



MESSAGE FROM OUR HEADTEACHER

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Dear Parents,

This week has seen our SLT focused on safeguarding. Miss Brewster, Deputy Head Teacher, and Mrs Murphy our EYFS lead both attended the Annual Cognita Safeguarding Conference. The morning's focus was on healthy relationships and the government's new statutory requirements due for implementation in September 2019. Both Miss Brewster and Mrs Murphy came back from the conference keen to look closely at our PSHE curriculum and review what we deliver in time for September. The afternoon's session was led by the education advisor from Stone Wall. The session was very valuable and we are keen to ensure all staff have an awareness of the programme and are aware of the support available for children, staff and parents. I am very grateful to Cognita's Safeguarding advisor, Alison Barnett, for organising the event.

I have also been busy! Many of the children may have mentioned that I have been observing their lessons. This is part of our on-going Teaching and Learning programme. The observations are carried out by myself, Miss Brewster, Miss Gowing (Head of English) and Miss Brown (Head of Mathematics). We take this opportunity to monitor progress, ensure teaching is in line with our OMS APP objectives and discuss, as a staff, how we can continue to develop teaching and learning across the school and ensure the best outcomes for our children. It also gives me great pleasure to congratulate Anna and Adiel, who following the completion of New Hall's Year 7 2019 entry scholarship and award assessments, are being offered the following scholarships: Anna Olugbodi - Open Academic and Adiel Edobor - All-rounder. As a school, we are proud of all our Year 6 achievements and I am sure I will have more successes to share with you all in the coming weeks.

Wrap up warm this weekend, enjoy the snow if it arrives and have an enjoyable time with your families.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Carroll
Headteacher

HEAD TEACHERS AWARDS

- Year 6 - Safeena G
- Year 5MB - Freddie E
- Year 5UN - David H
- Year 4CM - Neave C
- Year 4JM - Elliot C
- Year 3 - Josiah U
- Year 2 - Aria S
- Year 1 - Henry H
- RNC - Arjun M
- RJW - Dillan J



WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

- Y1 - 92.7%
- Y2 - 96.7%
- Y3 - 88.8%
- 4JM - 98%
- 4CM - 98.6%
- 5UN - 85.4%
- 5MB - 88.8%
- Y6 - 94.3%



HOUSE POINTS

- 1st: Elm 540
- 2nd: Beech 484
- 3rd: Oak 414
- 4th: Chestnut 386



*Year 4CM pen license winners:
Neave, Oscar, and Joe*

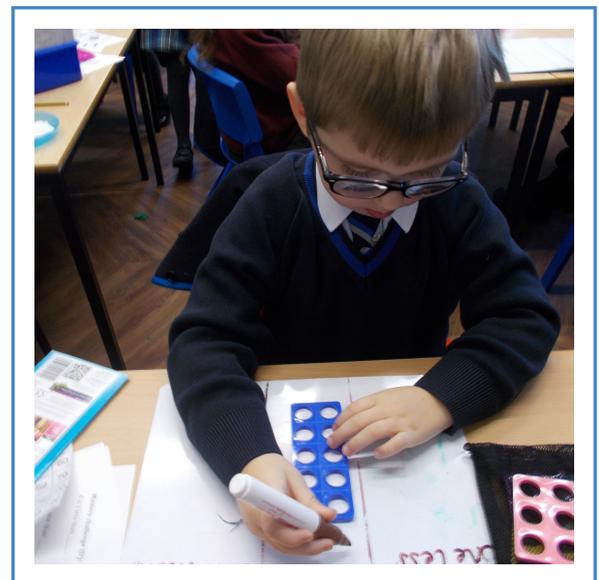
Year Group Highlights

YEAR 1

This week within Design & Technology, Year 1 discussed the different types of pizzas, e.g. pepperoni, margarita, four seasons, seafood, etc.

