



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Guardians

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I am amazed by how quickly this first week back has passed! It seems to me that the summer term is already flying past us. However, the next few weeks are crammed filled with so many events, trips and experiences that our school diary looks fit to burst! It is at times like this that we must remember to slow down, enjoy the moment we are in and appreciate each conversation, new meeting and experience. Time slowed down for me a few times this week as I took in a few special moments that make being the Headteacher of Oakfields an absolute privilege.

Firstly, I was preparing for a meeting when I walked into my office and saw that Miss Emin and the kindergarten children had left me a display of photographs. Each photograph showed a child sharing their writing, but it was the smiles on their faces that really made me look again – they were proud of their achievements but above all they were happy. I was also pleased to be able to visit the annual Havering Quad Kids event at Hornchurch stadium this week. I have always loved this event; the atmosphere is fantastic with children, teachers and parents supporting each other and aiming for their personal bests. Our children were such a credit to us (which I knew they would be) but this time it was our parental support and the relationships formed across our school community that made me reflect. I would like to thank each parent that has attended this or similar events throughout the year. Your support means so much to us all.

Finally, I led our assembly this week and chose to discuss my reflections following the D Day commemorations. We discussed those that sacrificed so much and how on first looking at these people, in their nineties, we may not have realised their resilience, strength of character, bravery or sense of loyalty – all being characteristics we aspire to. This led to a conversation about challenging stereotypes, looking beyond first impressions and the importance of taking time to get to know a person. Each child listened, recounted tales of family members wartime and experience and conversations with older family members. Our Head Boy and Girl then led the children in our school prayer with each child respectfully taking part and displaying impeccable behaviours.

It is not just this week that has flown by; this whole year seems to have flown by. I have made a promise to myself to take a moment each day to purposely stop, observe and appreciate the children, staff and surroundings we are so lucky to experience every day. I hope that you also find these moments in your day because I am still smiling just thinking of them.

Have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Kind Regards

Mrs Carroll
Headteacher

Celebrating Success

HEAD TEACHERS AWARDS

- Year 6 - Isabella M
- Year 5MB - Liam H
- Year 5UN - Anita D
- Year 4CB - Gabriel O
- Year 4JM - Daniel T
- Year 3 - Alice H
- Year 2 - Isla S
- Year 1 - Kayhan S
- RJW - Gabriella-Grace B
- RNC - Jaimin P



WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

- Y1 - 93.6%
- Y2 - 94.4%
- Y3 - 92.9%
- 4JM - 98%
- 4CB - 100%
- 5UN - 91.8%
- 5MB - 97.8%
- Y6 - 97.5%

HOUSE POINTS LAST TERM WINNERS

ELM - they have been awarded extra play time!



Year Group Highlights

YEAR 2 FOREST SCHOOL

From mid-March to just before half term, Year 2 had the opportunity to go to 'Forest School'. The children were apprehensive at first, wondering what this meant. But from the very first session – they loved it!

The first session started inside for two reasons. First, the ground rules had to be established and second, it was very windy! But this did not stop us from walking around the grounds and gathering sticks and leaves to make a den for a forest creature.

Over the next few weeks, the children had the chance to complete various activities including tree climbing, den-building, nature crafts, bug hunting, whittling and playing in the mud kitchen.

We also used the trees to have a rope-swing, a hammock and a tightrope. The children could choose which activity they wanted to participate in and for how long.



Year Group Highlights

YEAR 4

Year 4 had a very full on day aboard The Golden Hinde. We all had the opportunity to develop our skills as barber surgeons, gunners and even lived the life of the ship's master. We learnt how to navigate through the waves as we searched for the Spanish Armada and were suitably disgusted by the punishments we would endure if we were to dare break a rule! Under attack from the Spanish we all were relieved to sail away free!



RECEPTION

This week Year 1 very kindly wrote letters to Reception to tell them what it is like to be in Year 1. The Year 1 children read their letters to Reception and the Reception children asked them questions about what they have enjoyed and what they find a bit tricky. The year 1 children reassured the Reception classes that many subjects are the same and that there is still lots of fun to be had in Year 1. Thank you Year 1.



SPORTS UPDATES

Dear Parents

A reminder next Friday 14th June is our annual school sports day.

There will be no parking on the school site. Parking will be on the adjoining stable farm field. Please enter from the back gate to gain access to the field.

Infants:

Infant parents are to arrive between 9:15-9:45 for a 10am start. You are welcome to bring chairs picnics and don't forget your trainers for the mums and dads races! Please stay behind the spectators ribbon whilst all races are on and cheer as loudly as you can. Please refrain from going onto the track area to see your child for health and safety reasons. We hope to present the house medals at 11.30 and finish by 12:00.

Juniors:

Junior parents are to arrive between 12:45 - 1:15pm for a 1:30pm start.

We are hoping to finish between 3:45-4:00pm the latest.

Please don't forget your trainers if u want to participate in the mums and dads races!

We are hoping for good weather but if the forecast is rain we will have to cancel and will give you prior notice.

This is planned to be a fun and enjoyable event so I appreciate your support with providing the correct PE kit and white socks /preferably trainers for your child for the event.

From Years 1 to 6 there will be timing and measuring for the school records so please encourage your child /children to practice over the weekend.

