



## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

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Dear Parents and Guardians

This week marked the beginning of the mental health and well being week which has caused me to reflect upon the role we play in ensuring our children are equipped to balance their lives and ensure a better future. An education at Oakfields entails much more than academics. Equally important is equipping our children with the confidence and resourcefulness that prepares them to grow, thrive and find their success in a fast-changing world. That's why our teachers work hard to ensure that each child's educational experiences extend beyond the classroom.

Our teachers work diligently to incorporate activities in their lessons that not only ensures academic success but also builds critical life skills. Our commitment to developing character can be witnessed in our Forest School experiences, extra curricular activities, every day tasks in the classroom and the vast range of trips that children attend. For example, we met with our Year 6 parents and children who are preparing for their upcoming residential to France and are soon to be waving off our Year 5 classes as they experience Bushcraft, sleeping under canvas and cooking on open fires. Being in the woods with their friends whilst enjoying a wide range of activities designed to enhance social and personal development will be an experience I am sure they will remember fondly for years to come.

In the coming weeks I will be working closely with the senior leadership team and Mrs Brentnall, our well being lead, to plan our Global Be Well Day. This will be taking place on September 27th across all Cognita schools. Cognita schools have made a commitment to work together to improve the well being of our children and I am very happy that we are part of this. I look forward to sharing more news about the activities planned for this day and how you as parents can also be involved.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards

Mrs Carroll  
Headteacher

# Celebrating Success

## HEAD TEACHERS AWARDS

- Year 6 - Anna O
- Year 5MB - Jason E
- Year 5UN - Dara A
- Year 4CB - Shekina N
- Year 4JM - Lexie-Blu R
- Year 3 - Georgina W
- Year 2 - Sikemi O
- Year 1 - Alexander B-P
- Reception - All of Reception



## WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

- Y1 - 96.4%
- Y2 - 98.9%
- Y3 - 98.8%
- 4JM - 98%
- 4CB - 100%
- 5UN - 99.1%
- 5MB - 97.8%
- Y6 - 93.5%

## HOUSE POINTS

- 1st: Elm 544
- 2nd: Beech 525
- 3rd: Oak 466
- 4th: Chestnut 394



# Year Group Highlights

## RECEPTION

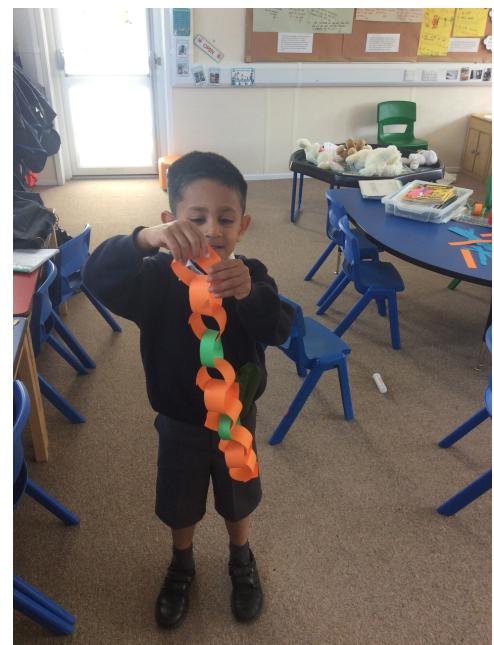
This week in Reception we have been continuing to learn about Mini-beasts. We have read 'The very hungry caterpillar' and have ordered what the caterpillar eats in the story. The children have started to plan their own story about a different mini-beast. Tate and his family very kindly donated some caterpillars for the children to observe grow and change into butterflies.



We have also been very lucky to have Zayn's mum as a visitor to tell us all about Ramadan. The children have learnt about the Muslim faith and also what Muslims do during this religious festival. The children have discussed fasting, giving to charity, giving up bad habits and the celebration Eid.



In maths this week we have been sharing food between our hungry caterpillars and ensuring we have shared everything fairly. We have talked about odd and even numbers and discussed whether these numbers can be halved.



# Year Group Highlights

## YEAR 3

Year 3 went on a Trip to Colchester Castle on Friday 10/05/2019, they were accompanied by their Teacher Mrs Vardin, Miss Mercury and Mrs Priestley.

In History, the children had been studying about the Romans in Britain and the trip exposed them to some facts about the invasion. They were very interactive and showed a lot of previous knowledge.

We started with a guided tour followed by lunch and the afternoon was spent building an Iron Age Roundhouse and a Roman Villa.

The children were well behaved and were commended by the staff and members of the public for their politeness and courtesy as well as their knowledge of the topic.

A wonderful day indeed!



# Sports

## SPORTS UPDATES

On Wednesday 15th May, 4 of our most talented football players: Harry M, Marlan C, Freddie E and Jake R were selected to attend The Havering District Primary Football Trials at Emerson Park Academy in order to be chosen to play for the District team.

We are awaiting confirmation whether any of our boys were selected so we wish them all of the very best of luck.

Also pictured to the right are the children who took 3rd place in the Havering Sports Collective Year 3 & 4 tennis tournament at Cranston Park last week.

Miss Peacham  
Head of PE



## UPCOMING SPORTS FIXTURES

- Monday 20th May - Years 5 & 6 Tennis Tournament Tournament at Cranston Park Tennis Courts
- Wednesday 22nd May - Years 5 & 6 Boys Cricket Tournament at Rainham Cricket Club
- Wednesday 10th July - Junior Inter House Swimming Gala Years 3 - 6

Parents for the safety of our children please be mindful of the 5 mph speed limit whilst driving through the car park.

