



## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

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Dear Parents and Guardians

We have had a wonderful start to the academic year and I thank you, as always, for your ongoing support and care. It has been a busy and focused half term with many successes.

#### **Congratulations**

As you know, we are incredibly proud of all our children at Oakfields however there are times when some individuals need a special mention. Some of our Year 6 cohort chose to sit the 11+ in preparation for their destination school choices. We are delighted to announce that we have been informed of the following individual successes:

- Anita passed not only the Bexley but also the Essex 11+ examination
- Tomiwa and Gabrielle both passed the Kent 11+ examination
- Frederick passed both the Kent and Essex 11+ examinations
- Olivia, Elsie-Mae, Chloe and Dara all passed the Essex 11+ examination

It is with great pride that I inform you that our Head Girl, Dara, has achieved an exceptional score of 382.98 in her Essex 11+ examination. This is accompanied with offers from Rodean and Benedon! We are so very proud of her outstanding achievements.

All the children who took the exams worked incredibly hard to prepare for these and we know that everyone gave their best. A massive well done to you all!

#### **Destination School Meetings**

We would like to thank all the parents that took time to attend the destination school meetings this half term. These meetings allow very honest conversations with parents, giving guidance on suitable destination school options and reassuring them of the admissions process.

When we met our current Year 6 parents in Year 4 we identified a third of the cohort as potential 11+ candidates. We are pleased to see that 90% of those identified successfully passed an 11+ examination. We look forward to receiving and sharing the independent school examination outcomes in the near future.

#### **Uniform**

We will be returning after the holiday in full winter uniform. This therefore seems the ideal time to thank all parents for your support in ensuring students are wearing the correct uniform this term. Children are looking smart and well presented. We do have high expectations of uniform compliance and this mirrors our expectations for behaviour and learning throughout the school. Please ensure that all aspects of uniform including PE and swimming are in line with our uniform requirements.

I do ask that all children return to school after the half term with a school coat that can be purchased through Bespoke Uniform. As you know winter is just around the corner and coats are necessary for children to be able to enjoy the outdoors during break times. All hats must also be purchased through our approved provider.

Now all that is left for me to say is have a wonderful half term, enjoy your time together and I cannot wait to welcome you all back on Monday 4th of November.

Mrs Carroll  
Headteacher

## HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

- Year 6T - Emily M
- Year 6W - Daniel O
- Year 5S - Daniel A
- Year 5B - Oscar M
- Year 4 - Francesca W
- Year 3 - Adeel O
- Year 2 - Archit G
- Year 1G - Leah O
- Year 1N - Tate R
- Rec Holmes- Aaliyah R
- Rec Stubbs - Daisy-Grace F



### HOUSE POINTS:

1st - Chestnut - 420

2nd - Beech - 392

3rd - Elm - 324

4th - Oak - 264

### THIS TERM HOUSE WINNERS:

**BEECH - 1761 TOTAL**

### WEEKLY ATTENDANCE:

- Year 6T - 98.6%
- Year 6W - 93.1%
- Year 5S - 100%
- Year 5B - 98.8%
- Year 4 - 92.6%
- Year 3 - 95.6%
- Year 2 - 98.1%
- Year 1G - 96.7%
- Year 1N - 94.7%



# Year Group Highlights

## YEAR 2

In English, the children have been very busy writing their poems for the National Poetry Day Competition. The theme is 'Truth' as a class we decided to write truths about ourselves. They have written about their appearance, things they like to do and things that make them happy.

We have used similes and adjectives to describe our appearances. Some of the children wanted to share some of the similes in the poems.

Scarlett - I have eyes as blue as dolphins.

Henry H - I have eyes as dark as the dark street.

Aurelia - I have red lips as red as red fire.

Madison - I have small round eyes as round as the moon.

Dreydon - I have curly hair like noodles.

Charis - I have lips as red as roses.

We hope you have enjoyed reading our similes.



