



MESSAGE FROM HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents,

Christmas is coming! Tomorrow will be the first day of Advent and Oakfields will be on Christmas countdown! The school has been alive with Christmas songs and nativity rehearsals; both the children and the staff have enjoyed getting into the festive spirit. However, we have ensured that this has not interrupted our learning which I have observed on several lesson observations that I have carried out this week.

On Sunday the school was buzzing with activity! Our amazing team of PTA volunteers decorated the school and it looks beautiful! We all had such a good time- I got stuck between two Christmas trees, Miss Brewster decorated my office windows and Mrs Pridmore found some treasures in the basement! Thank you so much for all your hard work.

Miss Brewster and I have also had a very busy week meeting with each class teacher. We have spent time looking at each child's mathematics books. We have discussed attainment, progress and quality of work whilst ensuring our OMS APP objectives are evidenced. I would like to thank all the teaching staff that enthusiastically engaged in these professional conversations. As a result, each child's progress and achievements have been celebrated and where necessary, further interventions to support children will be planned within lessons. Above all, please thank your children for their hard work and commitment which made these meetings so rewarding.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Christmas carol concert on Thursday at 6:00pm.

Kindest Regards,

Mrs Carroll
Headteacher

Congratulations

HEAD TEACHERS AWARDS

- Year 6 - Riley R
- Year 5MB - Odafe E, Freddie E, Jake R
- Year 5UN - Tomiwa F
- Year 4CM - Neave C
- Year 4JM - Samuel A
- Year 3 - The whole class
- Year 2 - Jedidyah N
- Year 1 - Sahana R
- Reception RNC - Tate R
- Reception RJW - Dillan J



*Times Table Winners
Chloe, Gursimran, Jason*

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

- Y1 - 97.7%
- Y2 - 97.8%
- Y3 - 99.4%
- 4JM - 100%
- 4CM - 98.6%
- 5UN - 99.2%
- 5MB - 100%
- Y6 - 99%

HOUSE POINTS

- Will be doubled next week!

Year Group Highlights

RECEPTION

This week reception have enjoyed using Numicon in their maths learning. Numicon is a teaching resource designed to help children visualise numbers. Each piece is a different colour and shape to represent numbers to 10. The children were introduced to the Numicon by putting pieces in order and making a staircase with the pieces. Then a number was removed and the children had to guess which one was missing. We also played Numicon BINGO and we created a cityscape by drawing around different numbers of the Numicon pieces. We also had Father Christmas flying over our cityscape. The children have loved using the Numicon to create pictures, including trying to fit the pieces into a Christmas tree shape. We have used the Numicon to support the children in finding one more and one less than any given number.



YEAR 4

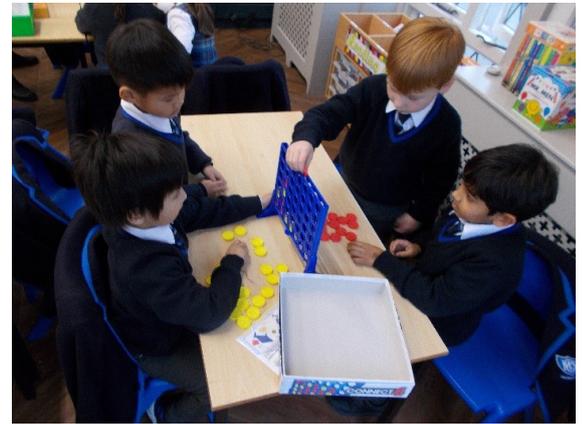
Year 4 have been busy this week making vegetarian chilli. We have been planning the recipe all term and we were all very excited to get tasting!



Year Group Highlights

YEAR 1

The children were introduced to a variety of toys and games made in the 1980s/90s. These included soft toys, Polly Pockets, Pokémon cards, Guess Who?, Uno and Connect Four. The children were provided with the opportunity to play with these toys and games alongside their peers. Check out the fun they had!



YEAR 5

This half term, Year 5 are learning about Sikhism and in 5MB we are very lucky to have Gursimran Lidher as our in-house expert. This week, Gursimran brought in some of her personal belongings that represented her faith and she told us all about them. Amongst these items was a Kura, a Ramale and an Indian poppy. Thank you Gursimran for sharing your knowledge and expertise. We are very lucky to have you in our class to help with our learning about Sikhism!



OAKFIELDS LUNCH SERVICE HAS BEEN RELAUNCHED!

The Oakfields relaunched lunch service received the seal of approval by our students. The fresh new menus and servery counters that have been introduced from the start of the half-term have had children commenting on the variety of choice on offer along with extremely tasty dishes.

