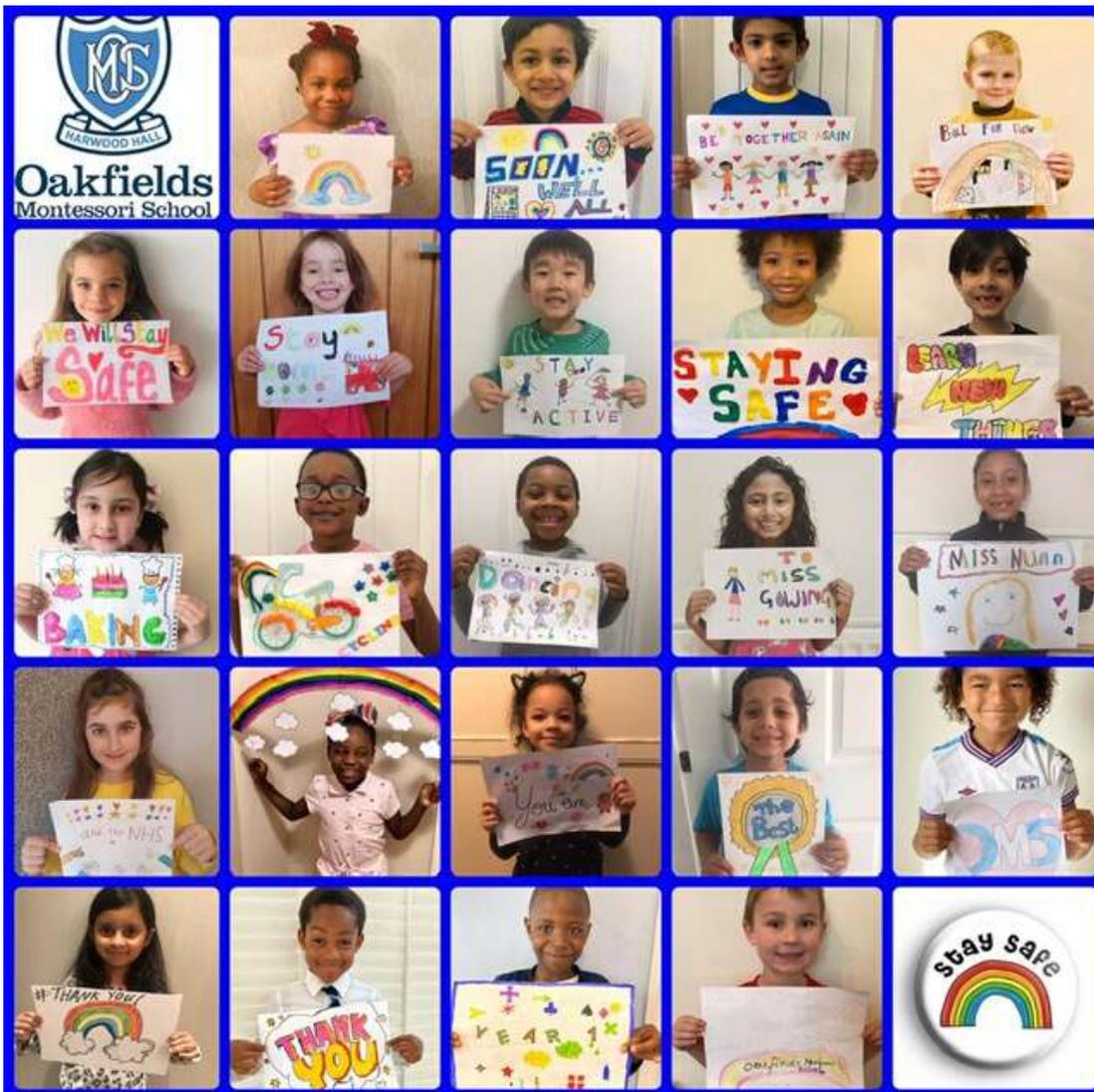


# OAKFIELDS WEEKLY

*Weekly Newsletter of Oakfields Online Learning Experience*



*A lovely message from Year 1*

## FEATURED INSIDE:

- *Highlights of Online Learning Reception/Year 4*
- *Cognita Home Games Highlight*
- *Colouring sheet for our little ones*
- *Looking Ahead*

# MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your support since our return from the Easter break during which time we have transitioned fully to online teaching and learning. I am very pleased to be able to share the results of our parent pulse survey with you in this edition of our newsletter. I cannot thank you enough for the kind comments and the time you took to complete the survey. I am very proud of the way our staff have risen to the challenge and for their commitment and creativity in delivering educational provision that we are proud of at such short notice. I am also especially proud of our children; seeing how well they have quickly adapted to this unfamiliar approach to learning has been inspiring.