## *This week's Mathematics Stars*



# Year Group Highlights

## YEAR 6

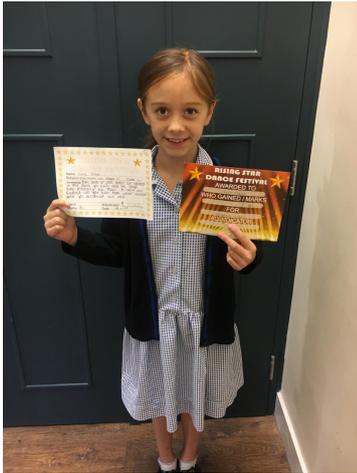
Year 6 enjoyed a trip to the world famous Globe Theatre on London's Bankside this week. After a train ride and short walk we were welcomed by Dominic, an actor, who was to be our guide and teacher for the day. There were gasps of wonder as we were led into the theatre where we sat on the highest level of seating with a great view of the stage. Dominic shared information with us related to the building, the plays, the audiences and the players. Did you know the Globe does not have a roof covering the auditorium? After many questions from us all expertly answered we were taken to a rehearsal space near the theatre and Dominic helped us discover our inner witches! He also explained how actors can show the meaning of their words by their actions. We were able to 'tarry' and 'avaunt!' convincingly.

The exhibition at the theatre is temporarily closed so we walked back to the station on a mini-tour passing the spot where the original Globe theatre was located (now a block of apartments), across London Bridge which we learned was crowded with buildings during Shakespeare's time and past the Monument where Year 6 were able to share some of their previous learning about this landmark of London. Mr Trusler even translated the Latin inscription on the plinth! We are not sure it was accurate, though! We have definitely increased our appreciation of Shakespeare and Macbeth and our newly acquired acting skills will be helpful for the end of year production.



# Student Achievements

Lucy has recently participated in the Rising Star Dance Festival and received an award for her Modern Solo. Well done Lucy!



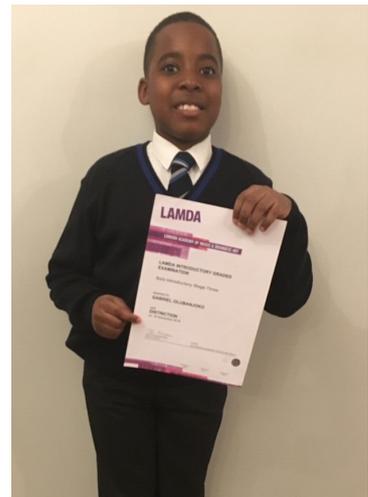
Toluwani has recently received a **DISTINCTION** on her LAMDA Solo Introductory Stage 3 Exam. Well done Toluwani!



Maria has completed level 6 swimming and is now on to level 7. Well done Maria!



Gabriel has gained a **DISTINCTION** in his LAMDA Level 1 exam. Well done Gabriel!



Daniel has completed level 6 swimming and is now on to level 7. Well done Daniel!



Jessica has completed first aid training and has received a Little Legs First Aid certificate of completion. Well done Jessica!



## CROSS COUNTRY

On Tuesday, 4 teams of runners from Years 3-6 went to Stubbers Adventure Centre to take part in the Havering school's cross country event.

Our Year 3 and 4 teams had to run 1.2km with the Year 5 and 6 teams running just over 2km around Russell's Lake.

After a good warm up session led by the sports captains, the year 3 and 4 girls set off on their run, for many the first time taking part in such an event. The girls finished an impressive 6th overall with a team score of 102 and Elizabeth the first Oakfields girl to finish.

Next, it was the Year 3 and 4 boys' turn and they were similarly impressive. Congratulations to Ayo the first Oakfields boy to finish. Overall, the year 3 and 4 boys finished 8th with a team score of 129.

The Year 5 and 6 girls have had more experience in cross country and they stormed around the course finishing 2nd overall with 59 points (only 8 points behind the winners). There were strong individual performances for Isabel who finished 4th overall and Olivia who finished 2nd – qualifying to run for the Havering Hurricanes at the London Youth Games in November.