The children selected four pizzas of their choice. They asked their friends which pizza was their favourite and collected this information in the form of a tally chart. They then presented their findings in the form of a pictograph.

As part of our learning within maths, Year 1 have practised identifying one more and one less than a given number. The children were then challenged to identify ten more and ten less than a number.



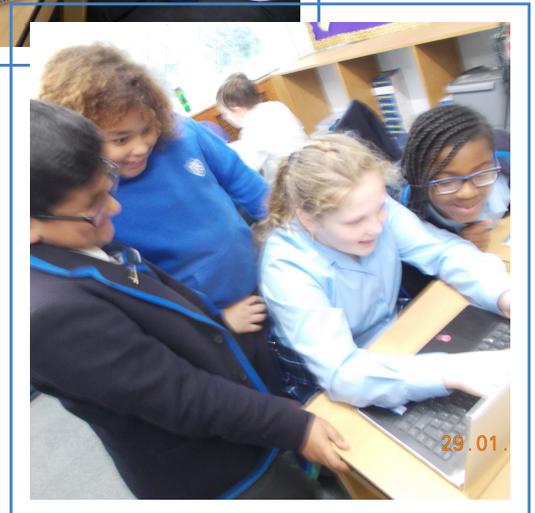
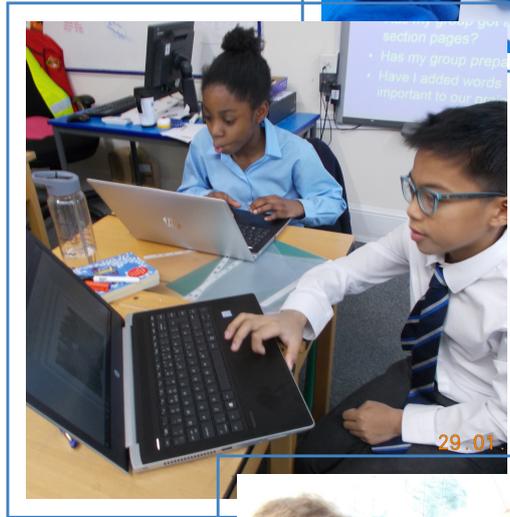
Year Group Highlights

YEAR 6

In geography this half term the children in Y6 are working in groups of three or four to research an aspect of South America - Flora and Fauna, the Economy, the People, the Sport, The Physical Features and the Culture. Using the laptops and other paper resources each group researches their area using an instruction sheet as guidance for what to include. The steps to success with this project include:

- Have I worked co-operatively?
- Have I used websites and search engines for research?
- Have I read a text before selecting information?
- Have I selected information appropriately for my audience?
- Have I remembered some facts from my research?

When the projects are finished the groups will invite each other to explore their folders and ask questions to find out more. This could result in follow up research to answer challenging questions.



BETT SHOW VISIT

On Friday 25th January, four intrepid Year 6 Digital Leaders set off to the BETT Show (Education Technology). They were accompanied by Mrs Wells and Miss Caffull. Their mission (as they chose to accept it!) was to investigate new and exciting technologies that could be used in the school.

The journey was long and tiring but we arrived finally and surveyed the scene in front of us! A smorgasbord of hardware, software and goodies – all for use in schools and educational settings.

We wandered hither and thither and find many exciting things to look at and try! Our favourite was the coding robots. So many different types and so many different ways to programme them!

