OAKFIELDS MONTESSORI SCHOOL

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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Friends of Oakfields

What a wonderful week we have had! I have just returned from Finborough School, where alongside staff and parents we watched in awe, as 18 of our children took part in the annual ISA East Region Cross Country Event. Thankfully it was a bright, sunny, though a little chilly day! It was wonderful to be attending this fabulous event for the first time, within the wonderful surroundings of Finborough School and I would like to thank Headmaster, Mr. Clark, for being a fantastic host.

Mr Forrest's support during training sessions and today's event was very much appreciated and I am sure the children were grateful, as was Mrs Peacham, for the time, advice and above all, the encouragement he has given – thank you so much, it really did make a difference.

As always, our children astound us with their efforts and team spirit. Above all, it was delightful to see the children so happy to be there and appreciative of the opportunity; I am so proud of everyone that participated. We celebrated some amazing performances, with 4 of our children now progressing to the national stages of the competition! I wish to extend my congratulations to Olivia, who came 1st and Isobel 3rd in their year group races, both receiving medals for their exceptional performances – well done ladies!

My thanks also to all of our parents that supported their children in today's event. It was a lovely day and I very much enjoyed the time we spent together. Days like today remind me of how fortunate we are to be learning and working within such a close and committed school community.

Have a wonderful weekend and I look forward to seeing you all next week.

Mrs Carroll
Headteacher

HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

- Year 6T - Valerie G
- Year 6W - Gabrielle S
- Year 5S - Lucy S
- Year 5B - Alexandra C
- Year 4 - Maxwell B
- Year 3 - Deniz G
- Year 2 - Aurelia B
- Year 1G - Avy A
- Year 1N - Jennah N
- Rec Holmes- Jediah O
- Rec Stubbs - Yunus A

HOUSE POINTS:

- 1st - Elm - 649
- 2nd - Chestnut - 615
- 3rd - Beech - 582
- 4th - Oak - 405

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE:

- Year 6T - 90%
- Year 6W - 98.3%
- Year 5S - 100%
- Year 5B - 98.7%
- Year 4 - 96.3%
- Year 3 - 89.4%
- Year 2 - 86.7%
- Year 1G - 98.3%
- Year 1N - 92%

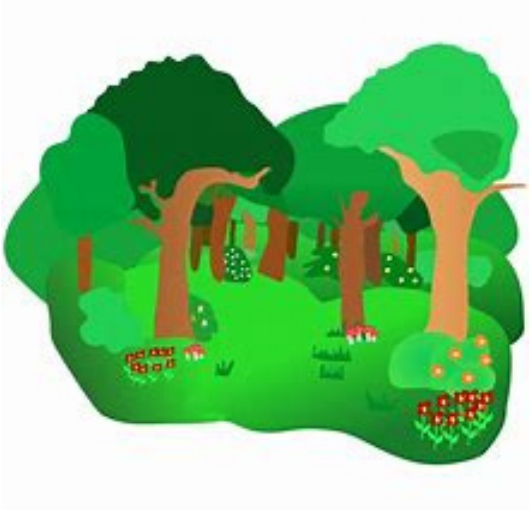
MATHLETICS STARS

Year Group Highlights

KINDERGARTEN

This week in Kindergarten the children have been learning all about the rainforest and different animals that live there. We have been exploring repeating patterns by creating our own pattern snakes and using the playdough to explore making our rainforests using the toy animals and natural resources.

Our cube has become our very own rainforest in class and we have dressed as rainforest explorers to search for rainforest animals around the classroom.



YEAR 1

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LO: Can I learn about events beyond living memory that are significant nationally?

The children learnt about the meaning of the word 'Suffrage' and who the Suffragettes were. They used the paper and straws provided to create examples of banners and sashes that would have been worn by the Suffragettes. They recorded slogans such as 'Votes for women' and 'Deeds not words' onto their banners and sashes.

ISA CROSS COUNTRY

Excellent results today ...top 10 runners qualified for National ISA championships in March representing the East Anglian County. I am thrilled to announce We successfully achieved 4 places as follows:

- Elizabeth G came 6th in the Year 4 girls event
- Daniel A came 7th in the Year 5 and 6 boys race
- Isabel F came 3rd
- Olivia F (our Girls Sports Captain) came 1st out of over 100 Year 5 and 6 girls

Absolutely awesome result !

