



Oakfields Newsletter



Oakfields Montessori School

Dear Parents,

This week has been filled with moments that remind me of how lucky we are to be part of such a wonderful school community. The start of the week was challenging as our email system was migrated fully with our global Cognita community. Although this caused some initial difficulties, we are now in even closer contact with our global Cognita colleagues and children.

Wednesday night saw the school hall packed with children and adults, keen to learn more about next week's Year 5 and 6 activity week. As trip leader, Miss Brewster, led the presentation; I don't think I was the only adult in the room wishing I was joining them on Monday! I will be there to wave you off on Monday morning and cannot wait for the exciting updates Miss Brewster will be providing us with. These will swiftly be communicated with our Year 5 and 6 parents via the school communication system.

It was also a pleasure to welcome members of our parents association into school several times this week. As always they are busy planning the next big event - our summer fayre! They are working very hard to ensure this is a fun day for all the family. Please put the date in your diary and come along to support your school and have a fabulous time amongst friends.

We also hosted a very successful open morning. This was organised by Mrs Sargent and I would like to thank her for all she did. Year 6 children articulated to our guests the benefits of being an Oakfield's learner and also demonstrated their musical abilities; whilst each class proudly welcomed visitors into their lessons to observe and discuss the teaching and learning.

I was also given the opportunity to discuss the school's vision with our visitors, as well as the teaching and learning strategies used across the key stages. It was during this time that our visitors shared with me the highlights of their visit. It is difficult for me to express how proud I felt to hear such wonderful feedback; as always the children and staff were perfect ambassadors - thank you!

There is a reminder in this newsletter about the upcoming coffee mornings. If you are able to attend it would be lovely to see you; I hope to take this opportunity to communicate our methods for planning and assessment across the school and this will then be followed with a visit to your child's class. This is a valuable opportunity for us to continue to improve communication and build relationships. I thank you in advance for your continued support of this event.

Enjoy the bank holiday weekend!

Kindest regards,

Mrs Katrina Carroll, Head teacher

House Points

1st Beech 627

2nd Oak 468

3rd Elm 451

4th Chestnut 342

HEAD TEACHERS AWARDS

Year 6	David Oseni
Year 5	James Smith
Year 4	Emily Montague and Gabrielle Small
Year 3	Joshua Banwo and Sai Paul
Year 2	Harneev Gill
Year 1	Lade Obidairo
Reception	Sia Patel



Well done to everyone on your achievements.



Sporting Events

On Tuesday 1st May, four of our Year 4 pupils represented Oakfields Montessori School in the Havering Collective tennis event at Grosvenor Tennis Club Upminster. The sun shone as soon as we arrived and the pupils were seeded in order to play several singles games on mini courts with a red ball.

There were over 12 teams divided into three pools and all the scores were combined to give the school an overall total. We were delighted to hear we came 5th, narrowly missing out by one game to qualify for the semi finals. Congratulations to Freddie, Jake, Xiran and Elsie who all played exceptionally well. Our pupils were awarded with the certificate for displaying the most respect for other players and umpires!

I am so thrilled and proud of how our pupils at Oakfields Montessori School are performing in these competitions. May we continue to strive for more excellence and achievements in sporting events in the future .

We are excited to start this season off with our new basketball coach Lemar Roberts from The London Lions! Standing at over 6ft 11, Lemar has started extra curricular basketball club with our Years 3,4,5 and 6. We are hoping to achieve fantastic results in the future with our skills in basketball.

Finally, our superb new hard court surface has been completed. We now have the privilege of a full size tennis court, two mini tennis courts, a full size netball court and ample of room for basketball.

I am delighted to announce that 5 of our Year 6 girls have been selected to attend the Essex Satellite Netball Squad trials on Wednesday 16th May from 4-6 pm at The Harris Academy Rainham. Congratulations and good luck to Sophie Clark, Lexi Hurley, Atifah Pampam, Eliza Poulson and Jessica Priestley.

Many thanks,

Miss C Peacham
Head of PE



Sports fixtures

Basketball Yr 5/6 Thursday 26th April

Tennis Yr 3/4 Tuesday 1st May

Cricket Yr 5/6 boys -23rd May

Tennis Yr 5/6 -Thursday 24th May

Miss C Peacham

What's been happening this week !



In Year 1LK

Year 1 have been creating fantastic print work in their Art lessons this week using fruit, vegetables and leaves to create a bright and bold 'Tutti Fruity' pattern. The designs all look fantastic!

Miss Kitt



In Year 3NT

In History, during this half term, Year 3 are studying local history and specifically Romford Market. The children have undertaken research to find out facts about the market and share them in class. Year 3 are focused on how the market has changed since its birth in 1247, investigating historical facts including what was sold at the market 700 years ago and what is sold now. Below is a picture of the market in 1939. What is the main difference compared to the market place of today?

