times and After School Care available as usual

8th January Children return

Christmas at Oakfields

The children are going to have the most fantastic run up to Christmas—whilst continuing their learning of course.

Thursday 30 November: Children from Reception through to Year 6 will be having an early lunch on this day and will then be taken to the Queen's Theatre in Hornchurch for their pantomime "Beauty and the Beast". Please note they will return to Oakfields by coach and are anticipated back between 3.30 p.m. and 4.00 p.m. Their class teachers will take them back to their classrooms before handing them over to their parent/carer at their usual exit point.



We very much hope you and your family will then enjoy our Winter Wonderland where you can visit the reindeers (until 5 p.m.), enjoy festive refreshments compliments of the School and Thomas Franks, or get your skates on and enjoy the ice-rink (also complimentary) or enjoy a number of other rides and food stalls. Any profits made from these will of course go to our P.T.A. for the benefit of the children.

Thursday 30 November: Kindergarten children will be inviting either their mum or dad to their very special Kindergarten Christmas Tea Party 2.15 p.m.—2.50 p.m. Children who do not attend on this day are of course welcome to come in at 1 p.m. At the end of the Tea Party, the children are invited to meet and have their photograph taken with Santa's reindeers who will be here until 5 p.m., and also to join in the Christmas festivities at our very first Winter Wonderland! There will also be complimentary—and other—festive refreshments.

With the exception of Miss Mercury's swimming classes, there will be no extra-curricular activities on 30 November. After-school care will however be available as usual until 5.50 p.m.

Tuesday 5 December: Carol Service at Brentwood Cathedral. Parents will receive a separate letter advising of the arrangements for the Carol Service but just to remind you the children will be taken to the Cathedral earlier that day and parents are asked to arrive for 6 p.m. prompt.

Some of you may not be aware that Mrs MacLellan will be moving on from Oakfields at the end of this term. We will of course be sorry to see her go but wish her every happiness in her future endeavours.

Finally, the children raised a whopping £343 for last Friday's Children in BBC's Need, so a big thank you parents—they thoroughly enjoyed the most spotty of days. We will of course let you know the total amount raised for Wednesday's NSPCC's Dance-a-thon just as soon as we know.

Mrs Carroll, Headteacher

Cold and Lost Forever

Cold and lost in the forest,
Freezing cold all along.
My feet munching in the snow,
Sinking down nowhere to go.
Feeling down, no one next to me,
I wish I had someone to get me.
In a blizzard no hope, no happiness for
life,
See my life I'm in a strife.
My legs are blue, eager in pain,
All alone in a winters dome.

By Jonathan Adejoro (Yr 4JM)



Head boy and Head girl corner

All the classes had a lot of fun on Wednesday doing their dance-a-thon to Justin Timberlake's "Can't feel the Music" which was played in the classrooms. When the children heard the music, they got up and danced. The office will let you know just how much was donated next week.

Eliza and Harshaan