



OAKFIELDS MONTESSORI SCHOOL

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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

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Dear Parents and Guardians

This week has been packed full of events and opportunities for our children to both enjoy and excel in their learning. We had the celebration of Mathematics Day as well as the fun of Red Nose Day. I am very grateful to all the parents that kindly donated to comic relief. The children and I spoke in assembly about the importance of charity and taking time to consider how we can help others. It is always a joy to hear how thoughtful and generous our children are. I do hope that they have enjoyed the day.

A Celebration of Behaviour for Learning

Over the last fortnight we have had many visitors to the school and each one has commented on the fabulous behaviour displayed throughout the school. As a school we are continuing to celebrate good behaviour and have made this a focus for this half term. Staff are uncompromising in their expectations. As a result, we are seeing children showing great pride in their appearance and an increased appreciation for their learning environment. Our children are striving to be self-motivated and self-disciplined learners. Our teachers plan to ensure each child has the opportunity to be independent in their learning whilst giving clear expectations for behaviour and expectations.

Each child can explain our learning zones and how they are used throughout the school. I ask that if you have a moment please take time to look through, with your child, the behaviour section in the homework diary. Our aim is to ensure that no time is wasted in lessons and that the culture of independence and accountability ensures that all children have the best opportunities for learning and most importantly happiness. I would like to thank you for your continued support with this important aspect of our successful school community. I look forward to seeing everyone at Parent's Evening next week.

Have a fabulous weekend and enjoy the rugby!

Kind Regards

Mrs Carroll
Headteacher

Celebrating Success

HEAD TEACHERS AWARDS

- Year 6 - The whole class
- Year 5MB - Emily M
- Year 5UN - The whole class
- Year 4CM - Joshua B
- Year 4JM - Ireoluwa A
- Year 3 - Francesca W
- Year 2 - Adeel O
- Year 1 - Aurelia B
- RNC - Arjun M
- RJW - Imisi A



WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

- Y1 - 94.1%
- Y2 - 97.2%
- Y3 - 96.3%
- 4JM - 100%
- 4CM - 99.3%
- 5UN - 96.9%
- 5MB - 91.3%
- Y6 - 92.9%

HOUSE POINTS

- 1st: Beech 415
- 2nd: Elm 395
- 3rd: Oak 374
- 4th: Chestnut 322

Year Group Highlights

YEAR 1

At the beginning of the week, the accomplished children's storyteller Mike Dodsworth visited our class to hold a storytelling session. Mike engaged all of the children and encouraged them to make full use of their imagination through his creative storytelling.



Midweek, Year 1 joined Reception in browsing the selection of books available at the Scholastic Book Fair. Having seen the selection of books available, the children are very excited to attend the Book Fair Sale on Monday 18th March in the hall at the end of the school day.



On World Maths Day, a group of children from Year 6 joined us to demonstrate their teaching skills. The Year 1 children were eager to show their knowledge and understanding in this subject area.



Year Group Highlights

YEAR 4

Year 4 came together to take part in Sing Up Day 2019. Since 2010, Sing Up has set aside a day each year to celebrate the power of song. Singing is a truly inclusive activity which can involve every child and help them to feel part of a school community. We had a lovely time singing our hearts out!



FOREST SCHOOL

Year 2 and Year 4 have also had a wonderful start to their Forest School experience. After assessing the power of the wind they were able to enjoy building dens as a team and then decorated them with beautiful dream catchers.

We are all really looking forward to next week when we hope to explore more of our outdoor area and develop our skills in teamwork and creativity.



Sports

SWIMMING

On Tuesday, 12th March we participated in the Abbs Cross Swimming Gala, where we competed in the following events:

- Breaststroke
- Freestyle
- Backstroke

As well as their individual events, the team also participated in a Freestyle Relay. Great swimming by all of our swimmers! Joshua qualified for the Freestyle finals and came in 4th place, whilst the girls qualified for the freestyle relay final and came in 3rd place!

A very proud moment for all!

Well done team!

-Mrs Mercury



*Team Members: Isobel P (Sports Captain),
Angela L, Isabella M, Frederick E, Joshua W,
Alexander H*

UPCOMING SPORTS FIXTURES

- Wednesday 27th March - Mixed U.11 tag rugby at Woodlands school
- Tuesday 2nd March - Mixed u.11 Basketball at Emerson Park



