



## MESSAGE FROM OUR HEADTEACHER

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Dear Parents,

When I drove into school on Monday, I was looking forward to a relatively busy week filled with an independent safeguarding audit, a voice of the parent survey, lesson observations, a PTA meeting and a movie night. All was organized and all was calm. However, as I welcomed our safeguarding auditors, Miss Rogers stopped me to say, "I have the ISI inspector on the telephone Mrs Carroll," it was at this point that I knew a visit from the Independent School's Inspectorate might need me to rearrange my diary slightly!

A Regulatory Compliance Inspection is a pass or fail inspection, during which the team of inspectors look at different aspects of the school, including; Quality of Teaching, Safeguarding, SMSC and Cultural development, Welfare, Health and Safety, Suitability of staff, Premises and Quality of leadership. We all very much enjoyed the opportunity to share with the inspectors the high quality provision, excellent academic outcomes and accelerated progress made that makes Oakfields so special! As expected, our children were fantastic ambassadors for the school and the inspectors commented on how our children are at the heart of our school!

We will not receive our report for another 4 weeks but I could not be any prouder of the staff or the children and I look forward to sharing the outcome with you all when I receive it.

I would like to say a very big thank you to all the parents who completed the questionnaire – it was very much appreciated.

Finally, I hope each and every one of you has a restful weekend. Wrap up warm and enjoy!

Kind Regards,

Mrs Carroll  
Headteacher

## HEAD TEACHERS AWARDS

- Year 6 - Abigail T
- Year 5MB - Gursimran L and Jonathan A
- Year 5UN - David H
- Year 4CM - Benjamin F
- Year 4JM - Mia A
- Year 3 - Katie A
- Year 2 - Tomisin F
- Year 1 - Mikey W
- RNC - Jaimin P
- RJW - Gabriella-Grace B



## WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

- Y1 - 95.5%
- Y2 - 88.3%
- Y3 - 100%
- 4JM - 98%
- 4CM - 98.6%
- 5UN - 90%
- 5MB - 88%
- Y6 - 96.2%

## HOUSE POINTS

- 1st: Beech 385
- 2nd: Oak 366
- 3rd: Chestnut 363
- 4th: Elm 344



## YEAR 5

We are excited to announce that we will be participating in the Independent School Association Essay Competition. This is an opportunity for the children to showcase their writing skills.

We will be working on the essays during class time and the children will be able to choose from six titles:



- 1 **Imaginative**  
"As the north east winds, like knives pierce us.  
I lie, beyond the fractured fence, alone"  
Write an imaginative account of being homeless.
- 2 **Poetry**  
"In cavalry charges, we'd drink  
full-blooded measures, claret rich."  
*2019 was a special year in commemorating our dead. It marks a hundred years since the end of world war one. Write a short poem in either rhyme or free verse, no longer than 14 lines*
- 3 **Science fiction**  
Write a story with the title "the portal."
- 4 **Description**  
"Hands now age-wrinkle like brittle leaves,  
webbed by russet veins that twist arms"  
Choose an autumn scene and recreate using vivid descriptive techniques.
- 5 **Persuasion**  
Write a letter to your year group at school, persuading them to support a charity of your choice. For example, Children in need, Shelter or Comic relief are possible themes or a local hospice.
- 6 **Autobiography**  
"A pet is not just for Christmas, but for life"  
Describe how a pet has enriched your life.

Schools may submit a maximum of one female entry and one male entry for the competition and we will be selecting our candidates by March 28th as this is the deadline.