## Phased return to our School building:

As you will know, our prime minister has requested that we reopen our school and classrooms to Kindergarten, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 from the 1st of June at the earliest and therefore we must eagerly await this being confirmed by the government.

We are very pleased and excited to reopen for these classes as we believe that children need their friends and the nurturing school environment, and the classroom is definitely the best place for their education. We have given great consideration to opening other classes in addition to these but unfortunately, we are not permitted to deviate from the government's directive. We are following the Department for Education's guidance closely as we prepare for reopening. These measures include teaching small classes or clusters of pupils (often referred to as 'bubbles'), social distancing in the school buildings as much as possible, an enhanced cleaning regime both at the end of the day and during the day, as well as regular and careful handwashing. We are making preparations now to make sure all this is in place and I would like to assure you that we shall only reopen after completing a thorough risk assessment. We do understand it is not possible to eliminate all risk but with the right precautions in place, schools are considered to be very low risk environments for the coronavirus.

Although it would be lovely to see all the children from our phased year groups return, I do understand if you have chosen for your child to stay at home on the 1st of June. However, I will be sending another survey out on the 4th of June so that if you change your mind and wish your child to return on the second week then this option is available to you.

I do need to point out that, as our teaching staff return to the classroom fulltime, we will no longer be able to teach these groups online. Of course, we understand that there will be some children who are shielding or who have underlying health conditions who will not be able to return to school and in these cases we shall be providing their curriculum at home via Teams. It would be great to see the children via Teams during their well-being session if this is possible for you at home and an invite will be sent by their teacher for these.

Some of our sister schools in Switzerland and Vietnam have reopened recently. They report the joyful return of children and we anticipate celebrating at the front gate when some of our own pupils return. We look forward to a time when all our children can come back to school; in the meantime, Year 2, 3, 4, and 5 will continue with their current online learning programme. *(continued on page 3)*

# MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER cont...

Finally, I would like to clarify the school's position on fees for the rest of the summer term for those who are returning to school. Although we did communicate previously that once schools re-open we would revert to normal fees, we have decided to waive this for the remainder of the summer term. The exceptional circumstances, the economic situation, and the value we place on our relationship with you – our parent community – means we have decided the existing discount will continue for this academic year. We hope that this, combined with the freezing of tuition fees for next year, will go some way to assisting you.

Thank you once again for your support of the school our summer term.

Mrs Carroll

## Parent Feedback (% who agree/strongly agree)

School Day Well Structured

77.6%

Adequate Technological Support

69%

School is doing a good job of providing T+L

77.6%

Teacher aware of Student Wellbeing

75.9%

Thank you to those who took the time to complete our survey. We are a learning organisation and the best way to improve is to listen. These pulse surveys provide direct stakeholder feedback in a timely manner so that we can improve our offering and respond to the needs of our school community. Most importantly pulse surveys enable us to make evidence informed decisions. The overriding theme across almost all feedback was in praise of our teachers for their commitment to provide continued learning for the children in our care. We have read your comments and reflected on them with the staff. We look forward to future feedback especially during the phased return.