Congratulations to all of the other runners who did superbly in wet slippery conditions I am extremely proud of you all !

Thank you to our amazing parents who drove a long way to support us.

Kind regards

Miss C Peacham
Head of PE

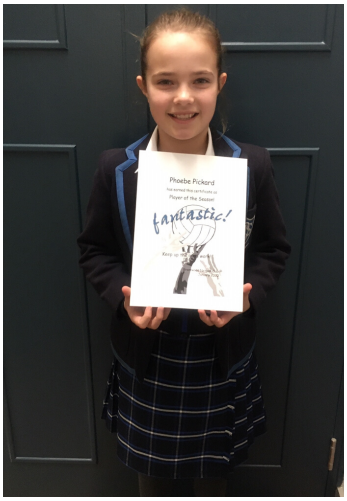
UPCOMING FIXTURES

- Thursday 23rd Jan – Mixed Netball League rally – Noak Hill Sports Centre 12.00 – 3pm
- Wednesday 29th Jan – ISA Years 5 & 6 Girls Netball Rally – Alleyn Court – 11.00 – 3pm

Student Achievements

Shekina was awarded the ABRSM Level 1 Award in Graded Examination in music theory Grade 2 and passed with distinction for her violin! Well done Shekina!

Phoebe has earned the Player of the Season award from her Brentwood netball team! Well done Phoebe!



Back in October 2019, we celebrated National Poetry Day with the theme of 'truth'. Year groups 1-6 created their own poems linked to theme of 'truth' and these were entered into the National Poetry Day, Havering competition in November 2019.

I am delighted to announce that the overall winner for the Key Stage 1 age group is Timothy in Year 2.

Well done Timothy – great use of similes! Your hard work and effort paid off!

Timothy's poem will be made into posters and displayed in ten libraries across Havering.

Miss Gowing
Head of English

ONLINE SAFETY

Our staff meeting this week focused on Online Safety and the new documentation released from the DFE (Department for Education) on Keeping Children Safe in Education. During the staff meeting we talked about the devices pupils and staff have access to at school and at home and how the internet and devices can support children in their educational journey. We discussed the possible risks that come with using online devices and how we can ensure there is a whole school approach to support, protect and educate the whole school community; staff, pupils and parents.

Below are some links to current topics and websites to support parents with online safety. If you would like any further information on online safety please speak to Mrs Caffull – Computing Lead and DDSL – Online Safety Lead

https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/hot-topics

https://www.internetmatters.org/schools-esafety/teacher-training/online-safety-parent-support/

https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2020

WELLBEING ROOM

Following up from a previous newsletter we have indeed created a more therapeutic space in our wellbeing room. As a result children are now able to drop-in on Mondays during breaktime and lunchtime and on Wednesdays and Fridays during lunchtime only, with any issues regarding their wellbeing no matter how big or small.

HAVERING ARTS DEVELOPMENT AND HAVERING LIBRARIES

SHORT STORY COMPETITION

HAVERING SCHOOLS

- OPEN TO KEY STAGE 1 & KEY STAGE 2 PUPILS
- CLOSING DATE THURSDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2020
- FREE ENTRY
- MAXIMUM WORD COUNT 600 WORDS
- CHILDREN MAY ALSO INCLUDE THEIR OWN DRAWINGS & PAINTINGS
- STORY WRITING TROPHY FOR THE WINNERS IN EACH AGE CATEGORY
- CERTIFICATES FOR SECOND & THIRD PRIZE
- ALL ENTRIES TO BE PUBLISHED IN A SPECIAL E.BOOK
- ALL ENTRIES TO BE DISPLAYED AT FRY'S GALLERY AT FAIRKYTES ARTS CENTRE FOR WORLD BOOK DAY
- SELECTED ENTRIES, WILL ALSO TRAVEL WITH PADDINGTON ON HIS HAVERING BOROUGH EXHIBITION TOUR

THE ADVENTURES OF
PADDINGTON BEAR

WRITE A STORY
ABOUT
LONDON'S
FAVOURITE BEAR

ARTS@HAVERING.GOV.UK

Havering LONDON BOROUGH

HAVERING ARTS DEVELOPMENT AND HAVERING LIBRARIES

PADDINGTON SHORT STORY COMPETITION

In December 2019, Havering Arts Development with the help of local children, are going to build a large model of Paddington bear.