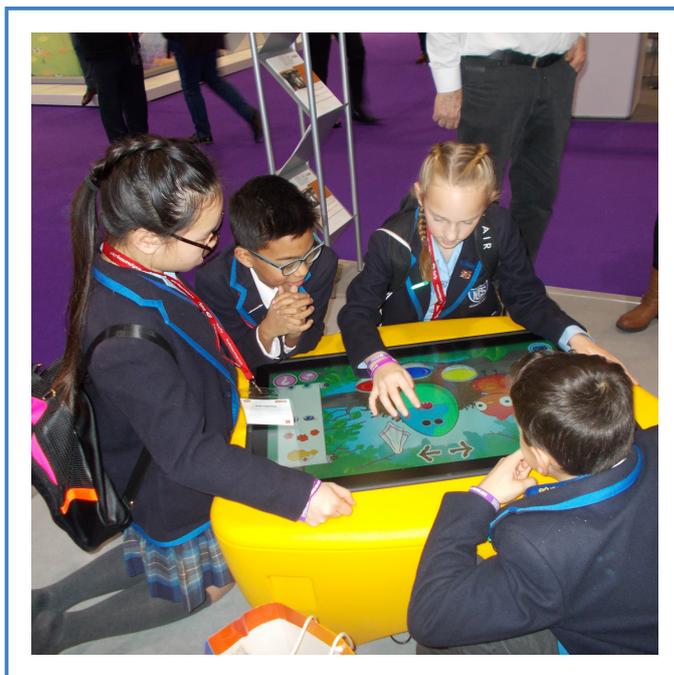
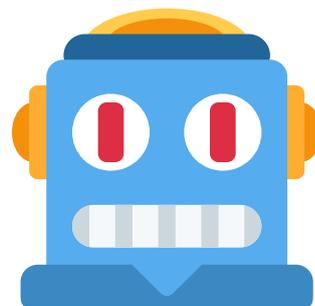
We had our delicious lunch and sat contemplating all we had seen.

Angela said, *“I loved the Rugged Robot. He was great to programme so he went over the bridge. And they gave us a goody-bag!”*

In the afternoon, we continued and even talked to an astronaut and a penguin expert. They were part of a website that enables career questions to be answered.

“I loved the penguin call!” said Ethan.

Finally, it was time to come home. We left the show behind reluctantly and made our way home, filled with ideas for the future! Watch this space!



SPORTS/PE

On Wednesday 30th January our Year 5/6 Girls netball team experienced the first ever I.S.A netball tournament at Alleyn Court School in Southend. This is a yearly regional tournament for all East of Anglia Independent schools to compete in u.11 girls netball in order to qualify for the National finals later in the year. Every year I have entered with my previous school for many years so I know the competition is tough. When we arrived I was given the draw and discovered we had the toughest teams to play against. We played our first 10 minute match against Copthill and surprisingly won 5/1! Our second match was against Langley Prep which was nail biting throughout and the final score was 3/4 . Our third match was against Finborough Prep and we won 5/1! Our final 2 matches were the hardest, St Margarets Prep, we lost 13-0 and Littlegarth 2 - 7. I am proud to announce that the girls played extremely well and finished 4th in their pool but missed out on qualifying for the National finals. Well done to all of the girls who demonstrated such motivation, determination and enthusiasm.

Next Tuesday some of our Year 2's will be competing in Indoor Sportshall Athletics at Hornchurch Sports Centre. We wish them good luck and to do their best!

Miss Peacham
Head of PE



UPCOMING SPORTS FIXTURES

- Tuesday 5th February - Infants Indoor Sportshall Athletics at Harrow Lodge
- Tuesday 12th February - Mixed Yrs 5 & 6 Uni Hockey at Coopers Coborn

STAFF CHANGE

Mrs Brentnall - Change of Role

"For many years now I have worked at Oakfields as a TA, a role I have enjoyed. I am now delighted to be given the opportunity of taking on the role of well-being lead. This follows my training through Cognita as a Mental Health First Aid Champion and my own private studies in counselling. It will be compulsory for all schools to have a designated well-being lead and this is usually a secondary role. As this is my primary role within the school I hope to make a real difference in supporting both the children and the staff. My main focus over the coming weeks will be to promote the importance of well-being and good mental health."

