



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

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Dear Parents,

It was my pleasure to receive the feedback from our recent safeguarding report. Safeguarding is central to all that we do for our children at Oakfields. Over the past eighteen months we have worked tirelessly together to embed safeguarding procedures so that we can confidently say that safeguarding our children is paramount to all we do.

The safeguarding audit was very thorough taking into consideration all aspects of school life. This included lesson observations, break times, health & safety, educational visits and learning outside the classroom. The auditors interviewed both children and staff as well as thoroughly reviewed our safer recruitment procedures.

Here are some quotes from the report:

"Many positive changes have taken place since the arrival of the head and deputy teacher which reflect their commitment to promote a culture of safeguarding which is child centred."

Children interviewed represented years 4-6. Here are some findings from what our pupils have said:

"They all said that they felt safe at school and could identify various trusted adults they felt confident in approaching if they had a concern."

"They gave many examples to illustrate how they are listened to and responded to by staff that resulted in positive changes in the school for them."

I am very happy to say that the report supports all that is being done and has given no recommendations for action. This is very rare and I would like to thank all parents, children and staff that have worked with us since I joined this school in 2017. This really is a wonderful achievement.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Carroll
Headteacher

Celebrating Success



HEAD TEACHERS AWARDS

- Year 6 - Riley R
- Year 5MB - Daniel O
- Year 5UN - Tomiwa F
- Year 4CM - Joshua B
- Year 4JM - Tanatswa N
- Year 3 - Elizabeth G
- Year 2 - Estelle D
- Year 1 - Demi C
- RNC - Eaton A
- RJW - Joshua O

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

- Y1 - 96.8%
- Y2 - 98.9%
- Y3 - 92.5%
- 4JM - 95.5%
- 4CM - 98.6%
- 5UN - 83.1%
- 5MB - 88.8%
- Y6 - 88.1%

HOUSE POINTS

- 1st: Elm 518
- 2nd: Oak 425
- 3rd: Beech 423
- 4th: Chestnut 387



*Hornchurch Sports Athletics
Participants*

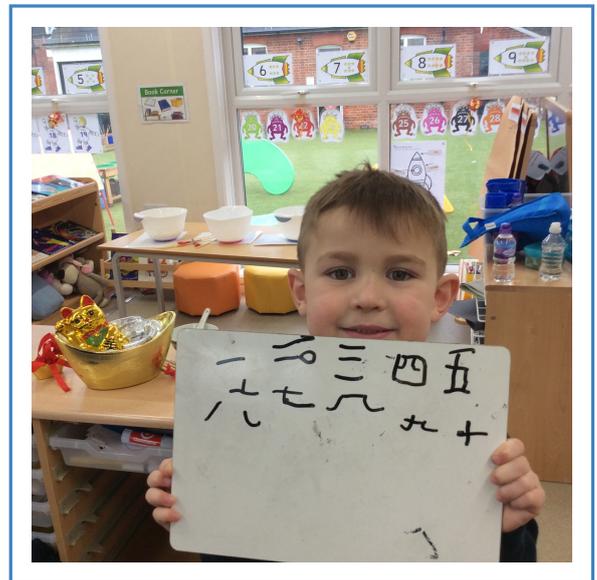
Year Group Highlights

RECEPTION

This week reception have enjoyed celebrating Chinese New Year. The children have made Chinese money envelopes and lanterns. We have listened to the Chinese story of the Zodiac and ordered the animals using ordinal numbers. We then wrote a sentence about one of the animals in the story. The children have counted to ten in Mandarin and tried to write numbers 1-10 in Mandarin.

Reception were really lucky to have a special visitor in to tell them all about Chinese New Year. Mrs Wang explained to the children that Chinese New Year is a spring festival that brings luck. In China, children do not go to school and help to clean their houses to get rid of the bad luck and make room for good luck. They place Chinese symbols on the windows which symbolise bringing good luck. In China they spend the day preparing a meal of dumplings and fish. Mrs Wang told us about the red money wallets which are given to children to bring good luck. We talked about the colour red which is seen as a lucky colour in China. Mrs Wang helped the children to sing some Chinese New Year Songs.

