



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

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Dear Parents,

It is my pleasure to share our recent successful Regulatory Compliance inspection. The stars of the inspection were without doubt our children. The lead inspector commented on their outstanding behaviour, learning attitudes and genuine enjoyment of school life.

The result of this is very much due to the hard work and support of our dedicated and much valued staff. I would personally like to take this opportunity to thank them for all they do every day. I feel very privileged to work with such dedicated professionals.

Here are a few words from Karen Nicholson, on behalf of Cognita,

"An exceptional outcome for Oakfields school achieving 100% compliance in the recent ISI Inspection having met all 8 of the standards. Having attended the ISI feedback, I was extremely proud of all the hard work that has gone into the school over the past year and to listen to such positive comments the inspectors shared on the excellent progress the school continues to make. Congratulations to staff, pupils and parents!"

On behalf of all the staff at Oakfields, I would also like to thank our parents for taking the time to complete the survey. Your continued support for the school is invaluable - thank you.

I wish you all a very enjoyable half term.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Carroll
Headteacher

HEAD TEACHERS AWARDS

- Year 6 - Alexander H
- Year 5MB - Odafe E
- Year 5UN - Dolly K
- Year 4CM - Jessica W
- Year 4JM - Ileri A
- Year 3 - Francesca W
- Year 2 - Danielle W
- Year 1 - Isabella B
- RNC - Jeremiah-Judah A
- RJW - Maddox H



WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

- Y1 - 89.1%
- Y2 - 97.8%
- Y3 - 97.5%
- 4JM - 92%
- 4CM - 97.1%
- 5UN - 96.2%
- 5MB - 98.8%
- Y6 - 96.2%

HOUSE POINTS

- 1st: Elm 454
- 2nd: Beech 448
- 3rd: Chestnut 397
- 4th: Oak 385



Year Group Highlights

KINDER

The children are really enjoying our topic 'To the Rescue!' We were very grateful to Mrs Spears for arranging a wonderful visit from the Harold Hill Fire Brigade. The children listened as Fireman Paul spoke to the children about his job, talking to the children about his equipment and uniform. The children all had the opportunity to climb into the fire engine and sit in the drivers seat. They also had the chance to spray the water from the hose. The children were very excited to all have a turn.



Thank you to the wonderful Firemen for their kindness and patience.

- Kinder Staff



YEAR 4

Year 4 have ended their History topic of Leisure and Entertainment in the 20th Century with a WOW day! We all dressed up as famous actors and actresses from the century and taught the class some interesting facts about these stars! We attended the 1940 premier of Walt Disney's newest realise Pinocchio and learnt some dance moves from the era.



Year Group Highlights

YEAR 5

5MB spent a morning making cheesecakes with Greek yoghurt linked to our Greek cooking DT topic. The children were split into groups and had to follow a series of instructions from crushing biscuits, to whipping cream cheese to scooping the mixture carefully into cups. A special treat was to also break small pieces of their favourite chocolate bars into the mixture to give it a bit of extra taste. The children thorough enjoyed it and are already looking forward to our next DT lesson.



YEAR 3

Year 3 has been busy preparing and rehearsing for their play for the past two weeks. Romulus and Remus has been a great success, with everyone knowing their lines and acting their parts with great enthusiasm.

Furthermore, the Art lesson has been a great success too. The pupils learnt a lot about Roman art and finished the term by creating a vase with mosaic pattern.



Attendance

It is the school's responsibility to monitor children's attendance. During our weekly Safeguarding Team meetings attendance is reviewed and children with below 90% attendance are identified as persistent absentees. Recently, we have seen an increase of children whose attendance is falling within this persistent absentee bracket.



As a result, the following actions have been agreed in school and following advice from our Safeguarding Lead for Cognita.

1. Parents of those children, with attendance below 92%, will be sent the letter shown below.
2. These parents will then be asked to attend a meeting with a member of our SLT. This meeting will provide an opportunity for us to work together to improve attendance.

In the last week, I have received 18 requests from parents for term time holidays. As a result we have altered the authorisation form to ensure it is clearly in line with our school policy (please see below 1:1 of Admissions, Attendance and Children Missing from Education Policy)

1.1 Persistent absentees

Persistent absentees are pupils with attendance below 90%. The school will contact the parent/carer(s) if their child's attendance approaches this threshold. If attendance does not improve, the school will contact the local authority in accordance with local authority procedures.

Term time absences will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. All other absences will be unauthorised and should be considered carefully if this means your child's attendance will fall below the recommendation of 96% attendance.

Attendance (cont.)

Attendance Letter:

Dear Parents and Guardians

I refer to the attendance of <Student Name> at school.