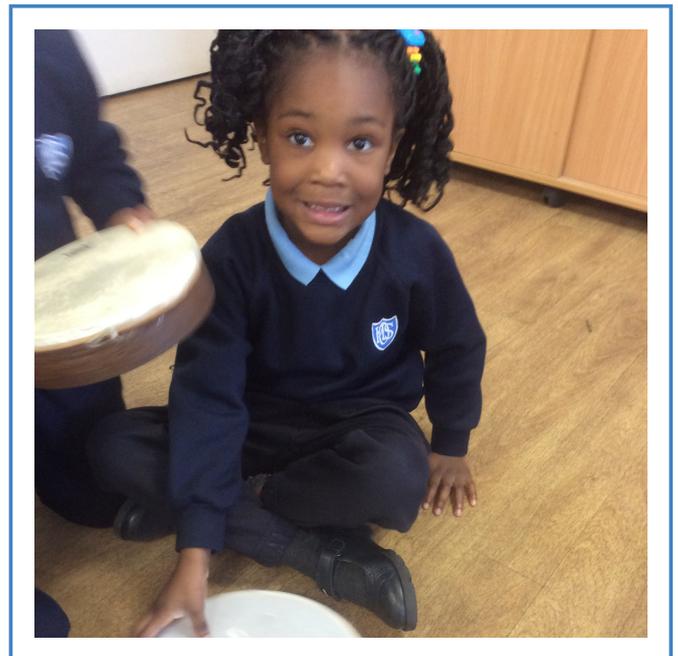
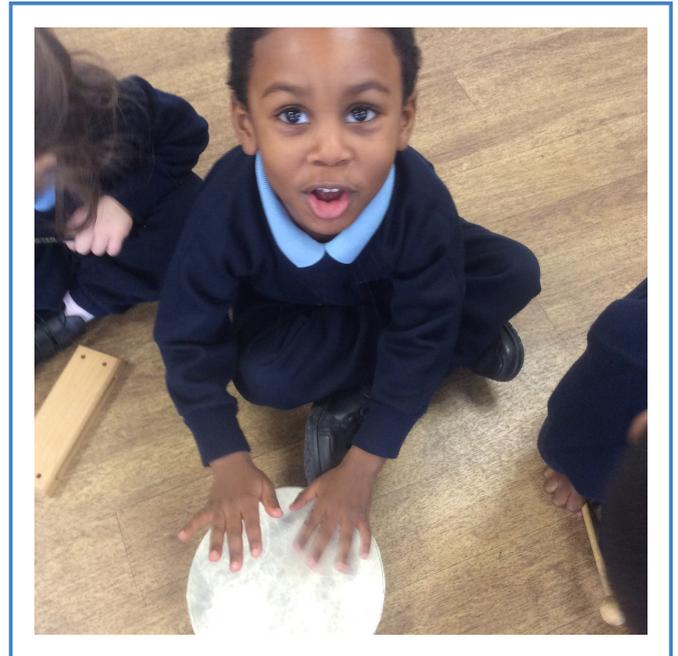
Wish us all luck! We will keep you posted on our progress and outcomes.

Year 5 Team

# Year Group Highlights

## KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten have had a wonderful music lesson with the lovely Mrs Wiltshire this week. The children were very excited to play the instruments. They were learning about the different sounds the instruments can make. When we returned to our classroom we created a music station for the children to explore. We were all very impressed to see the children creating loud and quiet sounds. The children are looking forward to their next lesson.



# Movie Night

## PTA Movie Night

Last Friday our children had a blast on their Movie Night put on by our brilliant PTA. Some children even got nice and cosy in their onesies and tracksuits and enjoyed their movie snacks! The featured movies were:

Reception - Year 2 - Peter Rabbit

Years 3 & 4 - The Borrowers.

Years 5 & 6 - Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good Very Bad Day.



## FIXTURE RESULTS



Monday 14th Jan we played the first round of the junior girls football cup vs RJ Mitchell at half time the score was 1-1 but in the last minutes of the second half their top player scored to win 2-1 . Well done to all of the girls who played!

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## UPCOMING SPORTS FIXTURES

- 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



## SCHOOL CLUB HIGHLIGHT

### **Singing Club**

We had a fantastic time on Monday at our first Singing Club. Children from Reception through to Year 6 enjoyed singing along and moving their bodies to a variety of songs. We had to practise our listening skills at first to ensure we could listen to each other as we sang. Then we enjoyed learning You're in the Band from School of Rock and a number of songs from The Greatest Showman! We even impressed each other with our singing in a round with London Bridge is Falling Down. Our listening skills came into practice!

There are still a few spaces available for all ages.

Please contact Mrs Marshall if you would like to secure a place.



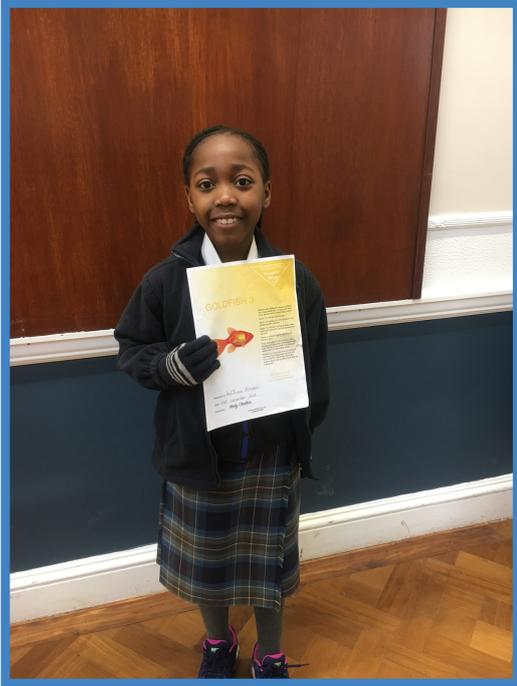
**Singing Club:**  
**Reception - Year 6**  
**Mondays**  
**3:45pm - 5:00pm**

# Pupil Achievements

## STUDENT SUCCESS

Congratulations to Ireoluwa A in Year 4 for passing her swimming evaluation for Stage 6. On to Stage 7!