Thank you!

# Student Achievements

Jeremiah-Judah participated in a charity race for the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham. It was called “Run For Life - 5km”. Jeremiah-Judah completed the race and raised £1180 for the Sickle Cell Society. He was the youngest entrant second year in a row to compete!

Well done Jeremiah-Judah!



Mikey, Rajveer, and Henry in Year 1 all played in a Rugby tournament with their Rugby Club and they all received awards.

Well done boys!



Gabriel O in Year 4 won his first Orange Ball tennis tournament a few weeks ago!

Well done Gabriel!



Oliver in Year 1 played in a Hockey tournament with his Upminster Hockey club and received an award.

Well Done Oliver!



Dylan in Year 5 has passed his Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music Grade 1 Piano Exam and he also received his British Gymnastics proficiency award.

Well done Dylan!



# Student Achievements

Ireoluwa in Year 4 has received her certificate for RSL Level 1 Award In Musical Theatre Performance and passed with distinction.

Well done Ireoluwa!



Peter in Year 6 has received his level 1 Award in Music Performance for Guitar and passed his exam with distinction.

Well done Peter!



Oscar in Year 4 has received his certificate for completing Level 5 swimming. On to level 6!

Well done Oscar!



# Other News

## ONLINE SAFETY MEETING

On Tuesday 14th May, Oakfields hosted its first Parents Online Safety Meeting, delivered by Dave Smith, a Senior Inspector with Havering Schools Improvement Services (HSIS).

Although not well attended, Dave delivered a great talk and discussion about children and the technology that is all around us. It was a positive experience and very informative for those who came.

Our children are growing up in a world where technology is everywhere and, although the benefits are clear to see, we must prepare them to face the dangers which are also present. The main tool to support them is to show interest in and discuss their use of technology and teach them how to show Digital Intelligence.

We will be sharing some of the websites suggested to aid you when looking at apps and games so you can decide on their suitability.

We can also provide you with activities and conversation starters if you wish to talk with your child but if anyone has concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school, particularly Mrs Wells, for a chat.



## SWIMMING

Between 13th - 19th May the Swimming Teachers Association are promoting International Learn to Swim Week. It is their aim to encourage each and every person to learn this lifesaving skill. Each year, in the UK around 400 people die from drowning as a result of an accident in or around water (ROSPA). You don't have to become an Olympic swimmer just to learn how to stay safe and enjoy the water.

On Wednesday the 15th of May, Reception and Year 1 took part in this scheme with their swimming teacher Mrs Tanya. We learnt how to call for help and how we could help someone who was in trouble in the water. Children practised rescues using clothing and a plastic bottle. We also recreated the beach safety flags and found out how to stay safe on the beach.



# Other News



OAKFIELDS PTA PRESENTS

£65 PER PERSON

# THE Summer Ball 2019

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

'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'  
★★★★★ Jason Manford  
'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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**Oakfields Montessori**  
**School PTA Presents**

## Summer Fayre

**Sat. 29th June, 12 to 4 pm**

**Food and Drink**  
**Raffle**  
**Bouncy Castles**  
**Apple Bobbing**  
**Coconut Shy**  
**Prize Stall**

**And much, much more ...**

# Upcoming Events

## Dates for your Diary

- Monday 20th May - Year 6 Coffee Morning
- Wednesday 22nd - Friday 24th May - Year 5  
BUSHCRAFT TRIP
- Monday 27th - Friday 31st May - HALF TERM  
HOLIDAY
- Friday 14th June - SPORTS DAY/PTA SUMMER BALL
- Thursday 20th June - Year 5 SHOWTIME at  
Brentwood Theatre
- Monday 24th June - Wednesday 26th June - Year 6  
FRENCH TRIP
- Saturday 29th June - Summer Fayre
- Saturday 6th July - Prize Giving
- Friday 12th July - Kindergarten Graduation/LAST  
DAY OF TERM



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**Recent Social Media Post**

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@OakfieldsSLT

Year 6 pupil, Sofia wrote this brilliant poem about **#Dyslexia** that she wanted to share!  
**@BDAdyslexia** We are very proud of our students' talents!  
**#OakfieldsPride #CognitaWay**



## Senior School Open Days

Brentwood School will be holding its annual Open Morning on Saturday 8th June 2019 and this will also be a chance to meet Headmaster Designate, Mr Michael Bond. This is the perfect opportunity for prospective parents and future Year 7 students to explore the school and learn more about applying for scholarships and bursaries. Tours of the Senior School campus will be held at 9:30a.m. and 10:30a.m. and Mr Bond will be addressing parents at 10:30a.m. and 11:30a.m. in the Wessex Auditorium. Parents can register online at [www.brentwoodschool.co.uk/open-morning](http://www.brentwoodschool.co.uk/open-morning)

An independent day school for  
girls and boys age 2 - 16 years



Looking for a Senior School place for September 2020?  
Visit us on our next Open Day

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2019 | 10am to 1pm**



**96% of pupils achieved 5 or more A\* to C / 9 to 4 grade GCSEs in 2018**

Join us for our Open Day to explore the exciting opportunities and small class sizes available to your child and to discuss admission details including the scholarship opportunities available for Year 7 entry.



**Sign up for our Year 5 Senior School Taster Day  
1<sup>st</sup> July 2019**

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