OAKFIELDS MONTESSORI SCHOOL

Issue 4

Friday 5th October 2018

HOUSE CAPTAINS

- Beech - Anna O
- Chestnut - Safeena G
- Elm - Roshan P
- Oak - Fred E

HOUSE POINTS

- 1st: Beech - 730
- 2nd: Chestnut - 592
- 3rd - Elm - 546
- 4th - Oak - 307

MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parents,

As an educator we strive to ensure the children in our care achieve their academic best. This is always rewarding and central to all we do. However, I met with many of you at last night's open classroom event and although parents were looking at the books and talking about progress, it was the amount of parents that told me how happy their child was and how much they enjoyed school that really touched me. These words, above all, are the single most important and rewarding comments a parent can make to a teacher. The whole evening was an absolute pleasure - it pleases me to be able to have added another date where we were able to celebrate your children's successes and provide another opportunity for us to communicate with each other about the most important people in our lives - our wonderful children.

As many of you know, I will be attending the Cognita Global Head Teacher's Conference next week. This is an opportunity for me to share our successes with others and learn from leading educationalists how we can continue to embed academic excellence alongside our children's happiness and well-being. I will be in touch throughout the week and look forward to regular updates from the SLT members of staff. In my absence, please continue to speak with your class teachers and if needed, I know Miss Brewster will be more than happy to help you.

Have a fabulous weekend and thank you again for your continued support.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Katrina Carroll, Headteacher

Congratulations

HEAD TEACHERS AWARDS

- Year 6 - Ethan S
- Year 5MB - Marlan C
- Year 5UN - Dolly K
- Year 4CM - Daniella N
- Year 4JM - Daniel T
- Year 3 - Georgina W
- Year 2 - Dylan O
- Year 1 - Emerald F
- Reception – Livia R and Gabriella B

Congratulations to those in Year 4 who received their Pen Licence!

Parent Engagement

OPEN AIR CINEMA

Thanks to all those parents, friends and families that wrapped up warm to enjoy our Outdoor Cinema Event last Saturday evening. Everybody appeared to have a wonderful time and I suspect that almost everybody went away singing at least one song. The evening was a great success, with well over three hundred people in attendance, ensuring a healthy profit for the PTA. Special thanks to Liz Pridmore and Lisa-Marie Assenhiem for all their hard work organising such a great event.

Upcoming PTA Event:
School Disco - Friday 16th November
Upcoming PTA Meeting:
Thursday 7th November 7:45 pm

We hope to see you there.

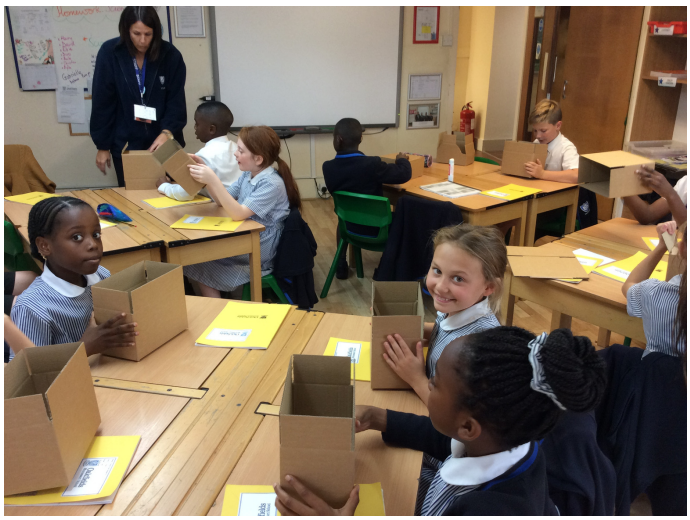
Andrew Taplin
PTA

Year Group Highlights

YEAR 1

Within art, Year 1 have been developing their drawing skills to create a self-portrait. This week we were encouraged to select the correct colours for our skin tone, hair and features.

