



MESSAGE FROM HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parents,

My week began with me wearing brightly coloured odd socks and ended with me meeting prospective parents dressed as a tennis player- there is never a dull moment at Oakfields! The Anti-Bullying Alliance arranged for the first day of Anti-Bullying Week to be 'odd sock' day. We asked staff and children to wear odd socks to school in support of The Anti-Bullying Alliances message. It was an opportunity to have fun, make each other smile and spread awareness of the core values this week promotes. I was also very moved during our Remembrance service which also took place on Monday. The children were so respectful and understanding of this time for reflection. There are photographs of this special time included within the newsletter.

On Tuesday, our Assistant Director of Education, Mr David Baldwin, visited school for our Governance meeting. The Governance meeting gave our senior leadership teams an opportunity to reflect on the past academic year and share our current School Improvement Plan. This plan was then reviewed and agreed by all present. Mrs Murphy presented educational outcomes within EYFS and Miss Brewster presented our academic outcomes, as well as teacher planning and OMS objectives. Mr Baldwin was very pleased with the attainment and progress being made by all children.

We proudly showed Mr Baldwin the recent improvements in our learning environment. We were able confirm that every key stage one and two classroom now has a new interactive SMART board (Year 6 are just waiting for theirs to be installed) and 5 laptops that are housed within a secure charging unit in the classroom. This has made a significant difference to the cross-curricular computing opportunities that our children are able to experience on a daily experience.

I would also like to thank all the parents that are liking our twitter feeds. This increased activity was commented on during our governance meeting. Twitter has become a key tool for communication and if you haven't yet seen any of the twitter feeds please do take a moment to have a look. They always make me smile.

Enjoy all of the Children in Need events that many of you are attending this weekend. I must now say goodbye as I am off for my first dance at the Year 3 and 4 disco!

Kindest Regards,

Mrs Carroll
Headteacher

HOUSE CAPTAINS

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

HOUSE POINTS

- 1st: Beech 357
- 2nd: Elm 357
- 3rd - Oak 254
- 4th - Chestnut 213

Congratulations

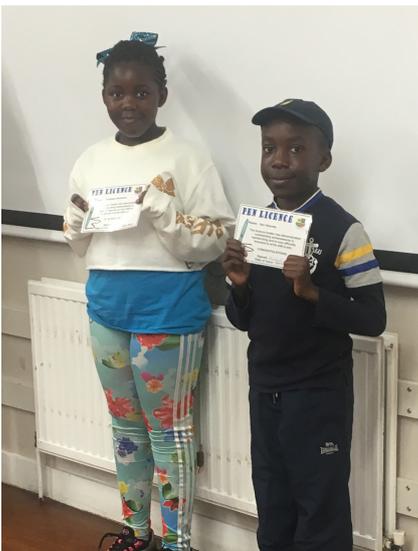


HEAD TEACHERS AWARDS

- Year 6 - Adiel E
- Year 5MB - Harry M
- Year 5UN - Olivia F
- Year 4CM - Shekina N
- Year 4JM - Daniel A
- Year 3 - Madeleine P
- Year 2 - Sharon Z
- Year 1 - Scarlett E
- Reception RNC - Samuel S
- Reception RJW - Avy A



*Times Table Stars
Elsie, Dylan, Christian, Freddie, Emily, Simran,
Jonathan, Freya, Jasmine, Selinah*



*Pen License Winners
Tanatswa, Ileri, Francesca, Georgina*



Year Group Highlights

YEAR 5

This term, Year 5 are learning about trade in historical and modern Britain. To enhance the learners' learning experience, we organised a WOW lesson where the children were required to dress up as historical merchants/modern traders. Within our Geography lesson, we set up authentic trade stalls and traded goods amongst each other and then had to explain what decisions we had made and the reasons behind them.

The children had a fantastic afternoon and got an authentic feel for what it was like to trade goods amongst other traders. We cannot wait for the next WOW lesson!



