



## MESSAGE FROM HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents,

I think I am still recovering from all the dancing I did at last week's very energetic PTA discos! It was great to see so many of the children having so much fun. Thank you again to all the parents that organised parking, refreshments and ticket sales – your time and support is much appreciated. I would also like to thank those children that tried their very best to teach me the latest dance moves; I promise to keep trying and hopefully improve in time for the next disco!

I was very pleased to receive the results of our student well-being survey this week. Children from Years 3 to 6 were asked to complete an online questionnaire about their well-being in school.

Q1. I enjoy school.

Q2. I feel safe when I am at school.

Q3. I know who to talk to if I'm worried about something.

Q4. Children behave well at our school.

Q5. My school listens to my opinions

Q6. My school helps me to understand and respect people with different cultures and beliefs

Q7. My school helps me to prepare for my future

Q8. My teachers care about me

Q9. My school deals quickly with bullying

I am very pleased to confirm that the responses exceeded my expectations and as a result we achieved an NPS rating of 74.5. This is considered as an excellent outcome. Most importantly, our children feel safe and cared for by both their staff and friends.

Reading through the responses and comments has been very helpful. It has allowed me to reflect on the systems in place and consider where adjustments or improvements can be made to further improve the well-being of the most important people in our lives – the children.

Miss Brewster and I will also take the time to talk with any children that have raised a concern and ensure that their voice is heard. The agenda for our Senior Leadership Team will include further analysis of this data which will then be shared with all staff members, where we will discuss any actions we feel may be needed.

These were a few of the comments the children wrote:

"I like that we are all friends."

"I think the class behaviour has improved."

"It's a good school the teachers are helpful, kind and nice."

"Oakfields is a good school to be safe in."

Yes, Oakfields is a lovely school to both work and learn in. However, this is only possible due to the supportive, caring and hard-working children, staff and parents. Thank you!

Kindest Regards,

Mrs Carroll  
Headteacher

# Congratulations

## HEAD TEACHERS AWARDS

- Year 6 - Emily I
- Year 5MB - Jake R
- Year 5UN - Christian E
- Year 4CM - Jaeda K
- Year 4JM - Zoey A
- Year 3 - Ralph B, Francesca W, Georgina W, Maxwell B
- Year 2 - Barlow A
- Year 1 - Daniel K
- Reception RNC - Jaimin P
- Reception RJW - Zayne S



## WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

- Y1 - 94.5%
- Y2 - 97.8%
- Y3 - 98.8%
- 4JM - 96.5%
- 4CM - 98.6%
- 5UN - 96.9%
- 5MB - 100%
- Y6 - 96.2%

## HOUSE POINTS

- 1st: Elm 552
- 2nd: Chestnut 541
- 3rd - Oak 537
- 4th - Beech 495



*Pen License Winner  
Benjamin F*

# Year Group Highlights

## YEAR 1

As part of our science topic 'Everyday Materials and their properties', Year 1 manipulated objects to test the forces that can be applied to different materials. We found out that the materials that you can manipulate the most are blu-tack and plasticine, while the material that can be manipulated the least is glass.

Within English, Year 1 listened to the story 'Shh! We Have a Plan' by Chris Haughton. We agreed that the main characters' plan to capture a bird was unsuccessful because not all of the characters followed the instructions. We worked in pairs/small groups to give clear instructions to one another on how to move a bird figure to different places in the environment.



# Year Group Highlights

## YEAR 2

The Victorians came to Oakfields this week! As part of our History topic, we had a WOW lesson. Year 2 dressed up as Victorians and found out about some of the changes that occurred.

Technology improved; factories were built; water and gas were piped into towns; railways were laid and used by ordinary people; new inventions were shown to people at the Great Exhibition and all children had to go to school. In general, life improved so people could go on holiday to the seaside.

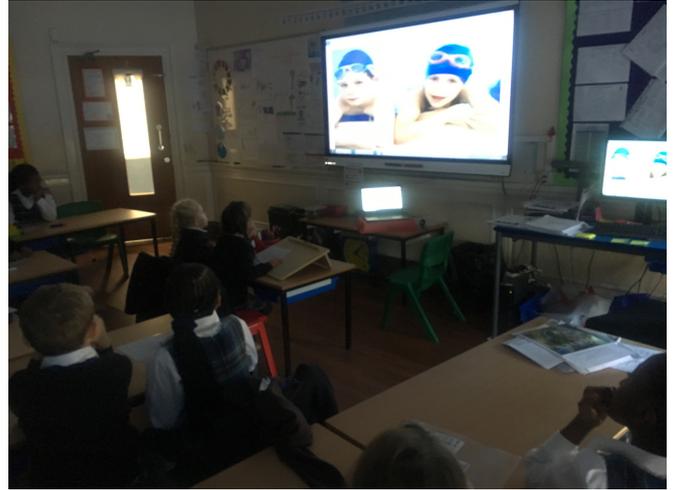
We learnt many facts and then performed freeze frames showing these changes.