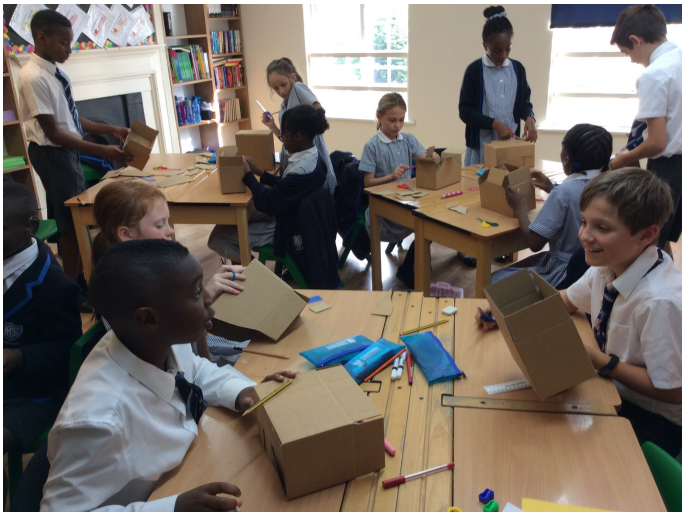
Art part of our science topic 'Everyday Materials and their properties', Year 1 have commenced their waterproof experiment. During our lesson this week, Miss Gowing showed us different materials and we were asked to predict which material we thought would be waterproof. We discussed how we would make the experiment a fair test.



YEAR 5

5UN are currently designing cars as part of their Design Technology curriculum. They have spent the last three weeks looking at various means of transportation, designing them and then choosing the mode of transport that interests them.

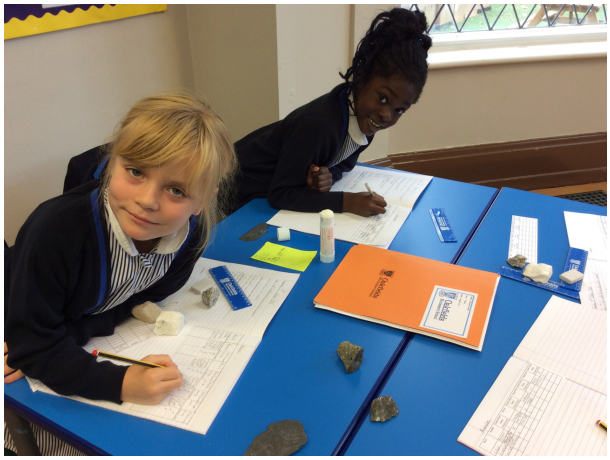
Last Tuesday, was their first day at physically constructing them and they look forward to sharing their completed version in the next few weeks.



Year Group Highlights

YEAR 3

Year 3 had an exciting Science lesson this week carrying out an experiment to see which rock was the softest. The children discussed how they should carry out the experiment, thinking about fair testing and made a prediction as to which rock would show the most wear. They used a variety of rocks, granite, basalt, marble, sandstone and slate and scraped at the rocks with various things. After making a results table, they were able to write a conclusion and say if their prediction was correct.



RECEPTION

To finish our week of 'Senses' work, Reception had a fun morning tasting very different and exotic fruits. The children were very brave and adopted a 'have a go' attitude, describing the taste and then deciding if they liked it or disliked it. Their faces sometimes gave an instant indication of likes and dislikes! Among the many new tastes was a honey pomello, custard apple, kiwi berries, Sharon fruit and the very brave tasted fennel and kale. The children enjoyed learning about and using their sense of taste and they were all top tasters! We would like to say a very big THANK YOU to Eaton's mummy and daddy for kindly providing all of the fruit for our tasting session-we very much appreciated your help and all of the wonderful tastes.

