



## MESSAGE FROM HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parents,

The joy of Christmas has once again, filled our school this week. From the pantomime; to winter wonderland; kindergarten nativity; Christmas dinner and the fabulous PTA Christmas bazaar that was then topped off with a wonderful display of festive jumpers. This was a glorious reminder (if one were ever needed) of the privilege we all enjoy from being part of the Oakfield's community.

Thank you for your support this term; I look forward to sharing many more exceptional moments (which punctuate the every day wonders of learning) with you in 2019. Have a wonderful Christmas holiday and let's pay heed to the words of Laura Ingalls Wilder when she said, "We are better throughout the year for having, in spirit, become a child again at Christmas time."

Enjoy every special moment!

Kindest Regards,

Mrs Carroll  
Headteacher

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## HEAD TEACHERS AWARDS

*All of our amazing Oakfields  
students!*



### WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

- Y1 - 97.3%
- Y2 - 93.9%
- Y3 - 93.5%
- 4JM - 96%
- 4CM - 100%
- 5UN - 96.9%
- 5MB - 95%
- Y6 - 94.3%

### HOUSE POINTS FOR THE TERM

- 1st: Elm 4692
- 2nd: Beech 4655
- 3rd - Chestnut 4182
- 4th - Oak 3933



# Year Group Highlights

## YEAR 5

Year 5 were lucky enough to be invited to attend a workshop run by the Nativity Project.

On Monday 10th December, we travelled to the Brewery in Romford and participated in a range of activities to test and develop our knowledge of the Christmas story.

Firstly, there was a competition - boys versus girls in a Nativity quiz. Girls were victorious winning 10 points against the boys' 4 points. Second, children (and teachers) were selected to participate in reenacting the Nativity story to see how different figures responded to the birth of Jesus.

Third, we watched a drama that demonstrated how the night of Jesus's birth could have affected one of the inn keepers.

To finish off, we were asked to give a performance so we performed our rendition of 'Twas the Night Before Christmas' and sang 'Feliz Navidad'.

What an amazing morning we had!



# KINDERGARTEN NATIVITY



## AUTUMN TERM SPORTS ACHIEVEMENTS



We are thrilled to announce that 4 of our current Year 6 Pupils who applied for Sports Scholarships at Secondary schools have been selected to attend a call back session at New Hall School for their excellence in PE and School Sports. Good luck to Aaron J, Adiel E, Anna O and George G

Current Year 5 Parents who are considering applying for Sports Scholarships in 2019 should contact the relevant schools for further information and you are welcome to speak to myself if you need advice.

Oakfields Montessori entered our first triathlon this year and performed exceptionally well. We are hoping to strengthen our success in this discipline next year so hopefully our pupils will have the opportunity to go out cycling, running and swimming in the Christmas Holiday break.

Our mixed Year 5 & 6 netball team successfully led us to the next round of the Havering Sports Netball League for 2019 and as we are current holders of the trophy, I hope our goal shooters will continue to practice over the holiday period. We also won Pool B of the Forest netball rally this year which was a tremendous achievement considering most of the schools that enter have many pupils to select from.

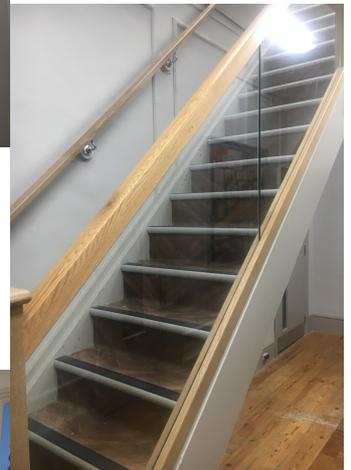
Our Year 4 girls cross country team ran exceptionally well at the local event and amazingly won a large trophy! So credit goes out to those girls who extend their training to park runs on a Saturday and Sunday and for attending our schools Golden Mile club which is open to Years 1 - 6 in January. Please email the office or myself if you wish your child to attend the club to build up their stamina and miles in our free running club.

I am really looking forward to a successful sporting catalogue of events next year and appreciate all parents who support the PE department and encourage their children to participate in additional clubs outside school to develop skills, understanding, experience and knowledge of any sporting discipline. Have a very Merry Christmas!