A fantastic time was had by all!



## COGNITA CALLING

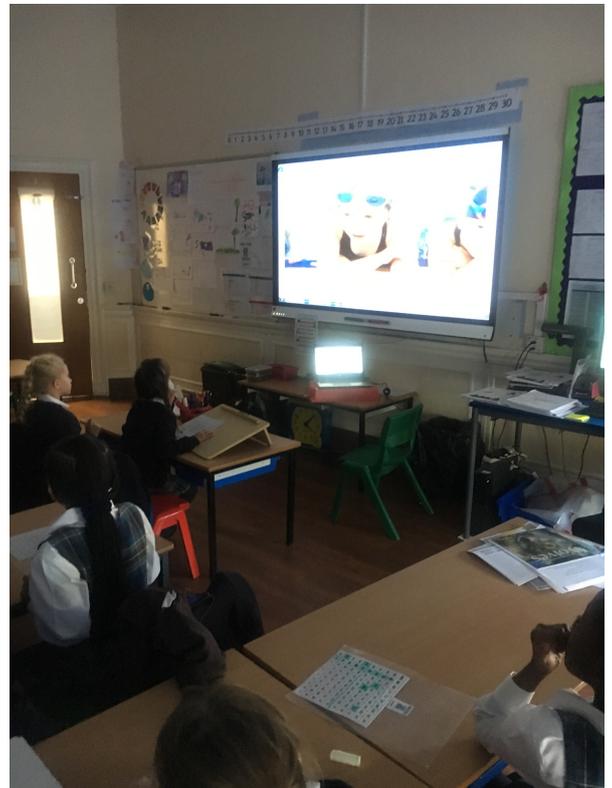
On Wednesday 21st November, our Year 2 class participated in Cognita's Global campaign called Cognita Calling. Students were able to learn about different cultures, other languages and see inside a school somewhere else in the world. 104 classrooms from schools in every country where Cognita operates connected through this Skype video day!



## CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

Oakfields will also be participating in Cognita's Christmas Around the World project. Our Year 5 classes are brilliantly designing e-cards that will give to another student attending an overseas Cognita school. They will receive one in return.

Also a Christmas tree decorating contest is on the agenda. So look out for pictures and announcement of winners.





## MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR

- We are so honoured to have Mayor, Cllr Dilip Patel as a guest to our Oakfields Winter Wonderland event and Deputy Mayor, Cllr Michael Deon Burton as a guest to our Carol Service this year.

## SCHOOL OPERATIONS

- Just a polite reminder that all parents should be using the 'drop and go' method when bringing their child/children into school in the morning. Parents should not be parking and then walking their child to the front door as this stops the flow of the traffic.
- This does not apply to Kindergarten children or pupils using the early morning clubs.
- Children should be in school by 8:50am ready for registration for lessons to begin at 9:00am. If for whatever reason you are late, you must report to Reception, and sign the late book.
- Christmas Closure - Please note the school site will be closed from Friday 21st December 2018 – 4th January 2019

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR MORNING CLUBS

- In the interest of safeguarding our staff and pupils, if your children are attending an extracurricular club in the morning, their club leader will be registering at 7:50am in Reception. Lessons begin promptly at 8:00am. Unfortunately if children are late and the lesson has started, they will not be able to attend.

## 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.

## SPORTS

- On Thursday 22nd November, 19 Year 5 & 6 pupils played in the first round of the football league. There was one boys team and one girls. Each had to play 3 matches against Branfil, St Alban's and St Mary's. The boys managed to win one game, draw one and lost one which made them the runners up in the pool. The girls played tremendously but didn't manage to clinch any wins. However, well done to all of the pupils who played.
- Next week there is Indoor Sports Hall Athletics for some of Year 5 & 6 on Wednesday 28th November and Year 3 & 4 on Thursday 29th November. Both are to be held at Hornchurch Sports Centre. It combines the disciplines of sprinting, jumping, throwing and relay races. Good luck to all of the pupils who have been successfully selected on this occasion.
- On Thursday 29th November there is also the boys football cup match at home from 2.30 - 3.30 against Squirrels Heath.
- I am awaiting the date of the girls football cup and the rescheduled date for the netball league.

Have a good weekend!

Regards,  
Miss C Peacham  
Head of PE

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Phoebe has successfully achieved her British Gymnastics Silver floor award. Well done Phoebe! ★

Gabriel Has received an 'Outstanding' for his grade 1 and is now busy practising for his Grade 2 in Piano. Well Done Gabriel! ★



Charlie was proudly presented with a Second Leader Stripe this week. This means he has been chosen to be second in command of his group within the 1st South Hornchurch Cub Scout pack.

Charlie was chosen for this role, to lead by example because of the qualities that he demonstrates each week, including kindness. Well Done Charlie! ★



# 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)**

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