Here's what they had to say....

"I have just had the most delicious lunch at Oakfields today!"

"I love the fish sticks!"

Thomas Franks has said "Steve and the team have worked so hard and it has made a huge difference! The counters were full and colourful. The food looked and tasted amazing. There was plenty of choice and more than enough of each thing."

The real evidence came when 6 of the Y5/6 pupils came up and said, 'Mr Steve. Best lasagne EVER!' And high fived him over the counter.



SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

- New Home For The School Uniform Shop
- The school uniform shop has moved to the music hut on the field.
- A reminder that the last day for the school uniform shop will be Friday 30th November 2018 until February half-term. During this period, parents can continue to make purchases online at <https://www.bespokeschoolwear.co.uk/>
- Bespoke Schoolwear will be offering a free delivery service throughout this time.



The P.E Department has had a very busy week. On Wednesday 28th November, 18 pupils from a combination of Year 5/6 girls and boys represented the school at The Havering Sports Collective Indoor Sportshall Athletics Competition at Harrow Lodge. This comprised of a series of field and track events such as sprinting relays, hurdles, obstacle courses, throwing, jumping and speed bounce. Each pupil competed in 2 track and 2 field events. All field competitors were given 3 attempts to gain their best possible score where the track events were all timed. There was a total of 18 Havering schools at the event and our pupils did their very best at every discipline.



I am happy to announce that we came 7th in the overall final positions! Congratulations to all of our budding athletes at Oakfields Montessori School!

On Thursday 29th November, 18 of our Year 4 pupils did exactly the same competition up against 14 other schools. I was very pleased when the final scores were announced and we came 7th again! So well done to the competitors for all their hard work and dedication in the events!



Finally, on Thursday 29th November, our Year 5 & 6 boys football team played the Havering Sports Collective cup game at home vs Squirrels Heath. At the end of the first half we were drawing 1-1 but unfortunately the opposition fought back to win 4-2 but well done to the boys who tried their best on this occasion.

Next Tuesday 4th December, our mixed Year 5 & 6 netball team play the first round of the league matches at Hacton school so we wish them the very best of luck!

Have a good weekend
Miss Peacham
Head of PE

OAKFIELDS NATIVITY SCENE

On 10th December 2018 our Year 5 classes are going to the Nativity Project. Our pupils have done a beautiful mural for this event, that is now hanging in the shop window (formerly Carphone Warehouse) at Romford The Brewery. A big thank you to Mrs Finch for organising this brilliant display.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

I am Mia Adams, I am aged 8 and I have chosen to swim the Olympic Program with my swim team at Thurrock Swim Club. I want to raise money for the children's charity Level Water, who provide specialist one to one swimming lessons to children with physical and sensory disabilities.

Swimming is my passion, I have always loved being in the water and one day I want to be an Olympic swimmer! It makes me sad to think that many children with disabilities are not given the opportunity to learn to swim, to have the chance to find a passion for swimming and to most importantly learn to be safe in the water.

On Tuesday 18th December 2018, I will be swimming 120 lengths, which is equivalent to 3000 metres. It will be a real challenge but I am determined to do it!

Please, if you can, help me raise money for Level Water by sponsoring my swim challenge. Thank you for taking the time to read this.

<https://bit.ly/2Ql7LD2>

Mia



SCHOOL GAMES

We have been awarded the GOLD Kite Mark School Games Award! Well done!



Upcoming Events



Dates for your Diary

- Thursday 6th December - Carol Concert at Brentwood Cathedral
- Tuesday 11th December - Winter Wonderland/ Reception to Year 6 Pantomime at Queens Theatre
- Wednesday 12th December - Kindergarten Nativity 2pm
- Thursday 13th December - Christmas Dinner Day
- Friday 14th December - Last Day of Term/ PTA Christmas Bazaar



You are invited to

**OAKFIELDS
WINTER WONDERLAND**

TUESDAY 11th DECEMBER

3:00-6:30pm
Donations are welcome.

"Proceeds to be split between the school and a local charity"

Meet the Reindeer
3-5pm

***Ice Skating**
4pm onwards

Market Stalls
Rides

Refreshments Available

Hot Food
Hot Drinks
Free Mulled Wine
Desserts

We look forward to celebrating with you. Please bring family and friends to join in the celebrations!

"Merry Christmas to all from Mrs Carroll, Miss Brewster, and Cognita"

(Suitable for ages 4 and up)

Google Review

Would you be interested in writing a review for OMS? Simply go to www.google.co.uk search for Oakfields Montessori School and click the review tab on the right hand side.

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