In 2020, Paddington will tour the borough of Havering, visiting all of our 10 libraries and other public buildings.

We want to send him on his travels accompanied by lots of stories written by local children, so we have come up with a special short story competition open to all pupils in the KS1 and KS2 age groups.

Tell us a Paddington story
Use your imagination and write us a short adventure for Paddington (up to a maximum of 600 words). You can also send drawings and paintings with the story if you wish. Please give your story an exciting title.

How to enter
It's free to enter. The closing date for entries is 28 February 2020.
You can either email your story to **arts@havering.gov.uk**, or, if it is on paper, bring it or post it to: **Paddington Story, Fairkytes Arts Centre, 51 Billet Lane, Hornchurch RM11 1AX**
Please include your name, age, school, year group and class name and a contact email or phone number for your parent/guardian.

All stories and pictures received will be displayed alongside Paddington at a special exhibition at Fry's Gallery, Fairkytes Arts Centre and selected works will be displayed in libraries. Admission free.

Exhibition and prizes
A judging panel from Havering Arts Development and Havering Libraries will choose their two favourite stories from all the entries (one from KS1 and one from KS2) . The winners will receive a story writing trophy and there will be certificates for second and third prize. The panel will also choose a selection of stories to accompany Paddington on his tour of the borough. All entries will also be included in a downloadable e-book.

The judges decision is final, no correspondence will be entered into. Submitted work cannot be returned, but will be available to collect from Fairkytes Arts Centre until 31 March 2020.

arts@havering.gov.uk

Havering LONDON BOROUGH

The annual Voice of the Parent "Deep Dive" survey launched on Tuesday 14th January and will remain open for 3 weeks.

Your views are important to us so please take the time to complete the survey if you have not done so already.

Thank you.

OAKFEILDS SCHOOL COAT

Parents please ensure that your child arrives in their Oakfields school coat everyday. With the unpredictable weather conditions during this season, children are allowed to wear their coats home everyday and return with them in the morning. It is mandatory that the children wear their coats while outdoors.
Thank you.

Upcoming Events

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JANUARY

- THURSDAY 23RD - Open Morning for prospective parents
- MONDAY 27TH - English Presentation for parents (K2, Rec, Y1) 6 - 7pm

FEBRUARY

- MONDAY 3RD - English Presentation for parents (Years 2-6) 6 - 7pm
- TUESDAY 4TH - Year 1 coffee morning 9am
- WEDNESDAY 5TH - Year 2 coffee morning 9am/Young Voices
- 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/Reception Stay and Play 2:15 - 3pm
- THURSDAY 13TH - Kindergarten Stay and Play 2 - 2:45pm
- 17TH - 21ST - **HALF TERM HOLIDAY**
- THURSDAY 27TH - Reception Transition Presentation (Current K2 parents) 9 - 9:45am

MARCH

- MONDAY 2ND - Secondary School National Offer Date
- TUESDAY 3RD - Reception trip to Discovery Centre/PTA MEETING
- THURSDAY 5TH - World Book Day
- THURSDAY 12TH - Year 5 trip to British Museum
- WEDNESDAY 18TH - Year 1 trip to Colcester Zoo
- TUESDAY 24TH - Parents Evening 4-7pm
- WEDNESDAY 25TH - Year 6 Houses of Parliament Trip
- THURSDAY 26TH - PTA Easter Egg Hunt/Parents Evening 4-7pm
- MONDAY 30TH - Year 4 Destination School Meetings
- TUESDAY 31ST - Year 4 Destination School Meetings

APRIL

- WEDNESDAY 1ST - MONDAY 20TH **- EASTER HOLIDAYS**
- TUESDAY 21ST - CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL

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A co-educational prep school for boys and girls aged 3-11 years

Open Morning

Thursday 23rd January 2020
9:30am - 11:30am

Reserve a space:
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