



## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Friends of Oakfields

I would like to thank all the parents that attended our Kindergarten to Year 1 phonics parent workshop. It was wonderful to see such a fantastic turn out and your enthusiasm and support for the school was very much appreciated – thank you. Miss Gowing, our English lead teacher, hopes that these workshops will help to inform, support and strengthen communication ensuring the very best outcomes for every child in our care and clarity of approach to their learning. We are already looking forward to welcoming our Year 2 to 6 parents next Monday so please do let the office know if you are able to attend.

I was very pleased to welcome Mr Simon Camby to our school today. Mr Camby is our Group Director of Education for Cognita. His responsibilities include reinforcing Cognita's commitment to sharing educational best practice across the group in order to keep improving the educational experience we offer our children.

A graduate of the University of Cambridge, Mr Camby's career in educational leadership spans over 20 years. He has worked in individual schools and groups of schools, in the UK and internationally. Prior to joining Cognita in 2015, Mr Camby was a lead Ofsted inspector and Chief Executive of the Focus Trust, providing advice and educational support to schools and academies. He is now also on the member board of directors for the Independent Schools Inspectorate. It was therefore an honour to talk with him about the progress our children are making, the pedagogy being applied across our curriculum and the support we are so fortunate to receive from yourselves as this truly has an enormous impact on all we do.

I admire Mr Camby greatly and feel so fortunate to have been able to work with him over the past three years. His experiences and reflections continue to inspire me and all of us working at Oakfields and I would like to thank him for taking the time to visit today.

Another amazing day with our fabulous children at Oakfields!  
I wish you all a very happy and restful weekend.

Mrs Carroll  
Headteacher

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## HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

- Year 6T - David H-R
- Year 6W - Rhiannon D
- Year 5S - Daniel T
- Year 5B - Shekina N
- Year 4 - Monique B
- Year 3 - Jedidyah N
- Year 2 - Sia P
- Year 1G - Leah O
- Year 1N - Toby A
- Rec Holmes- Tejumade L
- Rec Stubbs - Maggie W



*Reception Reading Award Winners!*



## HOUSE POINTS:

- 1st - Beech - 441
- 2nd - Elm - 415
- 3rd - Chestnut - 357
- 4th - Oak - 312

## WEEKLY ATTENDANCE:

- Year 6T - 92.9%
- Year 6W - 100%
- Year 5S - 95.9%
- Year 5B - 100%
- Year 4 - 97.9%
- Year 3 - 97.8%
- Year 2 - 99%
- Year 1G - 100%
- Year 1N - 96%

# Year Group Highlights

## YEAR 3

### Visit into Upminster Town

On Wednesday this week the Year 3 children visited Upminster Town as part of their study in Geography. The children completed a survey of services in the town and looked at facilities in the local area. They thoroughly enjoyed the visit and were excited to discover the many features of the town centre.



## YEAR 6

Class 6T finished their Forest School experience last week and what a fantastic time they had! Pictures show some of the many activities which engaged the children throughout their sessions. Leader Sue Squirrel (her Forest School name) ensured the children were constantly thinking about safety as they lit fires, whittled sticks, hammered, tied, swung and zip-lined. Each session included some snacks and a drink including fresh mint tea, smores, pancakes, hot blackcurrant and hot chocolate. These goodies were prepared by the children - 'cooking outside is the best!' - and they unanimously voted cooking as the favourite part of each session. As well as all the action-packed activities, there were opportunities to make woodland crafts, learn about the variety of trees at Oakfields' and identify birds.



## ISA NETBALL RALLY

On Wednesday 29th January our Year 5 and 6 girls netball team entered the ISA Netball Rally at Alleyn Court School near Southend .

There were 13 independent schools divided into two groups. Each game lasted 10 minutes.

Our first game was against Thorpe Hall which we won 3/0. The next game was extremely close against St Margaret's and at the final whistle the score was 2 / 3. The next two games we lost were very tough against Cophill and Ursuline but in our final match against St John's our team played brilliantly and won 6/2!

Well done to all of the girls who played.