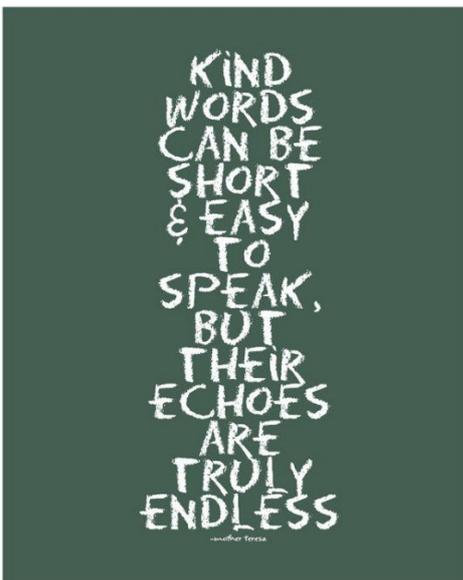
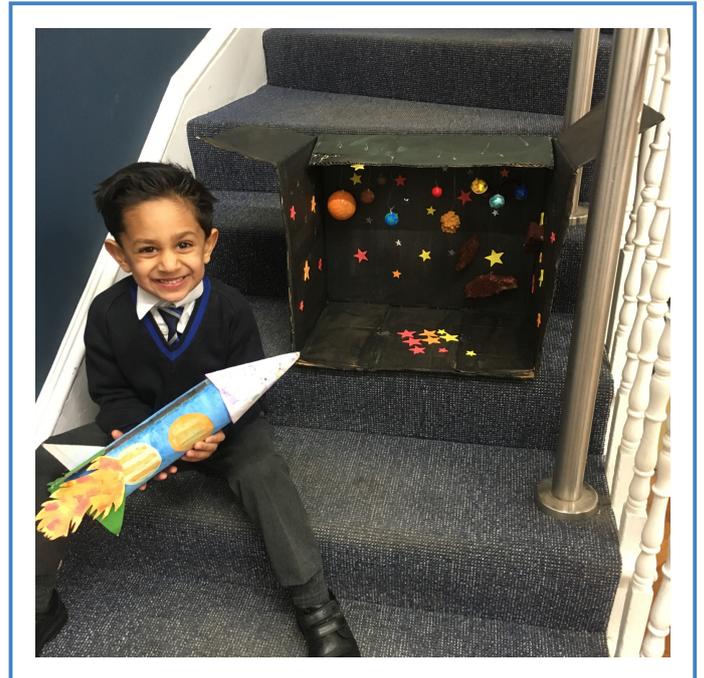
STUDENT SUCCESS

Arjun M in RNC has made an outstanding space and planet model at home. We are very proud of his hard work and would have to agree that his rocket and planets are amazing!

Arjun said, *"This is a cool rocket because I can pretend it opens up and a person comes out of it."*

He also says with excitement, *"My favourite planet is Neptune!"*

Well done Arjun!



Thought
of the
week



Next week we are on week 2's menu

The SOUP Kettle

Monday
Seasonal soup
With 50/50 homemade
bread

Tuesday

Seasonal soup
With 50/50 homemade
bread

Wednesday

Seasonal soup
With 50/50 homemade
bread

Thursday

Seasonal soup
With 50/50 homemade
bread

Friday Week 2

Seasonal soup
With 50/50 homemade
bread

TACO ENTREES

Monday
Extra mild beef tacos with
50/50 rice and salsa

Tuesday
BBQ Chicken breast with
simple baked potato
wedges

Wednesday
Lamb Bolognese served
with spaghetti

Thursday
Butchers specially
selected sausages
Chicken and herb
Or
Pork Sausage

Friday
Premium Beef Burger with
Homemade Relish
Served with Oven Chips

VEGGIE LOVERS

Monday
Corn nachos topped with
mixed tomato lentils
with a Salsa sauce

Tuesday
Cheesy Layered Sweet
Potato and Leeks Bake

Wednesday
50/50 penne pasta
Soya bolognese

Thursday
Vegetable sausages

Friday
Cheese and tomato
Wholemeal pizza

ALLERGEN FREE

Monday
Mild Beef Chili with
Simple Boiled Rice
Or
Simple lightly boiled
Gluten free pasta