Finally, it was time for the Year 5 and 6 boys, who came 5th overall (99 points), with a strong finish for Daniel A who finished 7th.

In summary, it was a brilliant event and we were lucky to escape the rain! Well done to all the children involved especially those who represented the school for the first time – we were very proud of you. Thank you so much to all the parents that came out to support us, to Mr Andy for driving us back and forth and to Miss Sohal and Ms Peacham for looking after us.

If you would like to practice your cross country, ready for next year, then join the golden mile club at school or ask your parents to take you to the junior parkrun on a Sunday morning at 9am at Harrow Lodge Park (RM12 4QU) – register online at parkrun first!

Olivia  
Sports Captain



## *GAMES AND PUZZLE DONATIONS*

Mrs Caffull and Mrs Williams are starting a games and puzzle club for Reception children after half term. If you have any puzzles or games your children have grown out of and you are able to donate them it would be much appreciated.

Many thanks,  
Reception Team

## *P.E. UNIFORM*

Please can all parents ensure children have school tracksuits / thermals / a change of white or stripey blue socks for outdoor PE lessons as their feet may possibly get wet. The school grey socks are NOT part of the PE kit.

Also some of the younger pupils will need trainers instead of black plimsolls for the field.

In colder weather conditions pupils will be allowed to wear school woollen hats and navy blue gloves but not scarves or coats.

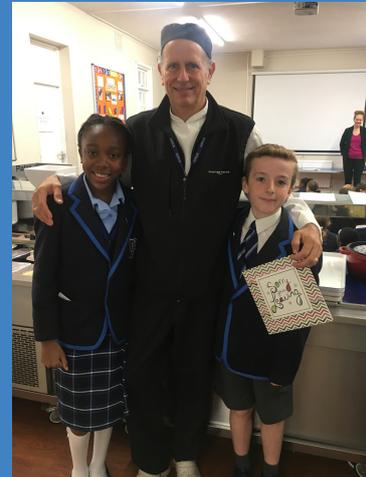
Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Enjoy your half term break!

Regards  
Miss C Peacham  
Head of PE

## *FAREWELL CHEF STEVE*

After 5 years of service Mr Steve has decided to move on to greener pastures. Please join us in wishing him the very best in his new role.



## *UPCOMING FIXTURES*

- 6th Nov – Boys football Cup v St Mary's at home 3.00pm k.o
- 7th Nov – Girls and boys league matches – away at Harrow Lodge Primary School 12.00 – 3.30pm
- 19th Nov – Mixed Netball cup match v Branfil Primary school – Away 3.30pm – 4.30pm

## *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 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
- WEDNESDAY 20TH - Stay and Play Kindergarten 9-9:45am
- THURSDAY 21ST - Stay and Play Reception 9-9:45am
- FRIDAY 22ND - School Disco

### DECEMBER

- TUESDAY 3RD - Carol Concert Brentwood Cathedral (Y1-6)
- FRIDAY 6TH - Christmas Bazaar/Reports Out
- MONDAY 9TH - Reception Nativity 2pm
- TUESDAY 10TH - Reception Nativity 2pm
- WEDNESDAY 11TH - Kindergarten Nativity 2pm
- THURSDAY 12TH - Pantomime at Queens Theatre Reception - Yr 6 at 10am/Kindergarten Nativity 2pm/Winter Wonderland 3pm-6pm
- FRIDAY 13TH - Christmas Jumper Day/Christmas Dinner Day/Last Day
- 16TH - 3RD - **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY**

### JANUARY

- TUESDAY 7TH - **CHILDREN BACK**
- WEDNESDAY 15TH - PTA Meeting
- THURSDAY 23RD - Open Morning for prospective parents

## RECENT SOCIAL MEDIA POST



**Oakfields Montessori School**  
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Congratulations to Beech House for achieving the highest amount of House Points this term! They have won extra play time and are having a blast outside playing with Mrs Carroll joining in on the fun!  
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