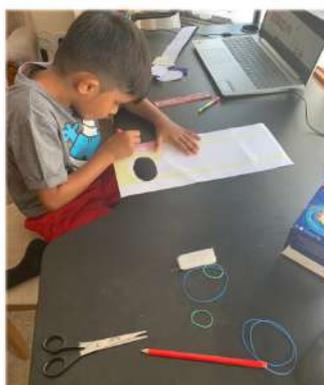
# HEAD TEACHERS AWARD

- Kindergarten - **Diyanah I** for working her socks off and completing the activities every day to a very high standard.
- Reception - **Maggie W** for working very hard during her online learning and showing great enthusiasm in all areas of learning. Maggie has been following instructions well during our live lessons and completing her work more independently. Good girl Maggie. **Anaya P** – for being a fantastic online learner. Anaya is always enthusiastic about her learning, enjoys the challenges and always tries her very best. Well done!
- Year 1 - **Livia C** for being so positive throughout the online teaching lessons, always trying her best with her activities and for taking pride in her work. Livia has been keen to share her ideas in our live sessions and always listens incredibly well to others.
- Year 2 - **Sia P** for her continuous participation and effort in online learning. Sia is always positive and polite during our learning and Wellbeing sessions. She never gives up! When faced with a challenge, Sia is determined to succeed. She has shown great resilience this half term and I am incredibly proud of her!
- Year 3 - **Estelle D** for engaging so well with the learning this week and making a conscious effort to record and share her answers with the class via her whiteboard during the starter input.
- Year 4 - **Sienna H** for becoming a fantastic independent learner throughout this online teaching phase. She has become very resourceful and organised when completing the activities and classes provided, and she has shown an excellent attitude whilst being responsible for her own learning. I am very proud! Well done Sienna.
- Year 5 - **Shanice M** for her confidence in reaching out to me when needed and giving her best effort through her maths tasks.  
**Caius C** for his resilience and perseverance this week with all his tasks.
- Year 6 - **Chloe M** for engaging really well with online learning. Despite ill-health recently, she is usually one of the first joiners, works hard during the lessons and produces a great standard of work.

# HIGHLIGHTS FROM RECEPTION

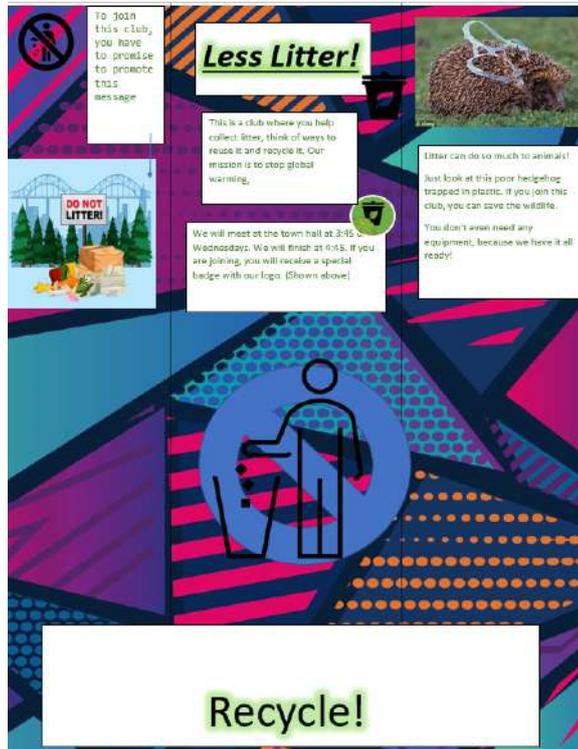
BY MRS WILLIAMS AND MRS CAFFULL

This week Reception have enjoyed money challenges in Maths, becoming shopkeepers and buyers of their own snacks! They have also enjoyed their weekly Yoga sessions and made healthy, repeating pattern fruit snacks to enjoy. Geography took them off to Spain and they were then challenged to make a Spanish guitar and bottle top castanets and History took them back in time to take a closer look at Toys and the materials they were made from. English and Topic work allowed the children to take a closer look at seeds, vegetables and how things grow. All of the children have completed some excellent work and they should all be very proud of their online learning. Superstars!

