



MESSAGE FROM HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parents,

On Monday, the children, teachers and staff will come together for an act of collective remembrance and to observe a minute's silence. This is a very important time for reflection and an opportunity for us to talk with the children about the importance of understanding, empathy and peace as characteristics we must nurture and be proud of.

This year commemorates 100 years since the conclusion of World War 1. Some 65 million men were mobilised across Europe during World War 1. Nearly a third of them, some 21 million, were wounded. Devastatingly, another 8.5 million were killed and some 7.7 million were taken prisoners of war. All of them had family and friends whose lives were changed forever by the events of 1914-1918. This year gives us, as adults, the chance to remember, but also to hope and work for peace, looking forward with optimism. In a time of daily political debate and uncertainty we must teach our children that whatever our viewpoint, we can express our common humanity through our words and actions.

It hardly seems possible that we can only have been back to school for one week – so much has happened! Our newsletter celebrates these, however I would like to say a special thank you to both Madame Bernard and Mrs Peacham. Madame Bernard brought our globally minded school to life on International day. This took a great deal of time and effort on Madame Bernard's part and it was worth every moment. The children and teachers embraced the language activities, as did our Thomas Frank team, it was fun whilst also being an enriching educational experience. Equally, Mrs Peacham continues to amaze me with her endless energy and commitment to our children's sporting opportunities- she never stops! This week's cross-country event was an outstanding success and I am very proud of every child that represented our school. They presented themselves respectfully and demonstrated the ever important skills of sportsmanship. They supported each other; encouraging everyone to give their best and enjoy the event. On speaking with the children it is true to say this was a resounding success.

Finally, I would like to wish all our year six children that will be taking part in the New Hall entrance examinations the very best of luck. I am proud of each one of you; enjoy the experience.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Kindest Regards,

Mrs Carroll
Headteacher

HOUSE CAPTAINS

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

HOUSE POINTS

- 1st: Beech 498
- 2nd: Elm 486
- 3rd - Chestnut 454
- 4th - Oak 446

Congratulations



*Homework Star Award
Rhiannon*

HEAD TEACHERS AWARDS

- Year 6 - Ethan S
- Year 5MB - Emily M
- Year 5UN - Gabrielle S
- Year 4CM - Shanice M
- Year 4JM - Lucy S
- Year 3 - Halimah P
- Year 2 - Aaliyah Y
- Year 1 - Henry N
- Reception RNC - Eaton A
- Reception RJW - Leah O



*Year 4 Pen License Winners
Gabriel, Jessica, Shekina, Alifia*



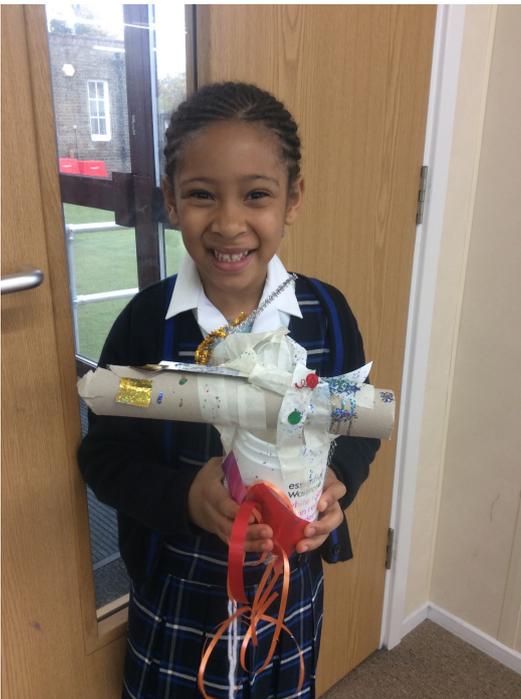
Year Group Highlights

RECEPTION

This week Reception started their new topic of Festivals and Celebrations. We talked about why we celebrate Bonfire night and introduced the festival of light, Diwali. We made our own fireworks using 3D shapes with lots of sparkly glitter and also painted colourful firework pictures using a variety of tools and resources.

We added labels and captions to our paintings, writing the sounds our fireworks would make as they zoom across the sky. We also added colour to our rice in preparation for next week when we will make Rangoli patterns to celebrate Diwali.

Well done Reception, a very busy week!



Year Group Highlights

YEAR 1

This week within English, Year 1 have read poems about 'fireworks' and practised reciting these in pairs or as a group. We included actions to support use in our performances. Check out the school's twitter page ([@OakfieldsSLT](#)) to see a video of one of our performances!



YEAR 1(cont.)

As part of our maths learning, we have learnt to group objects in 2s and count them in steps of 2. We worked in pairs to record the total number of objects.



Year Group Highlights

YEAR 2

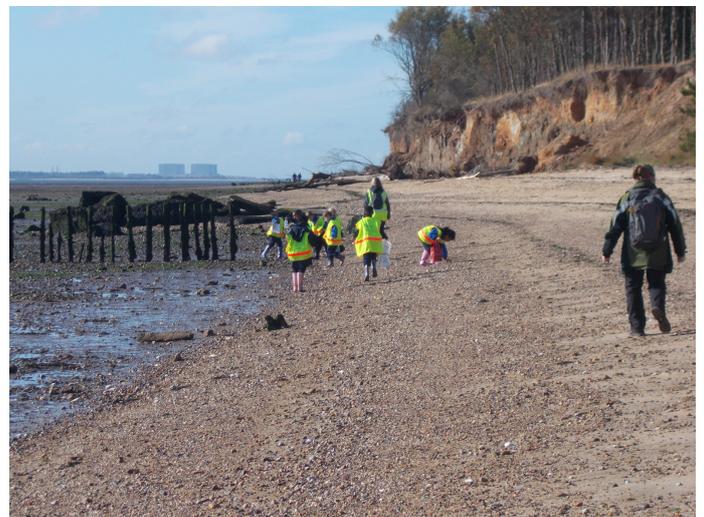
On Thursday 18th October, just before half term, the intrepid Year 2s set off on an adventure to Cudmore Grove Country Park on Mersea Island. The journey was long but we kept ourselves entertained with our singing. When we arrived we were met by Sue, our Ranger. Once the formalities were taken care of, we set off to the sea!