New Hall Netball Rally participants

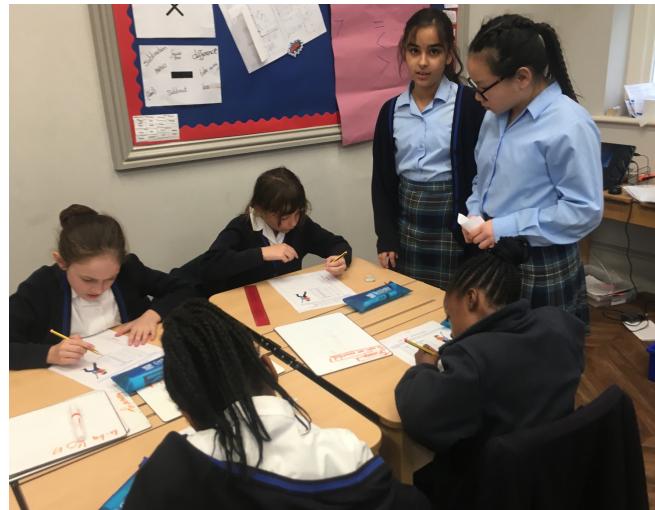
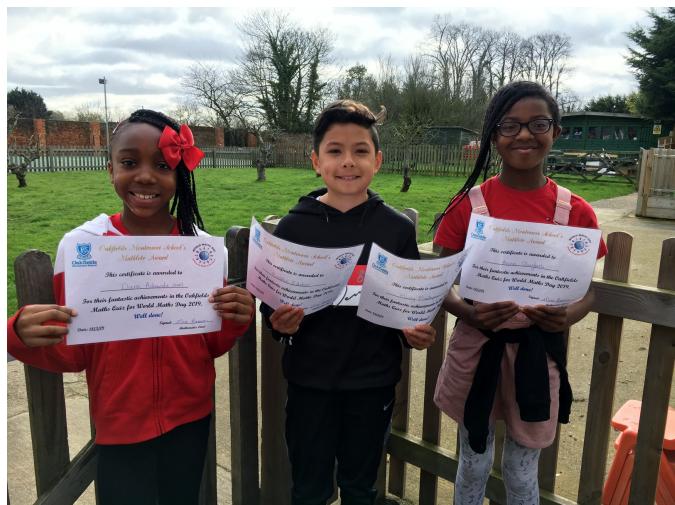
World Maths Day

To celebrate World Maths Day, the children at Oakfields participated in a range of activities. The day started with an assembly that discussed the importance of Maths in our everyday lives. Following this, the children completed their Oakfields Mathletes Quiz using Mathletics. The highest scoring member of each class was celebrated during our Celebration Assembly this morning.

Throughout the day, years 1-5 were lucky enough to have visits from our wonderful year 6 children who had planned mathematic lessons for them.

What a fantastic day full of the joys of Maths!

Miss Brown
Maths Coordinator



Achievements

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Charlie H was chosen as student of the week at Brentwood & Cranham Ishinryu Karate Club. For his progress and incredible amount of effort!!

Well done Charlie!



On Sunday 10th March, Mia A, Isabel F, and Olivia F competed in The Little Half marathon where they all did amazing!

Well done girls!



STAFF HIGHLIGHT

At the weekend, Miss Brown's cheerleading team attended a competition in Colchester where her team placed 1st and received an award for earning the highest score of the day.



Other News

Ready, Steady, Read sponsored challenge

In preparation for World Book Day, Oakfields teamed up with Usborne books to complete a sponsored reading challenge. This provided the children with a fantastic opportunity to read for pleasure while raising money in order to purchase new books for each class.

In today's celebration assembly, the children who completed the sponsored read received a certificate for their participation. Well done to each and every child on a successful sponsored read!



I am delighted to announce that the total amount raised by Oakfields is £1,758.80!

The fantastic amount raised will be put to great use in purchasing books for each class.

Miss Gowing
Head of English



Upcoming Events

OAKFIELDS PTA PRESENTS

£65 PER PERSON

THE Summer Ball

Friday 14th June 2019
The Manor Hotel & Restaurant
Berwick Pond Road, Rainham, RM13 9EL 7PM

'Join fellow parents raising monies for our children, having great fun and dance the night away'

Night Includes

Delicious 3 Course Meal with Wine, Beer & Soft Drinks + An Auction with many Prizes and Experiences to Bid for + A DJ after Dinner

Guest Comedian
Ben Norris
'unbelievably brilliant'

'Hilarious - truly a sight to behold'

Ed Byrne

This event is open to **parents, family, and friends!**

Dress Code
black tie or lounge suits

Full payment no later than **Friday 10th May 2019**

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Upcoming Events

Dates for your Diary

- Tuesday 19th March - Parents' Evening 1:1 Appointments
- Thursday 21st March - Parents Evening 1 to 1 Appointments
- Wednesday 27th March - Stay and Play
- Monday 1st April - Year 4 destination school meetings
- Wednesday 3rd April - Year 4 destination school meetings
- Thursday 4th April - Transition Day
- Tuesday 9th April - Easter Egg Hunt (PTA)/Early Years Easter Bonnet Parade
- Thursday 11th - Friday 26th April - Easter Holidays



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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TO PREDICT
YOUR FUTURE IS TO
create it.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

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