Thank you for coming in and talking to the children about this special celebration.



Year Group Highlights

YEAR 4

4CM had a great afternoon outdoors during our forest school lesson. Despite the wind we managed to build dens, learnt how to tie a clove hitch knot, started whittling sticks and made bubble wands! We are looking forward to getting outdoors again next week!



Online Safety

Safer Internet Day

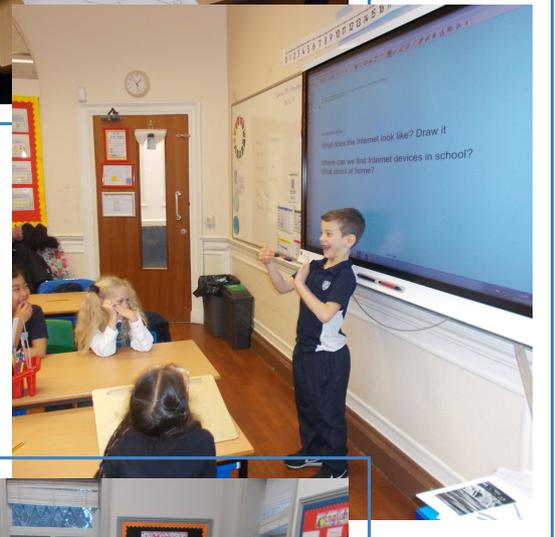
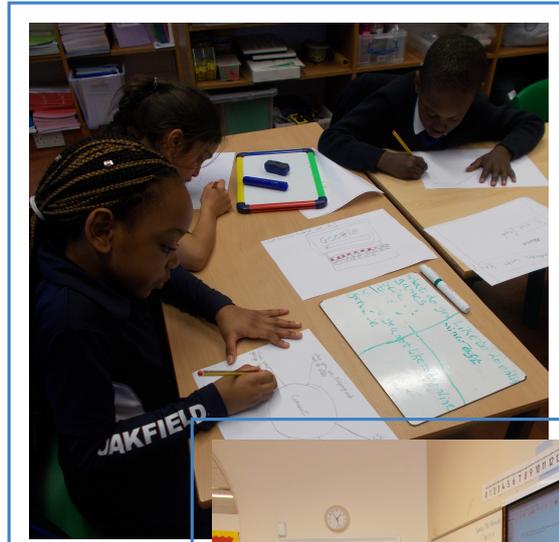
On Tuesday 5th February, Oakfields celebrated Safer Internet Day 2019. The theme this year was: *Our Internet, Our Choice: Understanding consent in a digital world.*

All year groups attended an assembly on the subject and each class completed some work to show their understanding of this important message. Some examples include:

- Reception looked at some of the rules relating to staying safe online and drew some fantastic pictures.
- Year 1 thought carefully about what you needed to ask permission to do online and what you could do without permission.
- Year 2 pictures drew pictures to show what the Internet looks like.
- Year 5 created screenshots (on paper!) of the meaning of the word: consent

We all had fun and we learnt lots about making good choices when online.

Talk to your children about consent and how they can keep themselves safe online! And join us soon for a parents' chat about online safety!



SPORTS/PE

On Tuesday 5th February some of our year 2s represented the school at Harrow Lodge, competing in indoor sportshall athletics which was a mixture of sprinting, hurdling, throwing, jumping and relay. Five of our girls and boys showed fantastic determination and won a certificate to merit their efforts.

I am extremely proud to announce that today I received the great news that we came 5th out of 23 schools! This is a tremendous achievement for such a small school.

Congratulations to all of the Year 2 and Year 1 children who took part. I am so proud of you all!

Next Tuesday 12th February, some of our Year 5 and 6 girls and boys will also be representing our school in the Havering sports collective WE WISH THEM GOOD LUCK!

