



Oakfields Newsletter



Oakfields Montessori School

Dear Parents,

Firstly you will notice our improved newsletter format. I look forward to this evolving over the coming term and hope you enjoy hearing about our school news. After any half term, it is as always lovely to come back into school and see lots of smiley and happy faces. Our Key Stage 2 children in particular had a big smile on their faces as they all had the opportunity to be taught by a specialist basketball coach. We are all very grateful to Miss Peacham for organising this – thank you.

On Wednesday, during assembly, I spoke to the children about the Oakfields 'values:

- Vision Inspiring the world of education
- Our Mission We will exceed your parents expectations of each child
- Ethos We believe each child is unique and must be treated as such, so they are empowered to fulfil their potential and succeed in life.

Throughout the week, both Miss Brewster and I held 1:1 destination school meetings with our Year 4 parents. These were positive and provided us the opportunity to discuss secondary options and how we can support your child in this decision – which I know is not an easy choice. Year 5, you will be receiving communication next week to book your appointments with us.

I have an appointment with Wykeham Abbey and am looking forward to forming new relations with this outstanding school.

Finally, in advance, I hope everyone has a fantastic evening at the PTA Valentine Ball and I look forward to seeing everyone there. Our thanks to the PTA for organising this wonderful event.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Katrina Carroll, Headteacher

House Points

1st Chestnut 315
 2nd Oak 294
 3rd Elm 245
 4th Beech 224

Theme of The Week

This week as a school we have been focusing morals and these were the teachers choice.

HEAD TEACHERS AWARDS

Year 6	Zoran Suneel
Year 5	Henry Curtis
Year 4	Liam Howes and Jason Eribo
Year 3	Isabel Forrest and Gabriele Olubanjoko
Year 2	Monique Brokenbro
Year 1	Izabella Springer
Reception	Archit Ganguly



Well done to everyone on your achievements.



Sporting Events

Oakfields PE department started the New Year with some exciting activities:- The second round of the Boys Football league where our boys played against Upminster . The mixed netball team played the second round also of the cup against Benhurst and won a staggering 19-0 which takes them through to the quarter finals in March!

All pupils from Years 1 - 6 experienced a taster of Karate during their PE lessons and had an awesome time with Sensei Moira Barber of The Kaichou-Kai Karate association.

Pupils from year 4 - 6 had the opportunity to participate in a basketball workshop with Lemar Roberts who plays for The London Lions and at a height of 6ft 10" displayed how talented our pupils could be with additional coaching. The Right Development Basketball Academy RDF LIONS are launching their new coaching academy and are looking for players from years 3 - 6. Please contact info@rightdevelopmentfoundation.com or call 07463344546.

On 22nd Feb our mixed yr 5 & 6 Hockey team represented Oakfields at the Quick sticks competition at Coopers Coborn School. and played really well finishing as runners up in their pool which took them through to the quarter finals. They met St Peters - with the final score at 2 -2. They then had to pay a further 2 minutes extra time but this was interrupted by a fire alarm. However, when they replayed it we lost by 1 goal but our school received a certificate for the best school to display teamwork, determination and good sportsmanship.

Future fixtures:- Tuesday 27th Feb - 10 year 1 and 10 year pupils will be participating in sportshall athletics at Hornchurch leisure centre from 8.30 - 12pm

Wed 28th Feb - 10 pupils from years 4/5 to play rugby at May and Baker RFU

Wed 7th March - Swimming gala at Abbs Cross - 6 pupils from Juniors

Wed 7th March - Bancrofts netball rally for year 6 girls

Friday 9th March - New Hall netball rally for year 5 girls.

Friday 16th March - New Hall netball rally for year 4 girls

Mon 19th March - 23rd - Sports Relief Week - whole school

Thank you for your continued support with ensuring your children have their correct PE kit. Please look out for the new kit to be introduced and in place by September 2018. Remember to label all of their kit clearly as we have lots of lost property regularly .

Kind regards
Miss C Peacham
Head of PE



Club News

This week we spoke to the school cooking club who have been busy over the last few weeks. Understanding the importance of a balanced diet, they have made healthy granolas and sweet and savoury scones.



What's been happening this week !

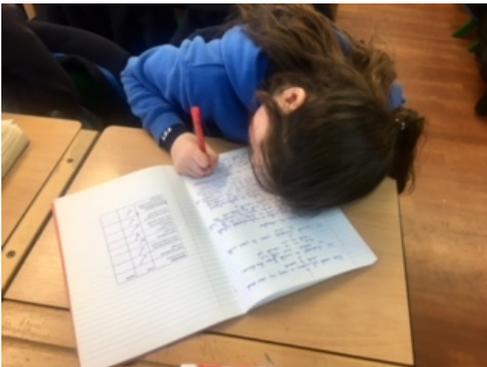


Reception celebrated Chinese New Year!

We listened to the story of 'The Great Race' and wrote our dragon sentences about the different animals that took part in the race to join the Emperor's Chinese Zodiac. Some animals were helpful, some were sneaky and some were very good swimmers!

In Year 4JM

We have been sharing *Stig of the Dump* by Clive King. We are trying to read with expression and to take notice of punctuation to keep our peers engaged in the story.



In Year 5SB

We have been learning how to write in the style of *Stormbreaker* and the authors viewpoint. Decoding messages, writing how this would change the story, drawn Flow charts and used a range of sentence openers. .



Other News

Forest School gives the children the chance to learn and explore in a safe outdoor environment. Following The Forest School principles, lessons will develop the children's curiosity, confidence, self-esteem, creativity, communication skills, knowledge of the natural environment and the ability to assess risk.

Thank You

Finally, I want thank all the students, parents and teachers for an amazing and productive week. As Always please send in any out of school achievements so that they can be recognised in this newsletter.