Miss C Peacham  
Head of PE



### UPCOMING FIXTURES

- 11th February - Year 5 /6 Mixed Netball Cup next round at home 3.15 - 4pm

A promotional poster for Chelsea Soccer Schools in Essex. At the top is the Chelsea Football Club logo and the word 'FOUNDATION'. Below that, the text reads 'CHELSEA SOCCER SCHOOLS IN ESSEX' and 'February Half Term 2020'. The central image shows four children (two boys and two girls) in blue Chelsea soccer kits standing with their arms crossed. A circular badge on the right says 'BOYS &amp; GIRLS' and 'Ages from 4-12'. At the bottom, a yellow banner contains the text 'FIND &amp; BOOK YOUR NEAREST COURSE NOW' and the website 'chelseasoccerschools.co.uk' with a Twitter handle '@cfcfoundation'.



The annual Voice of the Parent “Deep Dive” survey launched on Tuesday 14th January and will close on Monday 3rd January.

Thank you to all that have filled it in. Your views are important to us so please take the time to complete the survey if you have not done so already.

Thank you.

# Student Achievements

Toluwani has been awarded the Level 1 Award in Graded Examination in Music Performance for Grade 3 Violin. Well done Toluwani!



Dreydon has been awarded Player of the Week for Harold Wood football club. Well done Dreydon!





Dear Year 5 Parents,

Please find below the information for the Consortium's 11+ examination procedure for 2021 entry.

**Registration for 2021 Entry: 19th May 2020 until 1st July 2020**

**CSSE schools will hold open days/evenings during June/July 2020**

### **CSSE 11+ SIF registration**

Registration will commence from the 19th May 2020.

### **Arrangements for the Test**

The tests will take place on Saturday 19th September 2020

### **Closing Date for CSSE 11+ Registration**

The closing date is the 1st July 2020.

The length of time for each paper is as follows:

### **English Paper**

The English paper will comprise:

- Comprehension, grammar and vocabulary questions
- Two pieces of continuous writing
- Applied reasoning (literacy/verbal)

The paper will last 1 hour, with an additional 10 minutes reading time and will be worth 60 marks in total.

### **Mathematics paper**

The Mathematics will comprise:

- Questions consistent with the National Curriculum
- Applied reasoning (mathematical/non-verbal)

The paper will last 1 hour and be worth 60 marks in total. The parental guideline for 11+ preparation is available on their website.

<https://csse.org.uk>

Thank you

## **CORONAVIRUS UPDATE**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I write to update and assure you about the precautions our school community is taking to prevent the Novel Coronavirus outbreak. We continue to monitor the situation regularly and are taking a dynamic approach to this complex and changing picture, following the advice of Public Health England (PHE) to ensure the health of our whole community, including pupils and staff.

We are mindful that there will be a number of parents who are concerned about the health of their children and would like to assure you that we are assessing any potential risks on a daily basis. The advice we are following is regularly updated and I would encourage you to follow these updates on the PHE website which offers sensible and unbiased information to anyone who may be worried.

It should be remembered that most respiratory illnesses are likely to be the common cold or, in extreme cases, influenza for which existing health guidance should continue to be followed. The wellbeing of our whole school community is of the utmost importance at this time. I am sure that you will join us in supporting our families from China and other affected areas during this worrying period.

We will continue to keep you informed as the situation and official advice changes. Should you wish to discuss any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Mrs Makwana  
Business Manager

