



OAKFIELDS MONTESSORI SCHOOL

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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Friends of Oakfields

At this time of year our school is alive with activity and we have so much to be grateful for. Our Christmas celebration, that took place at Brentwood Cathedral, was an absolute joy. The singing was beautiful, and I thank each one of you that attended, helping to make it a very special evening for us all. I have also been fortunate enough to be amongst the audience for each of our early years productions. The smiles on the children's faces and the energy given to each song was testament to the happy, encouraging learning environment that is enjoyed each day. I would like to thank all the staff that supported these events. It means a great deal to me that our staff body so readily give up their own time always wanting the very best for our children.

We still have so much to come, and I look forward to welcoming you all to our Winter Wonderland Event on Thursday 12th December. The weather forecast is not looking great so please come along, with an umbrella, to join in with what has quickly become one of the most popular events of the year. I am very excited to be welcoming the first ever PTA choir who will be entertaining us with their festive tunes so please come along and enjoy all the festivities.

Finally, I would like to thank you for all your lovely Christmas wishes. I am extremely grateful to receive these. I wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and hope your holiday is filled with lots of celebration and cherished moments.

Mrs Carroll
Headteacher

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Celebrating Success

HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

- Year 6T - Whole Class
- Year 6W - Whole Class
- Year 5S - Maria T
- Year 5B - Joshua B
- Year 4 - Whole Class
- Year 3 - Manpreet L
- Year 2 - Joshua W
- Year 1G - Whole Class
- Year 1N - Whole Class
- Rec Holmes- Ariel E
- Rec Stubbs - Ora A



WEEKLY ATTENDANCE:

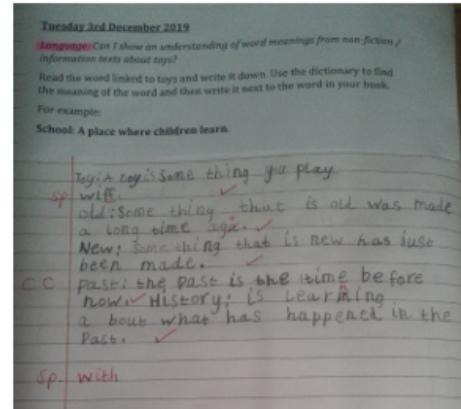
- Year 6T - 97.1%
- Year 6W - 96.2%
- Year 5S - 97.1%
- Year 5B - 94.7%
- Year 4 - 97.2%
- Year 3 - 96.7%
- Year 2 - 100%
- Year 1G - 99.2%
- Year 1N - 95.3%



Year Group Highlights

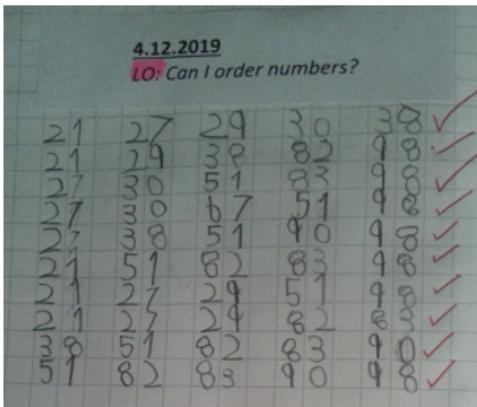
YEAR 1

Within English, Year 1 used the dictionaries provided to look up and record the meaning of words linked to the history of toys. The task reminded the children of the vocabulary they used during our trip to the Museum of Childhood.



Tuesday 3rd December 2019
Language: Can I show an understanding of word meanings from non-fiction / information texts about toys?
Read the word linked to toys and write it down. Use the dictionary to find the meaning of the word and then write it next to the word in your book.
For example:
School: A place where children learn.
Toy: a thing you play with.
Old: some thing that is old was made a long time ago.
New: something that is new has just been made.
Past: the past is the time before now. History is learning about what has happened in the past.
Sp. with

Within maths, Year 1 have explored place value and partitioning. The children used this knowledge to order numbers. They started by looking at the digit in the tens column and then the units.



