



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

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Dear Parents and Guardians

I would like to start this week's newsletter by thanking all the Year Five parents that attended their destination school meetings with Miss Brewster and me. Over two days we managed to meet with each parent and it was an absolute pleasure. To be able to take the time to discuss each child and their potential destination schools has proved to be valuable for all concerned. It is also wonderful to take time with parents individually, discussing attainment, progress and their aspirations for the future. I am also very grateful to the parents that expressed their thanks for the continued efforts of our staff; your appreciation means a great deal to us all.

I have now been Headteacher at Oakfields for over two years and met our Year Five children when they were first entering Year Three and being introduced to the expectations of Key Stage Two. How far our children have come! Such progress only comes when we are all working together, providing a positive learning atmosphere, encouraging each child's full potential and respecting each other's roles in this collaborative learning environment.

In the words of Guy Claxton, 'Parents and educators need to establish a culture in which security and clarity of expectations are balanced with the encouragement of playfulness, inquisitiveness and self-reliance.'

Since my long-ago days as a young, excited and newly qualified teacher, I have enjoyed reading and learning from the works of Guy Claxton. The above quote is a reminder of the significance that each of us have during this valuable time in the journey of our wonderful young people to become lifelong lovers of learning.

We are a school community that works together, talks to each other, respects each other's views and wants the very best for the children in our care – thank you for making that possible.

I look forward to seeing you all next week at our upcoming open evenings.

Mrs Carroll
Headteacher

HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS



- Year 6T - Jason E
- Year 6W - Gursimran L
- Year 5S - Phoebe P
- Year 5B - Neave C
- Year 4 - Monique B
- Year 3 - Isla S
- Year 2 - Madison H
- Year 1G - Gabriella-Grace B
- Year 1N - Alexis O
- Rec Holmes-Vivaan S
- Rec Stubbs -Esose I

HOUSE POINTS:

1st - Chestnut - 356

2nd - Elm - 341

3rd - Beech - 331

4th - Oak - 235

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE:

- Year 6T - 92.9%
- Year 6W - 98.5%
- Year 5S - 98.8%
- Year 5B - 98.8%
- Year 4 - 89.5%
- Year 3 - 99.4%
- Year 2 - 99.5%
- Year 1G - 91.7%
- Year 1N - 96.7%



Year Group Highlights

YEAR 3

Year 3 have had a wonderful day travelling back in time to experience life in the Stone Age!
We became archaeologists and held real artefacts dating 80 million years ago!

Next we had to trust Tomisin to test the leaves and fruits which were safe for us to eat, wash with and those which were extremely dangerous! We were brave enough to taste a spur flower and tiny grapes! We then cleaned our hands and teeth with safe leaves.

Back in the barn we explored the weapons developed by the early humans. Then we created useful baskets ready for gathering fruits, we needed lots of patience!

At the end of the day we were incredibly fortunate to hold a real wolly mammoth back tooth, half a front tooth, leg and shin bone. They were massive creatures! Did you know that the last mammoths all died within two weeks of each other simply through lack of fresh water. Their tusks alone were 10 meters long, can you picture that?

An amazing day was had by all, we are glad to be back in the present day without the fear of dinosaurs around us!



Student Achievements

On Sunday Rajveer, Henry N, Henry H, and Mikey all competed in the Upminster Autumn Mini Festival and they all won medals! Well done boys!



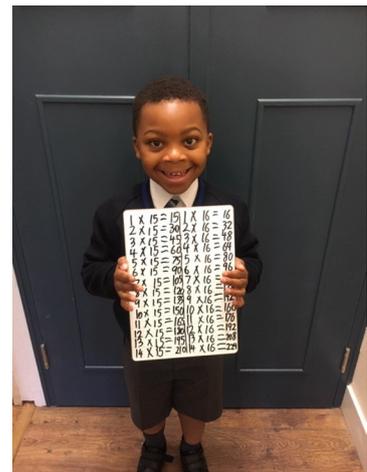
Mia recently competed in the Alan Mitchell Memorial County Qualifier Swimming Gala and placed 3rd in the 200m freestyle, 3rd in the 50m backstroke, and 6th in the 100m freestyle. Well done Mia!



Daniel A participated in the Alan Mitchell Memorial County Qualifier Swimming Gala and won 5 silver medals and 1 bronze medal. He also achieved new personal best's in the 50m butterfly, 100 m freestyle and 200m backstroke. Well done Daniel!



Well done to Joshua in Year 1 for knowing his 15 times tables!



Gabriel O passed Stage 6 swimming and moved to Stage 7. Well done Gabriel!



TRIATHALON

On Friday 4th October, a group of children from years 5 and 6 traveled to the Independent Schools Triathlon at Woodlands school, Hutton Manor. This was the second year Oakfields have been part of this challenging event but for many of the team this was their first ever triathlon. As a reminder - a triathlon consists of 3 elements - swimming, cycling and running.



We were all very excited on arriving at the school although we were also a bit nervous, however we were shown the course and picked out our bikes before heading to the swimming pool to start the event. The Oakfields girls team went first, lining up in order, fastest swimmer first. We started in the pool pushing off at 30 second intervals and doing a 6 length snake swim before getting out and running to transition to put on trainers and our bike helmets. We then raised to collect our bikes and rode them round a stunningly bumpy 800m bike course; before dismounting and taking your helmet off. Finally we ran up a colossal hill to enter the run course (which is run around a massive field) before sprinting for the line to receive a lovely medal and a drink of water.