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RECEPTION

Reception have been so lucky this week to have two special visitors to tell us all about Diwali. Mrs Ashok and Mrs Midha told the children all about their Diwali celebrations that have taken place over the last week. The children learnt that Diwali is a festival of light, where Hindu's share cards and presents similar to Christmas. Some of the children acted out the story of Rama and Sita and wore beautiful costumes. Thank you so much for the sweet treats for the children and staff we really enjoyed your visit.



YEAR 4

Year 4 were busy today completing their wow writing! Using our text 'The BFG' they wrote some interesting dreams! We had space travel, winning the Champions League, enchanted forests and whole worlds made out of sweets!



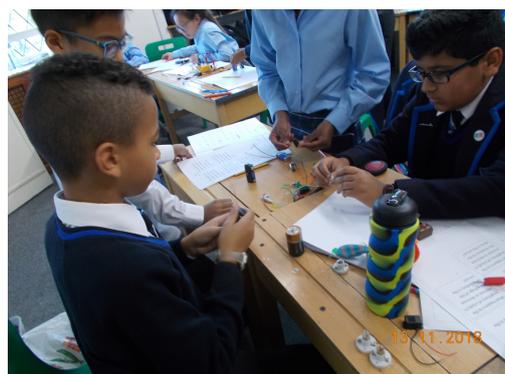
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YEAR 6

This week in Year 6 the children made electricity posters and investigated circuits. The posters were researched for at home using a range of resources, then the facts and information shared with the class. The fact that animal dung can supply energy to power things caused much amusement!

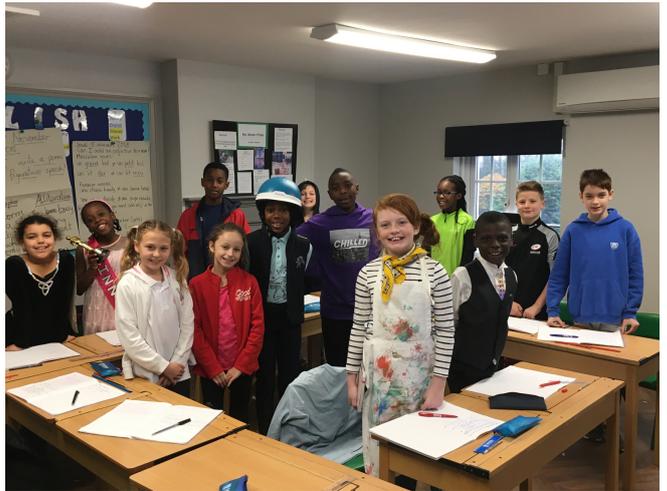
The children were given a selection of electrical equipment and then challenged to construct circuits that would enable lamps, buzzers and motors to work. Once constructed the children were asked 'what if?' questions to investigate. For example: What if you added another lamp to the circuit? Would there be an effect on the circuit?

They recorded both the circuit diagram using the appropriate symbols and the results of the changes in their books.



Children in Need Day

'DO YOUR THING' COSTUMES



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REMEMBRANCE DAY/ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

Here are some pictures taken Monday at our Remembrance Day tribute. We also had Odd Socks Day to kick off Anti-Bullying Week. Everyone looked great in their poppies and odd socks!



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

This past Saturday Dara A, in Year 5, won both the Samaritan and Entrepreneur Awards at the TruLittle Hero Samaritan Award Ceremony. Dara runs her own charity to benefit the homeless community. Her website is www.caregirl.org. She will also have a stall at our Winter Wonderland event on 11th December. Well Done Dara! We are all very proud of you! ★



Anna O, in Year 6, passed her Musical LAMDA Grade 4 exam with Merit! This is a fantastic result. Well Done Anna! We are extremely proud of you! ★



SPORTS 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

Upcoming Events



Dates for your Diary

- Friday 16th November - PTA School Disco Night
- 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)

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