4.12.2019
LO: Can I order numbers?
Handwritten numbers from 1 to 100, with red checkmarks indicating correct ordering.

Last week we had a brilliant performance from Mr Ball's guitar students during assembly. We all enjoyed singing along as they played 'We Wish you a Merry Christmas'.
Well done everyone!



Sports

SPORTS ATHLETICS

On Thursday 5th December our mixed netball team played the next round of the Havering Sports Collective cup against Squirrels Heath Primary School. We played 2 x 10 minute halves. After the end of the first half we were winning 8-0 and we were thrilled at the end of the game we won 15-0 !

Congratulations to all of our pupils and we are now through to the next round in the new year!

On Tuesday 10th December we hosted the next round of Havering Schools Sport District Cup - Boys Years 5 & 6 vs St Patricks Primary School who knocked us out of the football league! In the end of the first half we were 1-0 up with Harry M in goal. In the second half Freddie E played in goal as goal keeper and Harry scored his 2nd goal. With a third goal being scored by mistake by the home team we went ahead 3-0.

By the end of the final whistle the opposing team scored one goal but we won victoriously 3-1 and our boys are now through to the quarter finals after Christmas.

Congratulations to all of the boys who played with such determination, enthusiasm and passion!

Parents please remind your children to take home PE kits to wash and clean for the New Year.

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas!

Kind regards
Miss C Peacham
Head of PE



UPCOMING FIXTURES:

- ISA Cross Country Finborough – Friday 17th Jan 2020 at Finborough School
- Mixed Netball League - Thursday 23rd Jan 2020

Please take note:

- PEACHES Netball club finishes on Thursday 5th December 4.45pm but will restart on Thursday 9th January 2020
- If any Year 6 or 5 pupils girls and boys wish to sign up for next term's club (10 weeks) please email Miss Peacham directly and payment will be required prior to the first session. Places are limited so email as soon as possible to secure your child's place.

Student Achievements

Barlow has passed his NISA Skate UK Level 4!
Well done Barlow!



Alexis has achieved the British Gymnastics proficiency award for level 6! Well done Alexis!



Jake has received the Chief Scout's Silver Award! Well done Jake!



Selinah is a part of the Junior Chorus in The Queens Theatre production of 'Robin Hood'
Well done Selinah!



The November Numeracy Challenge 2019 results are in!

The results are in! Huge well done to all participants - we are so impressed by the commitment and determination of our Mathletics School! There was an amazing effort by all participating year groups - I hope you enjoyed taking part and creating a maths buzz around our school! The children were building up many points and contributed greatly towards being Unicef ambassadors. This is what the children had to say:

Samuel A (5S): I prefer my homework set digitally because I can play against other people in live mode. I feel proud when I get my certificates.

Arjun M (1N): I enjoy learning and the tests!

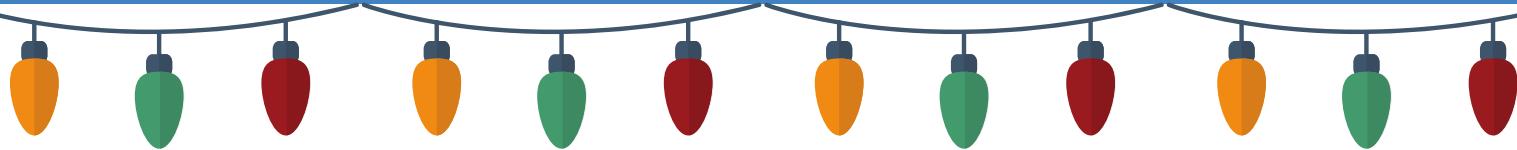
Ralph B (4S): It has been very good, very enjoyable and entertaining. An example is where I've completed my work, I normally go back and play my classmates. My parents encourage me to build up my points to beat my friends and get to the top.

Ranveer M (3M): I think it has pushed me really hard to reach my boundaries in maths. It makes me really proud when I receive my certificates and motivates me to want to work for more.

Harry M (6W): I like Mathletics because you get to try out different activities and it helps me with my maths.