Kind regards  
Miss Peacham  
Head of PE

## AUTUMN TERM REFURBISHMENTS

As many of you are aware, we have had some wonderful upgrades happening around school this term including our updated top floor. During December we will continue our refurbishments with new toilets on the second floor. Please see some photos of the fantastic work Project 1 has done thus far.



# CHRISTMAS LUNCH



# CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

## THANK YOU

A huge thank you to our wonderful, hard working PTA. Your continued support to the school is very much appreciated. The Christmas Bazaar was well attended and all of the children enjoyed their shopping and visits with Santa!



# WINTER WONDERLAND

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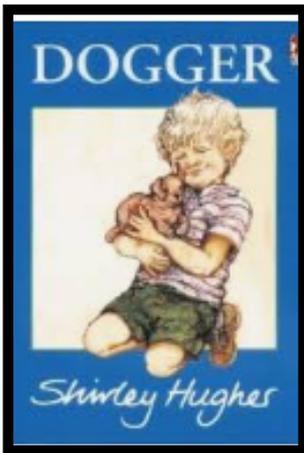
We have raised £124.60 in total from our Winter Wonderland donations and market stall collection which will be donated in full to the Children in Need charity.



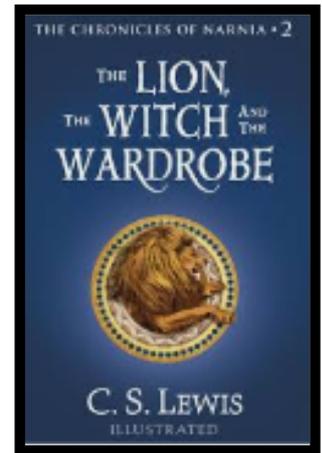
*Pastor Glen Podd, Mrs Carrol, Mayor Dilip Patel, Head Girl and Boy*



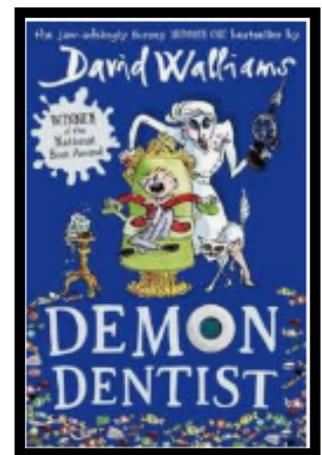
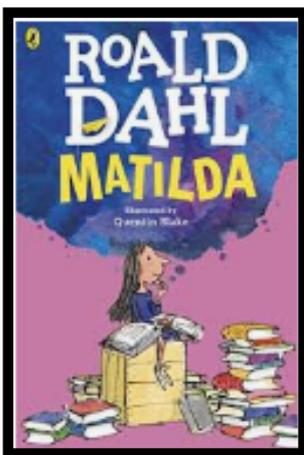
# The Gift of Reading this Christmas



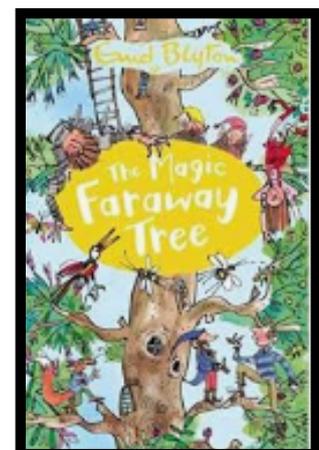
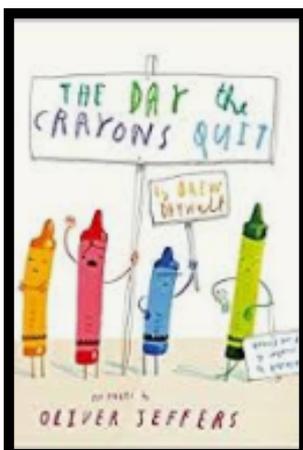
As Christmas Day draws nearer and excitement levels inevitably rise, it is worth taking time to pause and reflect on the true meaning of the season. In an increasingly commercialised and materialistic world, it is often easy to forget the notion of charity and altruism; giving to others is so rewarding and giving the gift of reading can impact individuals and the community on so many levels.