At a recent meeting, <Student First Name>'s pattern of attendance was reviewed and despite the school implementing a number of strategies <Student First Name>'s poor attendance remains a concern.

Regular attendance at school is essential if <Student First Name> is to achieve his/her educational best, and increase his/her career and life options. School staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing <Student First Name>'s from full participation at school.

The school would like to meet with you to formulate an Attendance Improvement Plan. This is an opportune time to attempt to resolve your child's attendance issues and develop a plan that aims to restore your child's regular attendance at school.

I would like to remind you that The Education Act (1990) requires parents to ensure that children of compulsory school age attend school each day it is open for instruction. If you do not meaningfully engage in the Attendance Improvement Plan, or there is no improvement in <Student First Name>'s attendance during this time, the school may need to pursue further action such as support from the local authority.

It is important that we work together to improve <Student First Name>'s attendance at school. If you wish to discuss this matter further with me, please contact the school on the school's phone number to arrange an appointment.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Carroll
Headteacher
<Date>

MIDDAY ASSISTANTS

We are very fortunate to have eight dedicated, hardworking and enthusiastic midday assistants. The midday assistants are supervised by, Mrs Jeffs, a long standing member of staff. Midday assistants have a range of duties and responsibilities; however, their primary role is to look after the welfare of our children during lunchtimes.

This includes:

Effective supervision in the dining hall and other parts of the school;

Following the school's behaviour policy and reporting incidents of misbehaviour to the class teacher and when necessary a member of the senior leadership team; Tending to pupils who are sick or injured, ensuring they receive appropriate medical attention, and ensuring a report is given on medical tracker; Being aware of responsibilities under child protection legislation, and reporting safeguarding concerns to a member of the Safeguarding team; Assisting with play activities including (but not limited to) football, tennis, netball, basketball and the trim trail; Ensuring rotas are followed – this includes football.

We would like to reassure you that each of our midday assistants have received safeguarding training and meet with their supervisor and line manager regularly to discuss behaviour logs, ways forward and equipment needs. This is also an opportunity for me to give feedback from children, parents and staff as well as thank each midday assistant for enabling our children to make the most of their lunch break and the facilities available to them.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce each of our midday assistants who are so valued within the school community.



Tracey Jeffs



Maria Went



Cathryn White



Caroline Ferrand



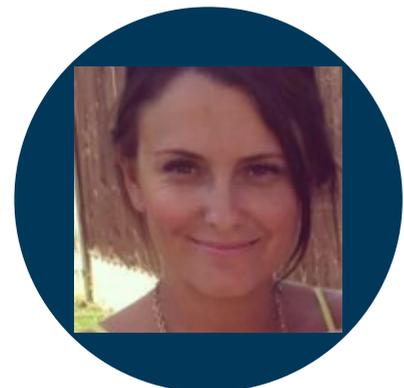
Rita Foley



Mandy Keen



Sarah Hipgrave



Natalie Pluckrose

Quicksticks Hockey Tournament at Coopers' Coborn School 12.02.19

A colourful afternoon as 18 primary teams took to the pitch for the Quicksticks Hockey tournament on Tuesday afternoon. Seven Oakfields children from Years 5 and 6 formed the squad: Freddie E, Alexander H, Safeena G, Heidi B, George G and Isabella M.

Performance: W4, D1, L2. Goals for 17, goals against 8. A goal scoring record of 17 included a hat trick for George G in our second game, a comfortable 7-0 win against La Salette. We also beat local rivals St. Joseph's 2-0. Our only loss in the first stage of the competition came against a well-organised St. Edwards team: last year's champions.

We qualified from the group and in the second stage, eventual finalists Newton's, were our opponents. The final score was 1-1 in a closely contested match. We needed to win the next match against St. Edwards to advance to the final and started well with a goal from Alexander H. However, St. Edwards soon recovered their composure and went on to win 3-1. This was the end of our run in the competition, having achieved a creditable 5th place and lost only two of seven games, the players were pleased with their afternoon's endeavours.

'It was an exciting experience, but challenging, because of the quality of the other teams,' revealed George afterwards.

'We played well, had a strong team and it was a good experience of tournament hockey,' added Bella.

The eventual winners were Branfil who beat Newtons 3-2 in the final.

Thank you to the parents who provided transport to the venue and encouragement from the sidelines.



UPCOMING SPORTS FIXTURES

Tuesday 26th February - Mixed Yrs 5 & 6
Netball Quarter Final vs St Josephs(a) 3:30pm



STUDENT SUCCESS

Lucy in Year 4 recently took place in the Dimensions in Dance Festival 2019 and she has also received the Level 1 Award in her Graded Examination in Dance: Grade 1 Modern Theatre, achieving a Merit!