Scarlett E (2E): I think Mathletics is good because it gives you hard and easy questions. I like that I get to use the laptop or computer to complete or play the games.

Thank you for your continued support with Mathletics at home, we can truly see the children have been enjoying their experience this half term.



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



Sweet Jar Winners!

Kindergarten- Mansimran

Reception-Yunus

Year 1 - Eaton

Year 2 - Mikey

Year 3 - Sharon

Year 4 - Maddie

Year 5 - Oscar

Year 6 - Gabrielle

Our Oakfields School Choir had the pleasure of singing Christmas Carols to the residents of Derham House on Friday. They were such a delight and it was lovely to see some of them singing along! Well done children!



A MESSAGE FROM OUR WELL BEING TEAM

As we approach the festive season, the season of goodwill, it seems like a perfect time to reflect on the wonderful year that we have shared as a school community. We have had a truly spectacular month of December and have made so many memories together.

The Global Be Well Day stands out as a day that both the children and staff will remember for years to come. The importance of Wellbeing is now a huge focus at Oakfields and we are always looking at ways to enhance this.

Our plans for the new year are to create a more therapeutic space in our Wellbeing room and make this available for children to drop into at both morning break and lunch times. WATCH THIS SPACE!

Finally, at this magical time of year, let us all consider the things that we are grateful for in our lives. From the people who love and care for us, to all of our achievements, and the wonderful memories we have made. Gratitude is a key part of our wellbeing and helps us to be present in the moment and focused on the positive things in our lives.

Have a lovely holiday!
Well Being Team

General Information and Notices

Spring Term Invoice

You will have received in the post your Spring Term Invoice, which is due as cleared funds into the school account by 2nd January 2020. Prompt payment of your school fees, avoids your account going into credit control, which may result in exclusion for non-payment.

This is in line with your terms and conditions.

Please note the school accepts payment by the following methods;

Termly Direct Debit

As long as we have your mandate, your termly payment will be collected by direct debit on 2nd January 2020.

Your invoice is for your records only.

School Fee Plan

If you have chosen to spread your payments monthly over the course of the year via school fee plan, you will not need to do anything furthermore, and your invoice is for your records only.

Finance Department



POPPIY APPEAL

We would like to thank everyone for donating to the Poppy Appeal. With your help we raided a grand total of £105.98

Christmas Lunch

Oakfields will be enjoying a festive Christmas lunch on Friday 13th December 2019. Please see menu below.



Thursday 13th Dec 2019

Main Meal

Roast Norfolk Turkey
Pork chipolata wrapped in bacon
Simple onion & fresh herb stuffing
Yorkshire Pudding
Served with a rich vegan gravy & cranberry sauce

OR

Puff pastry wellington filled with Brie, Cranberry and a selection of sauté vegetables

Meal Accompaniments

Honey Roasted Parsnips
Roast Potatoes
Simple Peas &
Fresh Steamed Carrot

Dessert

Traditional Christmas Pudding
Served with Custard
OR
Gingerbread Men

Christmas Closure

The school will be closed for the Christmas break from 23rd December 2019 and we look forward to welcoming you all back on Tuesday 7th January 2020

Upcoming Events



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DECEMBER

- THURSDAY 12TH - Pantomime at Queens Theatre
Reception - Yr 6 at 10am/Kindergarten Nativity
2pm/Winter Wonderland 3pm-6:30pm
- 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

FEBRUARY

- TUESDAY 4TH - Year 1 coffee morning 9am
- WEDNESDAY 5TH - Year 2 coffee morning 9am
- THURSDAY 6TH - Year 3 coffee morning 9am
- MONDAY 10TH - Year 4 coffee morning 9am
- TUESDAY 11TH - Year 5 coffee morning 9am
- WEDNESDAY 12TH - Year 6 coffee morning 9am
- 17TH - 21ST - **HALF TERM HOLIDAY**

RECENT SOCIAL MEDIA POST



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Meet some of the Oakfields PTA!
We're so thankful for all they do to support our school! #CognitaWay #pta #christmasbazaar



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