I would like to appeal to parents, students and staff alike, to read a book this Christmas. Whether your chosen read is a work of fiction or nonfiction, intended for enjoyment and escapism or to enhance subject knowledge and academia, all types of literary reads are enjoyable. It would be so rewarding and beneficial if we could continue to foster the love for reading in the Oakfields community, and what better time to ignite the flame of literacy than during the Advent season? So, please, consider reading a book this Christmas; the gift of reading is one that we should all be able to enjoy.



Miss Gowing  
English Coordinator



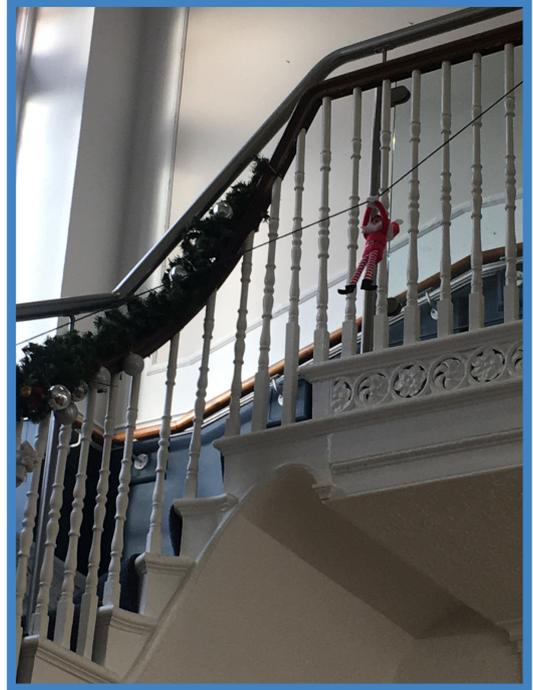
## STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

Mrs Davies has obtained her Level 3 Diploma in Children's Learning and Development. Congratulations Mrs Davies. We are very proud of you!



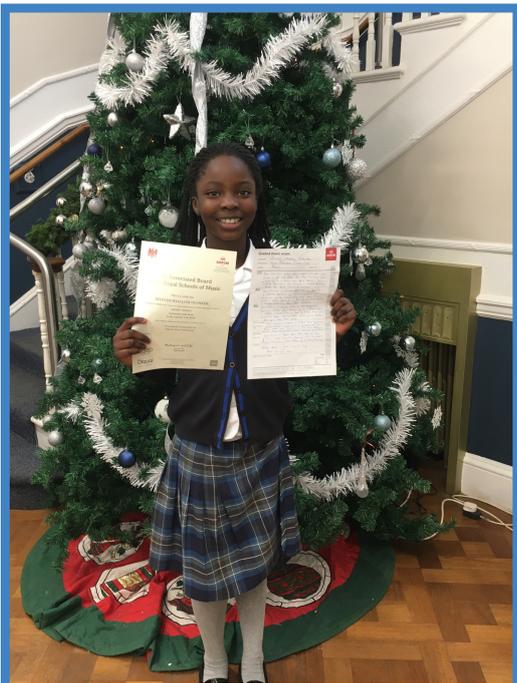
## MORE FROM OUR OAKFIELDS ELF

This week the children have been very excited to come into school and find out what our naughty Oakfields Elf has been up to during the night. Here's a look at some of his activities.



## PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS

Selinah S in Year 6 has received a merit for her grade 3 piano exam! Well done Selinah. We are very proud of you!



## CAROL SINGING

On Tuesday 11th December, Oakfields Choir serenaded the residents of Deram House with their beautiful carols. The students thoroughly enjoyed the smiles they received from everyone listening and joining in.



## STAFFING

It is with great regret that we say goodbye to two of our staff members this term. To one of our teaching assistants, Annette Cousins, we thank you so much for your 15 years of service and commitment to Oakfields. To Pauline Smith, Year 3 teacher, we thank you for your 7 years of valued work and dedication. We congratulate you both and wish you great success in your future endeavours.