Mr Trusler

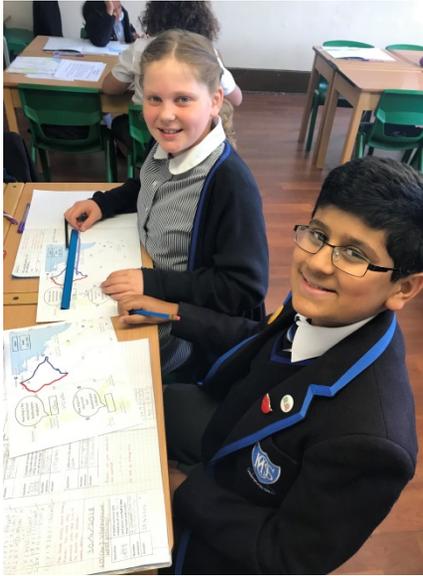


In Year 5LB

Year 5 had great fun in their maths lesson on Thursday using string, maps and scales to calculate the distance of a journey.

Once they had followed the journey using string, they measured the length in cm and finally converted this into Km based on the scale.

Miss Brewster



Club News

Oakfields Orchestra

Orchestra is available for children who play an orchestral instrument Grade 1+. We meet on Tuesdays in the Music Room 12:50-1:20. We work towards concerts to encourage the children's learning - last term we performed at Brentwood School's Auditorium in Oakfields Spring Concert - performing Hedwig's Theme from Harry Potter and In the Hall of the Mountain King by Grieg. This week we learnt about the Baroque composer Handel, as we began learning a new piece: Theme's from Handel's Water Music. Orchestra is a wonderful place to learn how to play together as a team, as well as having fun learning about different composers and how to play well known tunes.



Other News

- Year 5 and Year 6 will be out of the school on the annual PGL excursion next week. We know they will have an wonderful time and enjoy many new experiences. We look forward to hearing about their adventures and all of Oakfields School will keep their fingers crossed for some sunshine.
- Year 2 had a fantastic time on their trip to Barleylands Farm this week. Their teachers were pleased to report the children were impeccably behaved especially considering the miserable weather. They spent the morning learning about the origins of food and how to make healthy choices. Well done Year 2!



Notices

- Oakfields School prides itself on maintaining a safe environment and we will build on our safety measures throughout the schools life. To continue this vision we requests your support with following new arrangements:
 - When your child is dropped off at school in the morning parents are requested to leave their child at the main front door. Mrs Chatfield will be available in the foyer to take any messages.
 - It is important for you to communicate with your class teachers and therefore we ask you make a prior arrangement via the office. Should there be any emergencies please make a member of staff at the door aware and they will be available to assist you accordingly.
- Our coffee mornings have been a wonderful addition to our school calendar and we look forward to seeing you at our future events. The morning provides an opportunity for you to have coffee with the Head Teacher and visit your children in their working environment. All coffee mornings will begin at 9.00am:

Reception	16 th May 2018
Year 1	21 st May 2018
Year 2	23 rd June 2018
Year 3	06 th June 2018
Year 4	04 th June 2018
Year 5	13 th June 2018
Year 6	12 th June 2018

Notices

With the Royal wedding fast approaching on Saturday 19th May, we have decided to coincide this event with our Fundamental British Values day.

We are asking all children and staff to come dressed in red, white and blue for the day.

Please no face paints or sports teams tops.

Each class will be covering a British value :

1. The Rule of Law : Year 3
2. Democracy : Year 2
3. Mutual Respect : Reception
4. Tolerance of those of different Faiths and Beliefs : Year 4
5. The Monarchy : Year 1
6. NHS : Year 5



Also on the day, our Year 6 children have will be visiting the Houses of Parliament . This will be a wonderful opportunity to be in and around London soaking up the atmosphere.

Achievements

We congratulate Alexander Harvey on playing the part of Louis in the production of Bugsy Malone that was performed at the Basildon Towngate theatre.



Well done to Gursimran Lidher on progressing onto Stage 5 swimming. Our Oakfields children continue to impress us with their swimming capabilities, keep up the hard work!

Jeremiah-Judah Akinyosade participated in The Run 4 Life 5km around Barking and Dagenham on 7th April. The event was organised by Power House Community Network whose aim is to bring communities together to raise money for vital local services. Jeremiah-Judah raised funds for sickle cell anaemia for which PHCN is the central hub for those living with the disease in the borough. The school congratulate Jeremiah for his charitable work and for not giving up during his race.

<http://www.barkinganddagenhampost.co.uk/news/dagenham-s-run4life-sees-150-people-turn-out-to-race-1-5474616>

Thank You