Well done Ireoluwa!



Thought for the week

"Strength doesn't come from what you can do. It comes from overcoming the things you once thought you couldn't."  
~ Rikki Rogers

## NATIONAL POETRY COMPETITION - KS2 RESULTS

Havering Library Service have been in contact with Oakfields for the second week in a row regarding the National Poetry Competition, which took place in November 2018.

I am delighted to announce that the following two children in Key Stage 2 were successful in being highly commended for their poems:

Georgi Watt in Year 3

Abigail Tragen in Year 6

Well done to both children for their use of creativity when writing their poems. Your hard work and effort paid off!

Both Georgi and Abigail's poems will be displayed in Fry's Gallery which is the new exhibition space showcasing creativity in Havering in the Fairkytes Arts Centre, Billet Lane, Hornchurch.

Miss Gowing

English Co-ordinator

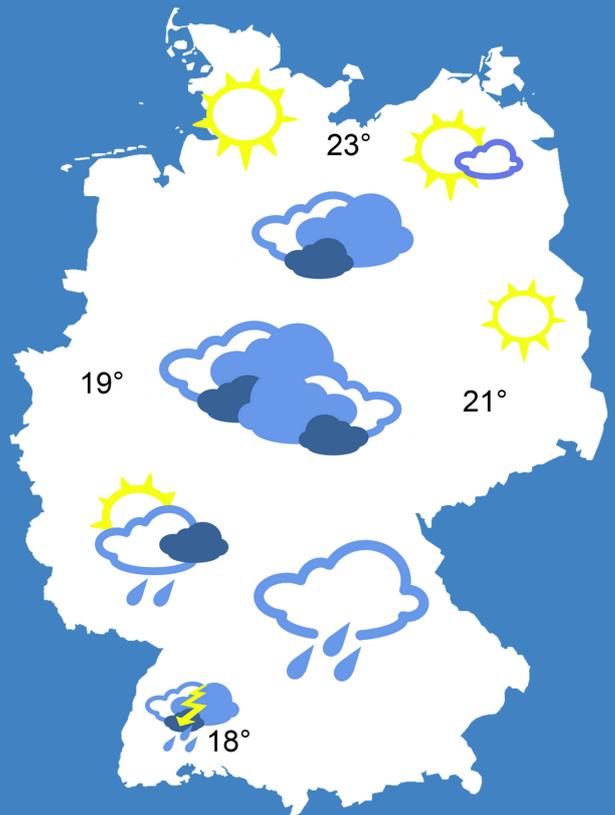


## *\*SEVERE WEATHER PROCEDURES\**

During the winter months, severe weather conditions may make it impossible for students and staff to come to school. These conditions are rare and are unlikely to occur every year and our aim is always to keep the school open, however, our priority must be the safety of our students and staff. When such weather conditions occur, I would like parents to be aware of the following routines:

As with any emergency:

- If the school needs to close, parents will be notified via email, Twitter and the school website (please make sure that we have your most up to date contact information);
- School staff will always stay with, and look after, any students who are on site waiting to be collected;
- Work will be set by the class teacher



### UNIFORM

**PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO SHOP SERVICE  
UNTIL FRIDAY 1ST MARCH, 2019**

**PARENTS CAN ORDER ONLINE WHERE THERE IS A  
FREE DELIVERY OPTION AVAILABLE**

**[WWW.BESPOKESCHOOLWEAR.CO.UK](http://WWW.BESPOKESCHOOLWEAR.CO.UK)**

### **\*REMINDER\***

**As the weather continues to get colder,  
please ensure that your child has a winter  
coat and suitable outdoor shoes in school  
at all times so that they can play outside  
during this winter season.**

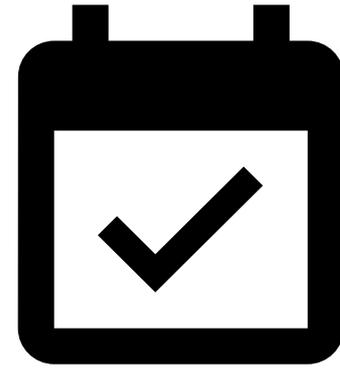


# Upcoming Events

## Dates for your Diary

- Friday 18th January - Years 3&4 Movie Night
- Wednesday 23rd 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

# 2019



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Google Review

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

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



## VOICE OF THE PARENT

Thank you for your understanding in the delay of the Voice of the Parent Survey. The new date will be Tuesday 22nd January. We appreciate your thoughts and comments and look forward to your responses.

Thank you.