## DESTINATION SCHOOLS

Congratulations to the 6 children that have been offered places for Year 7 at New Hall Academy for the 2019/2020 academic year.

## Homework for Spring Term

Reading at least 4 times a week with an adult to sign in the diary

Topic - this will be given once in a half term. It could be given at the start, in the middle or at the end of the half term depending on the chosen topic.

Homework will be marked by the teacher with a tick or cross and house points could be awarded. Further feedback if necessary will be given verbally to the child.

English and Science homework will be marked weekly. Mathletics tasks will be reviewed and set by the class teacher.

We thank you for your on-going support.

Miss Moore  
(Assessment lead)

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
Mathletics	English	Science	Spelling	Family time

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We are very excited to be launching the online program Mathletics after Christmas to support our learning in Maths!

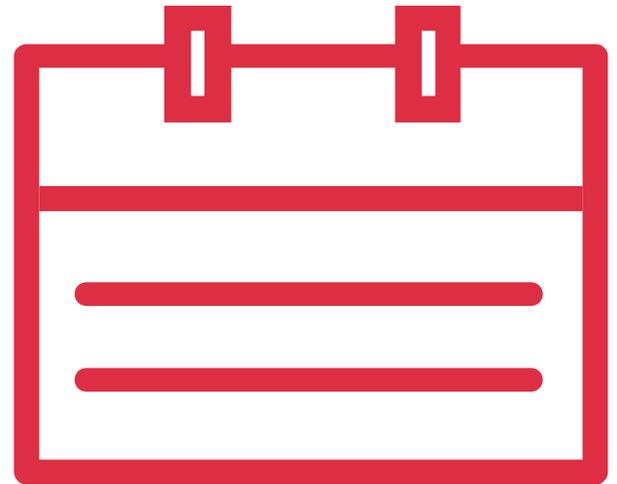
Mathletics is an online platform in which our children will be able to access a huge variety of activities that span across the Maths curriculum. This will become the way that our staff set their Maths homework and this will be set weekly (as usual). Mathletics can be accessed on any device with an internet connection so the children shouldn't have any problems accessing it. We are looking forward to seeing how Mathletics can develop our knowledge and understanding in Maths!

Miss Brown

# Upcoming Events

## Dates for your Diary

- Tuesday 8th January - Children return to school
- Friday 11th January - Years 1&2 Movie Night
- Wednesday 16th January - PTA Meeting
- Friday 18th January - Years 3&4 Movie Night
- Tuesday 22nd January - Years 5&6 Careers Day
- Thursday 24th January - Open Day for prospective parents
- Friday 25th January - Years 5&6 Movie Night
- Monday 4th February - Reception Coffee Morning/Young Voices Years 5 & 6 choir
- Tuesday 5th February -Year 1 Coffee Morning
- Friday 8th February - Kindergarten Coffee Morning
- Monday 11th February - Year 5 Coffee Morning
- Tuesday 12th February - Year 6 Coffee Morning
- Wednesday 13th February - Year 2 Coffee Morning
- Mon 18th February - Fri 22nd February - HALF TERM
- Monday 25th February - Year 3 Coffee Morning
- Tuesday 26th February - Year 4 Coffee Morning



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Google Review

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Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete a Google review!



## UPCOMING SPORTS FIXTURES

- Monday 14th Jan - Girls Yr 5 & 6 Football cup away to RJ Mitchell school
- Wednesday 30th Jan - Girls Yr 5 & 6 ISA Netball Rally away at Alleyn Court Prep
- Tuesday 5th Feb - Infants Indoor Sportshall Athletics at Harrow Lodge
- Tuesday 12th Feb - Mixed Yrs 5 & 6 Uni Hockey at Coopers Coborn

*Why do the bells of Christmas ring?  
Why do little children sing?*

*Once a lovely shining star,  
Seen by shepherds from afar,  
Gently moved until its light,  
Made a manger's cradle bright.*

*There a darling baby lay,  
Pillowed soft upon the hay;  
And its mother sung and smiled:  
"This is Christ, the holy child!"*

*Therefore bells for Christmas ring.  
Therefore little children sing.*