Well done Lucy!



Last weekend our Sports Captain Isobel represented Essex at the Sportshall UK Championships Regional Finals in Norwich, where the Under 11s girls did amazingly well and came 2nd out of 6 very competitive Counties, just missing out on coming 1st by 10 points! Here's Isobel proudly wearing her silver medal.

Well done Isobel!



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

You have BRAINS
in your head
You have FEET
in your SHOES
You can STEER
yourself
any DIRECTION
you CHOOSE

~ Dr Seuss



World Book Day themes

Books

Year 1

Traditional Tales
(The Three Little Pigs)

Shh! We have a plan by Chris Haughton

Dogger

Stories by the same author
Shirley Hughes

Year 2

Alternative and Traditional Tales
Red Riding Hood told by the Wolf

Fantasy stories
The faraway Tree

Year 3

The Demon Headmaster

Roman Legend
Romulus and Remus

Year 4

BFG

Stig of the Dump

Year 5

Stormbreaker

Treasure Island

Sherlock Holmes

Year 6

'Macbeth' – William Shakespeare

'The Highwayman' – Alfred Noyes

Alice in Wonderland

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

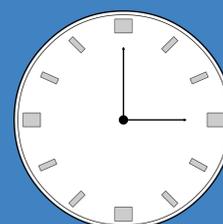
During the winter months, severe weather conditions may make it impossible for students and staff to come to school. These conditions are rare and are unlikely to occur every year and our aim is always to keep the school open, however, our priority must be the safety of our students and staff. When such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

- Mon 18th February - Fri 22nd February - HALF TERM
- Monday 25th February - Year 3 Coffee Morning
- Tuesday 26th February - Year 4 Coffee Morning
- Monday 4th March - **New Date** Year 2 Coffee Morning

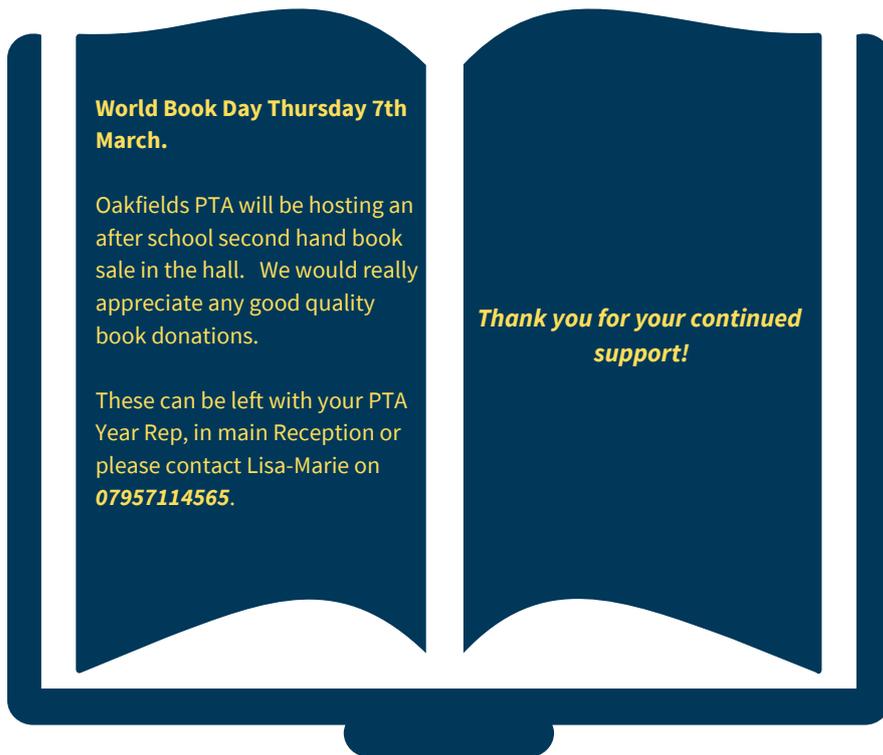


11+ 2020 Entry

We are aware that some parents of children in Year 5 will be considering applications to selective schools for 2020 entry. The Consortium of Selective Schools in Essex (CSSE) have contacted us to remind you of the process and key dates. Further details can be found at www.csse.org.uk.

The key dates for your information are:

- ☐ **Registration for the 11+ exam opens on 14th May 2019**
- ☐ **Registration for the 11+ exam closes on 1 st July 2019**
- ☐ **The 11+ Test will take place on Saturday 21 st September 2019**



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THANK YOU

VOICE OF THE PARENT

Thank you to all of the parents who took the time to complete our Voice of the Parent Survey. We are pleased to read all of your positive comments and suggestions. We hear your concerns and will put in place a plan of action!