Miss Peacham
Head of PE



UPCOMING SPORTS FIXTURES

- Tuesday 12th February - Mixed Yrs 5 & 6 Uni Hockey at Coopers Coborn

Achievements

STUDENT SUCCESS

Mia and Isabel in Year 4 have both participated in a duathlon (swimming and running) in Kent this past weekend.

Well done girls for how great you've done and for receiving your medals!



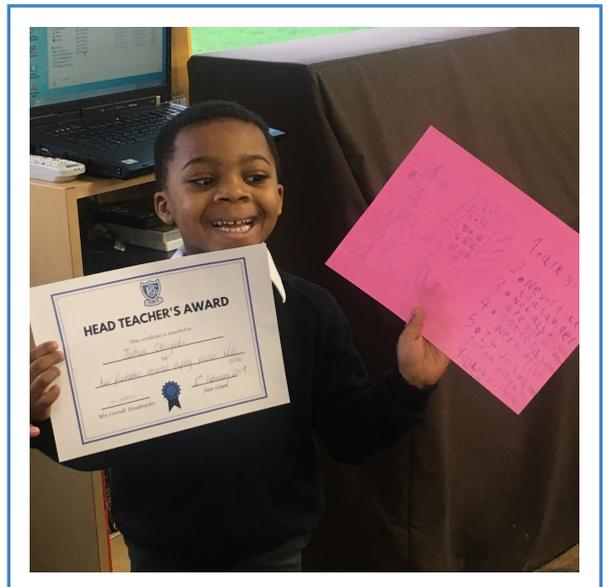
Our Sports Captain Isobel will be representing Essex tomorrow for the indoor track and field events for the Athletics Regional Finals in Norwich.

Well done on being selected and good luck Isobel!



Joshua in Reception has done an amazing job of creating his very own Internet Safety poster all by himself! What a fantastic initiative from Joshua!

Well done we are very proud of you!



YOUNG VOICES CONCERT



On Monday, 36 excited Year 5 and 6's along with 7 eager teachers headed into the O2 Arena in London for an amazing Young Voices concert. We were part of an 8100 strong choir of children from around the UK. The children had been preparing since November for this experience and so there was a lot of anticipation and excitement as the rehearsals began. After 2 hours of finalising parts and actions we were ready for the show!

Tony Hadley was one of the outstanding soloists of the evening and what an outstanding evening it was! The children sang, danced and jumped the night away with as much enthusiasm as they could muster. From the high seats of the arena, we were blown away by the passion of all the choir members. Seeing our parents and family members cheering us on below and joining in with their own dances made the evening even more special.

Thank you to each and every pupil who took part in our performance this year. You were an absolute credit to the school and it was a wonderful experience for the staff to share with you. You really were part of The Greatest Show!!

ART CLUB

Just look at the fabulous work our Young Artists have been creating in Art Club with Mrs Finch. We have taken inspiration from two works by Vincent Van Gogh, The Sunflowers and Irises and have produced a 'mash-up.' We used palette knives and the Impasto technique, this is where paint is laid on the paper in thick layers; so thick that you can see the paint strokes. A great favourite with Van Gogh and now with our own artists. See how many variations of individuality the children exhibited from the same originals by Vincent. Spectacular work Art Club.

Mrs Finch



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

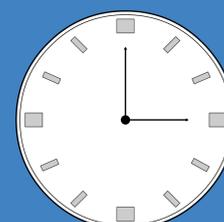
During the winter months, severe weather conditions may make it impossible for students and staff to come to school. These conditions are rare and are unlikely to occur every year and our aim is always to keep the school open, however, our priority must be the safety of our students and staff. When such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



VOICE OF THE PARENT

Just a few more days left and then the VOP survey will be closed. The last day is 11th February so please have your say. Thank you to all of the parents who have taken the time to complete our VOP survey, we look forward to receiving more responses.