Many thanks and I look forward to seeing you next Friday.

-Miss Peacham
Head of PE

QUAD KIDS

Fantastic quad kids news!

Year 6 placed 7th overall and Year 5 3rd !!!!!

Awesome individual results as well! Full results can be found at the link below:

<http://www.quadkids.org/Schools/London>



CRICKET

Year 6 girls cricket - Wednesday 12th June

Parents who are driving please go straight to Rainham cricket club by 9.00am

Those who cannot, please be in school by 8.30am and let Miss Peacham know on Monday.

Student Achievements

Lexie-Blu in Year 4 recently competed in the English Gymnastics Championships. Her group SEGC Sparrows Espoir Group placed overall 3rd place. She also won a silver medal for her freestyle routine. Amazingly they placed 2nd in the whole of England!

Well done Lexie and team!



Rajveer in Year 1 has received this certificate to recognize his outstanding achievement in Multi-Sports which took place at Sacred Heart.

Well done Rajveer!



Anaikh in Year 4 competed in an international judo tournament and has been awarded the silver award!

Well done Anaikh!



Olivia in Year 5 and Isabel in Year 4 had a busy half term of triathlons, running and swimming events resulting in a lovely range of new medals. Of particular note was Olivia's performance in the under 11 UK championship mile event in Westminster which she ran in 6.16 minutes placing her 11th nationally. The girls also finished first and second girls in both the Eversley 3km and the Thames Chase 1.9km run.

Well done girls!





MATH PALS

As part of our aim to develop more links with other Cognita Schools, I have introduced an initiative called Maths Pals. Within this initiative, all of the children created their own problem solving activities (independently or in small groups) based on the theme 'Sport'.

I then collected all of the amazing activities that the children created and sent them on to another Cognita School who will be completing the children's problems and then sending us back some of theirs.

The children created some absolutely fantastic activities, ranging from board games to quizzes to word problems to clue games, and I am so proud of how they put so much effort into their work and they have shown Oakfields School in a wonderful light.

Well done Oakfields!

Miss Brown
Maths Subject Lead



SPACE POETRY COMPETITION

I had the pleasure of attending the Upminster schools poetry competition this Wednesday 4th June at Engayne School with Elliot C in Year 4 and Gabrielle S in Year 5.

Both Elliot and Gabrielle were entered into the competition from Oakfields to showcase their poems to other children from schools in Upminster including Engayne Primary, James Oglethorpe Primary, St Joseph's Primary and Upminster Juniors.

Both children performed their poems linked to the theme of space in front of three judges and the whole of year 4 and 5 from Engayne School.

I am delighted to announce that Elliot C was awarded 2nd place in his year group and Gabrielle S was awarded 1st place in her year group. Both children demonstrated fantastic enthusiasm and confidence throughout their performances. Oakfields are extremely proud of their achievements!

Miss Gowing
Head of English





TEDDY BEAR'S PICNIC

Dear Parents,

On Friday 21st June all children will be having a teddy bear picnic during their usual lunchtimes. On this day children are allowed to bring in a teddy to join in on the fun. Please send in £1 with your child to donate to the Great Ormonds Street Hospital Charity. All proceeds raised will be donated to GOSH to aid in their research.

Thank you.



OAKFIELDS PTA PRESENTS

£65
PER PERSON



THE Summer Ball
Friday 14th June 2019 7PM
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

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Health & Safety News

Changes to Lunch Service

From Monday, all children with noted allergens with supporting medical evidence and care plans, will be given a red lanyard before the start of lunch service. They will be asked to go to the front of the queue and be given a red pre-plated meal, in exchange for their lanyard.

For any children noted as having intolerances, mild allergic reaction that are not life-threatening, or dietary choice e.g. Vegetarian, will be given a blue lanyard before the start of lunch service and will be served using a blue-plate, in exchange for their lanyard.

This is part of our ongoing commitment to keeping our children safe.

Allergens

A gentle reminder that we have many children with severe allergies, so please refrain from bringing in items containing nuts.

Slow Down....

Unfortunately, we are still seeing a number of parents not observing the 5mph speed limit, particularly users of our breakfast and afterschool club. This is seriously dangerous with the number of pedestrians, including young people using our site.

ANPR

We are in the process of installing ANPR on our gates, to aid additional security. We will keep you posted once this is fully functional.

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and Facebook



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.School

A gentle reminder that all communication between the staff and parent body, should be through the following channels;

- Staff school email addresses e.g.;
- firstname.sunname@oakfieldsschool.co.uk
- Written communication through the homework diaries/communication books
 - Scheduled appointments made through the office@oakfieldsschool.co.uk or 01708 220 117

As always our teachers are available during dismissal for a quick catch to discuss any urgent matters.

Please be reminded that the school hours (including teachers) are between 08:00am – 16:00. Please be mindful that teachers may not be able to respond immediately to parent communication due to teaching commitments throughout the day.

This is in line with our ongoing commitment to safeguarding.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Friday 14th June - SPORTS DAY/PTA SUMMER BALL
- Thursday 20th June - Year 5 SHOWTIME at Brentwood Theatre
- Friday 21st June - Teddy Bear Picnic Lunch
- 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