# General Information

## NEXT WEEK'S LUNCH MENU



### Oakfields Lunch Menu - Week 2

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

#### Meat Free Mondays



Soy Mince Bolognaise with Lightly Boiled Spaghetti	Sticky BBQ Chicken with Soy Sauce Noodles	Sausage and Butterbean Casserole	Roast Chicken with Sage and Onion Stuffing with Gravy	Beef Burger with a Floured Bap and Homemade Ketchup
Root Vegetable Pie with Flaky Pastry	Vegetable and Kidney Bean Chili with Nachos, Sour cream and Salsa	Cauliflower and Roasted Butternut squash Cheesy Bake	Meatless Sausage Rolls with a Warm Onion Relish	Mixed Bean and Lentil Burger
Baked Jacket Potato with Baked Beans	Vegan Red Lentil and Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta	Baked Jacket Potato with Baked Beans	Creamy Chestnut Mushroom Sauce with Penne Pasta	Baked Jacket Potato with Baked Beans
Garlic Bread Green Beans New Potatoes	Sweetcorn Cauliflower Boiled Rice	Broccoli Peas Mash Potato	Roast Potatoes Steamed Green Cabbage Lightly Boiled Carrots	Oven Chips Garden Peas Baked Beans
Chocolate Sponge Cake with Chocolate Custard	Yoghurt Sundae with Fruit Coulis	Apple and Forest Fruits Crumble	Strawberry Jelly	Flap-Jack Bar

Salad Bar available everyday  
Chunks of fresh fruit and Homemade Wholemeal Bread

## 10 Key messages to share with your child

However and wherever you have a conversation with your child, here are 10 top tips you can share to support them in staying safe online.

- "You can always come to me if you need help." This is the most important thing to let your child know, and a way to give them confidence to speak to you when they need support.
- "What would you do if this happened...?" Give your child strategies to deal with upsetting experiences online.
- "Remember that not everyone is who they say they are online." Remind your child to always tell an adult if anyone they only know online makes them feel uncomfortable, or asks to meet up or share personal information or images.
- "Keep your personal information safe, and other people's too." This includes full names, contact details, and real-time locations.
- "Be respectful to others online." Remind them if it's not okay offline...
- "Think before you post." Help your child to be aware that their online actions can have consequences for themselves and others.
- "Remember to ask if it's okay." Asking for, and receiving permission from others online is important before sharing images, adding people into group chats, etc.
- "Remember not everything is true online." Help your child to be a critical thinker to find accurate information.
- "The things other people post online might not always show what their life is really like." Reassure your child that nobody's life is as perfect as it may seem online, and judging yourself against other's online lives isn't a fair comparison.
- "Recognise how going online makes you feel and take a break when you need to." Your child may need support in doing this, such as timers and reminders.



# Upcoming Events



## We're taking part in NSPCC Number Day!

Oakfields are delighted to be supporting the NSPCC by taking part in their Number Day on **Friday 7 February 2020**.

### Children deserve an equal start in life

The NSPCC believes that all children deserve a childhood free from harm but, sadly, that's not the case for many children. That's why the NSPCC is fighting for every childhood and working to help keep children safe from abuse.

The NSPCC needs our support. By raising money, we can help to fund their vital services such as Childline – the helpline that's always there for children and young people whatever their problem or concern and the NSPCC Speak out Stay safe Programme which aims to equip a generation of children with the knowledge and understanding they need to stay safe from abuse and neglect through delivery of assemblies and workshops in schools.

### Making maths meaningful

Number Day is a great way to make maths fun and bring about a positive, 'can-do' attitude towards it.

Oakfields will be having lots of maths and number fun at school to raise money to support the NSPCC. Your child has a sponsor form and we are asking pupils to get sponsored for talking number all day and being mathionaires.

To help raise money for the NSPCC, we are asking for a suggested donation of £2, and we'd love everyone in the school to take part in this special event.

### It all adds up

We're looking forward to all the fun of Number Day, and we really appreciate your support. All the money we raise at Oakfields Montessori School will make an enormous difference to children today and help change the lives of children tomorrow.

Thank you.

Best wishes,

Miss Sohal

You can find out more about the NSPCC's work at [nspcc.org.uk](http://nspcc.org.uk)

To find out more about keeping children safe online, visit [nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety](http://nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety)



# Upcoming Events



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### 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
- FRIDAY 7TH - Number Day
- 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 Colchester Zoo
- TUESDAY 24TH - Parents Evening 4-7pm
- 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

## RECENT SOCIAL MEDIA POST



Oakfields Montessori School ... 3d

It's the simplest things that make me smile. 😊 Miss Gowing's class recites "10 Things Found in a Wizard's Pocket" #CognitaWay



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