Given the lack of experience in our team we had an amazing result. The girls team (Olivia, Mia, Isabel and Rhiannon) came 7th overall - just over a minute outside a top 3 finish. Olivia finished as 3rd girl out of the 136 girls who took part. The boys team (Daniel, Jake, Marlan and Samuel) came 16th overall. We all really enjoyed our day and had a great experience.

Next year, I hope that we can do even better and that lots of people from years 4 and 5 are inspired to give triathlon a go in order to earn a place in next year's team. Best to start practicing now - so try and go running, swimming and cycling regularly.

Olivia
Sports Captain

SPORTS DATES



- **Tuesday 15th Oct** - Cross Country at Stubbers - Years 3,4,5 and 6 from 12:00-3.00pm. Teams will be selected next week.

Mathletics makes maths fun and engaging!



'Mathletics is the UK's leading digital maths resource for 5-18 year olds, helping children to improve their numeracy skills and confidence in maths. The online maths tutoring platform makes the subject engaging and intuitive. Fully aligned with the national curriculum for ages 5 to 18, Mathletics is all about making maths fun and improving confidence'.

As well as thousands of curriculum aligned activities, children have access to:

- Exciting games
- Rainforest Maths
- Animated Times Tables
- The Concept Search tool – improving understanding through visual clues and interactive animations
- Exciting Live Mathletics adds a competitive dimension to learning, allowing children to play live mental arithmetic games against other children from all over the world in a completely safe, online environment.

Feedback and Progress:

The immediate feedback allows children to grasp concepts at their own pace and allows for continuous progress. Teachers are able to view individual progress, reassign activities, set tests, adapt work accordingly and use the analysis to plan for intervention groups. It is possible for us, as teachers, to see how many attempts it took a child to achieve the correct answer and plan/differentiate work accordingly.

Celebrating Mathletics:

Correct answers in Mathletics are rewarded with a point based system, which in return contributes to a graded (bronze, silver, gold) certificate. Mathletics is wonderfully motivating for the children with, gold bars, credits, high scores and certificates. Points can be used in the child's online Mathletics shop, where children can 'buy' an online avatar. Mathletics is used worldwide, allowing children to play live all around the world (8000 schools globally) fostering a stimulating and exciting on-line learning community – I would really recommend this feature once the children have completed their assigned activities. At the end of each day they can view a 'hall of fame' display with top point scorers. Children are awarded Mathletics certificates in recognition of individual performance and these are presented in assembly each week to celebrate outstanding achievement.

Ultimately at Oakfields Montessori School, Mathletics has been able to create the perfect link with home and school and we would like to thank you for your continued support.

Miss Sohal
Maths Lead



*This week's
Mathletics Stars*

LUNCHTIME ENRICHMENT CLUBS

This is the enrichment timetable for after October half term. The clubs will be running up until Christmas and then reviewed for the Spring term. Enrichment clubs are free of charge providing enrichment opportunities for our children in a relaxed environment during the children's lunchtime.

Through these clubs, we give children the chance to learn key skills which will enhance their personal development and life skills. This enrichment timetable is an initial introduction and clubs will be limited to a first come first served. The timetable and organisation of these will be reviewed according to their success at the end of the half term. I would like to thank each teacher that has offered their time in support of this initiative.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Choir Year 3 – 6 Led by Mrs Wiltshire	Orchestra Year 3- 6 Led by Miss Reed	Puzzles and Board Games Reception only Led by Mrs Williams and Mrs Caffull	Golden Mile Year 1 – 6 Led by Mrs Peacham	Dance Year 1 and 2 Led by Miss Nunn and Miss Gowing
Basic Microsoft/Computer Skills Club Led by Mrs Makwana	Reading Club Year 5 and 6 Led by Miss McKinnon	Computing/Gaming Club Key Stage 2 Led by Miss McKinnon	Young Voices Singing Choir Led by Mrs Wells	

ALLERGEN ALERT

A gentle reminder, due to a number of our children with severe allergies, parents are kindly requested not to bring food items for other children for the teachers to distribute. As an alternative, parents are welcome to provide goody-bags for the class, as long as they don't contain items for consumption.

Upcoming Events

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OCTOBER

- MONDAY 14TH - 11+ results posted out
- TUESDAY 15TH - 11+ results available online/Parents Evening Kindergarten-Year 6 4-7pm
- WEDNESDAY 16TH - Year 6 Shakespeare Globe Theatre
- THURSDAY 17TH - Parents Evening Kindergarten-Year 6 4-7pm
- FRIDAY 18TH - Last Day
- MONDAY 21ST - FRIDAY 1ST - HALF TERM HOLIDAY

NOVEMBER

- MONDAY 4TH - Children Back
- TUESDAY 5TH - Year 1 Coffee Morning 9am
- WEDNESDAY 6TH - Year 2 Coffee Morning 9am/Year 1 Museum of Childhood 8-3pm
- THURSDAY 7TH - PTA Meeting 7:45pm
- 11TH - 15TH - Anti-Bullying Week
- TUESDAY 12TH - Year 4 Coffee Morning 9am/PTA Meeting 7:45pm
- WEDNESDAY 13TH - Year 5 Coffee Morning 9am
- THURSDAY 14TH - Year 6 Coffee Morning 9am
- 18TH - 24TH - Road Safety Week
- TUESDAY 19TH - Year 3 Coffee Morning 9am **(REVISED)**/Flu Immunisation Rec - Yr 6
- FRIDAY 22ND - School Disco
- WEDNESDAY 20TH - Stay and Play Kindergarten 9-9:45am
- THURSDAY 21ST - Stay and Play Reception 9-9:45am

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