Reception

Other News

HARROW LODGE JUNIORS PARK RUN

Every Sunday morning at 9am, we stand on the start line in Harrow Lodge park with lots of other children and get ready to run 2km. This is what the junior parkrun is all about - it's free, it's fun and we get to run it without our parents (or with them if they can keep up!) All you need to join is to register on the parkrun website, print off your barcode and bring it with you. Every week you receive an email after the run with your time so you can go back next week and beat your time. We love running now, have completed almost 150 runs between us and we've made some great new friends. For more information please visit our website - http://www.parkrun.org.uk/harrowlodge-juniors/

-Mia A, Isabel O, and Olivia F

SPORTS

On Tuesday 2nd October , 7 of our Year 2's attended a mixed 5 - a - side football tournament in Romford. We had 5 boys and 2 girls representing Oakfields playing 8 minute games against other schools. The pupils played with so much enthusiasm and motivation we won the award for the school who demonstrated the most determination! We won a game 7-0 with our top goal scorer being Dylan Ox. He was chosen by the Chelsea Academy scouts to attend additional football training at their foundation squad at Noak Hill. So well done to Dylan and congratulations to all of the pupils who took part. We are very proud of you all.

Upcoming Fixture:
Friday 12th October - Forest School netball match will be held at Redbridge Sports Centre, Barkingside, Essex IG63HD
We will be leaving school at 11am and returning at 4pm.

Miss C Peacham
Head of PE

NATIONAL POETRY DAY

This week we celebrated National Poetry Day 2018 and the theme this year is 'change'. Year groups 1-6 started by thought showering ideas about the meaning of 'change' and class teachers read poems to the children linked to this theme.

Over the forthcoming weeks, Key Stage 1 and 2 class teachers will plan lessons to prepare the children to create their own poems about 'change'. Year groups 1-6 will be entered into the National Poetry Day, Havering competition and the winning poems will be displayed in all Havering Libraries.

This is an exciting project, which will allow the children to be creative!

Please see future newsletters for updates.

Miss Gowing
English Co-ordinator

Miss Gowing's favourite poem about change

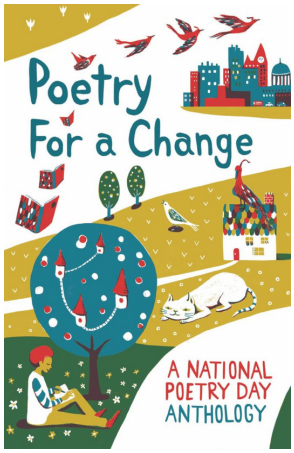
Advice from a Caterpillar
by Rachel Rooney

When I was egg, I too, clung onto leaf
in shaded safety, hidden underside.
And fastened by a pinprick of belief
I dared to dream I was a butterfly.

A hunger hatched. I ate the home I knew
then inched along the disappearing green.
In shedding every skin that I outgrew,
became a hundred times the size I'd been.

And now I'm spinning silk to fix my spot.
Outside remains. Inside I'm changing things.
This caterpillar's planning on the lot;
proboscis and antennae, four bright wings.

So keep on clinging on, my ovoid one.
For who you are has only just begun.



The Voice of Our
STUDENTS

Views from our Head Boy

by George Greenhalgh

I have loved my first few weeks in Year 6 as Head Boy. It has been a pleasure welcoming new children to the school and even new staff. As part of my duties I have been starting the school prayer in assembly; reading out the house points and even made a speech on the open morning. I feel so honoured to be representing our lovely school and can't wait to see what comes next in my journey as Head Boy.

World Teachers Day

by Dolly Kilner

My two favourite teachers were Miss Berry, who I had in Year 4 and my Year 1 teacher Mrs Hunte - St Rose. They were strict but so kind in the best of ways. Finally, my current teacher Miss Ndwana is the best teacher ever! She is the greatest person and she pushes us to be the best we can be!

Upcoming Events

Dates for your Diary

- Tuesday 9th October - Year 6 Globe Theatre trip
- Wednesday 10th October - Year 1 Museum of Childhood trip
- Monday 15th October - Parents' Evening
- Wednesday 17th October - Year 3 Cressing Temple trip and Parents' Evening
- Thursday 18th October - Year 2 Cudmore Grove trip
- HALF TERM: Monday 22nd October - Friday 2nd November
- Friday 9th November - Flu immunisation for Reception - Year 6
- Monday 12th November - Odd Socks Day
- Friday 16th November - Children in Need Day and PTA School Disco Night
- Thursday 6th December - Carol Concert at Brentwood Theatre
- Tuesday 11th December - Winter Wonderland

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