The beach was covered with shells and stones and some had holes in them so we threaded those onto a piece of string to make a necklace. We spent time searching for interesting things on the beach for our 'Cabinet of Curiosities'. The crab hunt was exciting although we didn't find many!

Our delicious lunch was followed by a sandcastle competition. However, the prize was shared by everyone because they were all brilliant!

Finally, we were homeward bound, tired and sandy after an experienced-filled day! Who wants to go again?

-Mrs Wells



SPAIN & FRANCE

Oakfields celebrated languages on Thursday 8th November and had a whole day dedicated to language learning.

Students in Y1 and Y2 had an interactive story session led by a native speaker in Spanish: Goldilocks and the 3 Bears and The 3 Little Pigs.

The students enjoyed playing the parts of the different characters and listening and repeating what the narrator was saying. Then the students went back to class and found out more information about Spain and Spanish speaking countries in Central and South America by taking part in interactive quizzes. In the meantime, the students in Y3 to Y6 were competing in similar quizzes on the countries above but also on France, French overseas territories and French speaking countries around the world. The morning went really quickly and in no time it was already time for lunch. Our chef prepared a French / Spanish menu and the children loved it. Finally, in the afternoon, it was time for the students in Y3 up to Y6 to have their interactive story session in French. The students listened to a whole hour of French and repeated prompted sentences for the purpose of the story!

What a lovely day!

H Watson
MFL teacher



CROSS COUNTRY

On Thursday 8th November, we entered The Havering SPORTS COLLECTIVE CROSS COUNTRY EVENT AT STUBBERS ADVENTURE PARK.

Years 3 / 4 / 5 & 6 have been training hard in order to compete in this event. We had 26 pupils represent our school in each category year 3 & 4 boys & girls and combined years 5 & 6 girls and boys.

Each even had over 200 pupils from all of Havering Schools running at the same time. All of our pupils did exceptionally well with the following pupils first for Oakfields:- Isabel F - 7th overall / Daniel A - 15th / Olivia F 6th overall and Aaron Jackson 15th.

Our students were amazing achieving the brilliant results below out of 29 schools:

Year 3 & 4 came in 1st

Year 3 & 4 boys came in 10th

Year 5& 6 girls came 5th

Year 5 & 6 boys came 14th

Congratulations to all of our pupils for their hard work, dedication and commitment. Also many thanks to our wonderful staff Miss Mercury, Mrs Robinson and Mrs Cousins who were a tremendous help on the day, plus our great parents for their support and encouragement.

-Miss Peacham
Head of PE



FIXTURES

- Monday 19th November - yr 5 /6 Girls football cup match
- Tuesday 20th November - yr 5/6 mixed netball league matches
- Thursday 22nd November - yr 5/6 Boys and girls Football league matches
- Thursday 29th November - yr 3 & 4 indoor sports hall athletics
- Thursday 29th November - yr 5/6 Boys football cup match



SCIENCE EXHIBITION

Brentwood School Primary Schools' Science Exhibition – Saturday 24th November
“The Wonder of Science”

The deadline to deliver your school's best two projects to Brentwood School is less than two weeks away and we really look forward to seeing your entries and congratulating your young scientists on their hard work.

This special Exhibition is open to all pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 at schools across Essex and it can be on any aspect of Science.

Entries need to be to school by Friday 16th November for the latest. To be judged by Mr Trusler and Miss Brewster. Two winning entries will be invited to Brentwood School on 24th November.

Sorry for the short notice but the school only received details from Brentwood this week.

-Mr Trusler



CHILDREN IN NEED 2018

Do Your Thing

We've all got one. A thing we love doing, a thing we've always wanted to do or just a thing we could do. Whatever it is, when we do it, we can really make a difference. Do your thing and change children's lives across UK.

Next Friday, 18th November, Oakfields will be supporting Children in Need. We ask that children come dressed as the thing that they love doing and donate £1 to this amazing charity. If your thing is dancing - come dressed as a dancer, if it's judo - come dressed in your kit. We look forward to seeing all our wonderful children dressed in their 'thing'.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Gabriel O moved from Orange ball to Green ball and gained his Merit Award in Tennis. Well done Gabriel! ★



Our Sports Captain Isobel P has successfully completed all of her British Gymnastics Proficiency Awards. Well done Isobel! ★

Joe R has recently achieved the Bronze Chief Scout Award, the highest award in his section. This is a great achievement! Well Done Joe! ★



Upcoming Events



Dates for your Diary

- Monday 12th November - Odd Socks Day
- Friday 16th November - Children in Need Day
- PTA School Disco Night 6-9pm
- Thursday 6th December - Carol Concert at Brentwood Theatre
- Tuesday 11th December - Winter Wonderland/ Reception to Year 6 Pantomime at Queens Theatre



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OMS PROUDLY PRESENTS

WINTER WONDERLAND

Save the date!

Tuesday 11 December 4pm
Food *Music * Ice Skating *
Reindeer and more...



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