Tuesday
Simple Baked Chicken
Breast
Or
Baked Jacket Potato with
topping from salad
counter

Wednesday
Simple Lamb Bolognese
Or
Simple lightly boiled
Gluten free pasta

Thursday
Vegetable sausages
Or
Baked Jacket Potato with
topping from salad
counter

Friday
Simple Beef Burger
Or
Simple lightly boiled
Gluten free pasta

on the SIDE

Monday
Pasta
Sweetcorn & mixed
Peppers

Tuesday
Jacket Potato
Green beans and
roast aubergine

Wednesday
Pasta
Steamed broccoli
Roasted Squash

Thursday
Jacket Potato
Crushed New Potatoes
Steamed cauliflower
Garden Peas

Friday
Pasta
Skin on parsnip and
Baked beans

TASTY PUDS

Monday
Greek yoghurt with
berry compote

Tuesday
Mandarin segments
in jelly

Wednesday
Bramley apple crumble
with custard

Thursday
Banana and Pineapple
smoothie

Friday
Ice cream with homemade
toppings

Salad Bar available everyday
Chunks of fresh fruit and natural yoghurt



GREEK DAY IN YEAR 5



GREEK DRESS



GREEK DANCE



GREEK FOOD



SCHOOL UNIFORM

Reception:

Blazer
Girls Pinafore/Summer Dress
Trousers/Shorts
Navy (Sky Trim) Jumpers/Cardigans
School Coat
Girls Winter Hat/Summer Boater
Boys Winter Cap/Summercap
Elasticated Tie
Book Bag
PE bag
Royal PE shorts
PE White School PE shirt
Swim Bag
Swim costume/trunks
Swim hat

Years 1-5:

Blazers
Girls Kilts/Summer Dress
Trousers/Shorts
Shirts/Rever Blouses
Navy(Sky Trim) Jumpers/Cardigans
School Coat
Girls Winter Hat/Summer Boater
Boys Winter Cap/Summer cap
Tie
Water bottle
Winter hat, scarf and gloves
Tracksuit (Year 3-6)
Rugby top (Year 3-6)
PE polo shirt
PE skort or shorts
Base layer
Swim costume/trunks
Swim hat
Junior Rucksack (Year 1-2 Book bag)
Sports Bag (Year 1-2 PE bag)
Swim bag



Please ensure all items of your child's uniform is clearly marked with their names to avoid items getting lost or taken by accident.

Thank you

Severe Weather Procedures

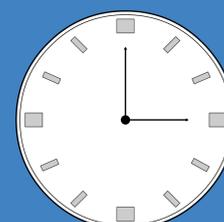
During the winter months, severe weather conditions may make it impossible for students and staff to come to school. These conditions are rare and are unlikely to occur every year and our aim is always to keep the school open, however, our priority must be the safety of our students and staff. When such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

Lates Reminder

We still have some pupils arriving late. Please remember school starts at 8.50am. It is extremely important your child arrives at school on time as work has been set for them to complete. Being 15 minutes late every morning for a week adds up to 1 hour and 15 minutes of school time lost, over a half term this is 7 and a half hours! This is more than a whole school day. Please ensure your child arrives on time and is ready to work.



Upcoming Events

Dates for your Diary

- Monday 4th February - Reception Coffee Morning/Young Voices Years 5 & 6 choir
- Tuesday 5th February -Year 1 Coffee Morning
- Wednesday 6th February - Kindergarten Stay and Play
- 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

Would you be interested in writing a review for OMS?
Simply go to 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!



Psst...

YOU STILL HAVE TIME

VOICE OF THE PARENT

It's not too late to have your say. We are very keen to hear your thoughts on what we are doing as a school, but also what we can do to improve. Thank you to all the parents who have already taken the time to complete our VOP survey, we look forward to receiving more responses.