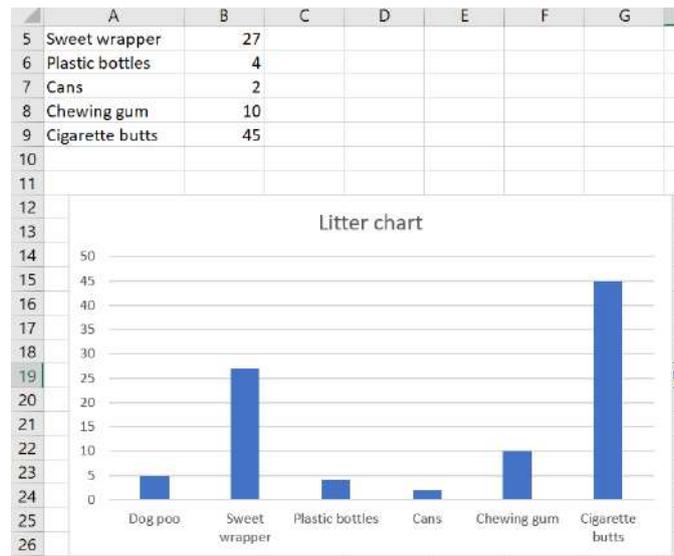


# HIGHLIGHTS FROM YEAR 4

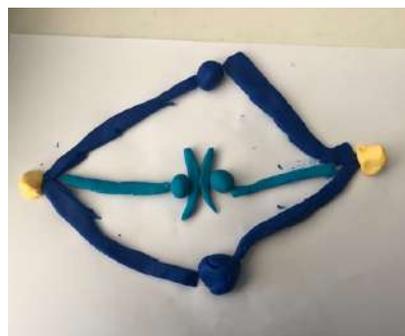
BY MISS SHEPHERD



This week in English, we have been writing limericks. The children have found this extremely fun and humorous. We have been focusing on rhyming couplets, syllables and punch lines throughout the week which will then lead to their own final limerick on Friday for our WOW writing. I am looking forward to reading these! In Science, we have examined how changes affected living things especially those by humans such as pollution, deforestation, development of land, global warming. The children were given different real life scenarios and situations, where they had to create a leaflet or poster to engage and promote their topic or create a tally chart to record findings from walks the children too.



In R.E. we learnt the story of Divali and children had the task to create a Rangoli pattern



# HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE COGNITA HOME GAMES

**BY MISS PEACHAM**

Wow what an awesome week we have had in our P.E lessons competing in the first ever Cognita Virtual Online Home Games representing Oakfields Montessori U.K up against 63 other International Cognita schools across Asia, Europe, Chile and Brazil. All our pupils ranging from Reception to Year 6 plus our parents and staff had the opportunity to compete in 8 events tailor made by Cognita, to perform at home. The 4 fitness events for the juniors and adults included activities such as: Press ups, burpees, the plank, step ups and speed bounce. The remaining skills events were dribbling a pair of socks, throwing and catching socks and balancing a toilet roll on your back or head. There were also bonus challenges such as holding a handstand against the wall and taking off and putting back on a t shirt! Our champion pupil at this was Lexie Blu however, close behind was our brave parent Miss Copen who performed an amazing handstand! Our younger pupils had to demonstrate the ability to balance, frog jump, jog on the spot, throw and catch, star jump and balance a pillow on their head!

We had the following amount of pupils performing and competing online:

- 30 pupils in Reception and Year 1.
- 28 pupils in Years 2 & 3.
- 43 pupils from Years 4 & 5.
- 16 pupils in Year 6.
- And a handful of parents plus me!

Oakfields results were sent in and I am proud to announce that your children performed exceptionally well and achieved fantastic levels in all the events and this is what we successfully achieved at the end:

- Group 1 – Rec & Yr 1 – 176 gold medals / 45 silver medals / 19 Bronze medals
- Group 2 a – Yrs 2 & 3 – 144 gold medals / 26 silver medals / 29 bronze medals
- Group 2b – Yrs 4 & 5 – 243 gold medals / 56 silver medals / 43 bronze medals
- Group 3a – Yr 6 – 91 gold medals / 13 silver medals / 21 bronze medals

I would like to say a massive thank you to all of our wonderful parents for help with officiating your athletes and to all of our spectacular pupils for extending their passion, motivation and enthusiasm in achieving such extensive standards of sporting achievements and medals.

Have a great half term holiday and I look forward to seeing you all soon. Take care and stay safe and fit!

# HIGHLIGHTS FROM COGNITA HOME GAMES



# HALF TERM FUN



The London Symphony Orchestra have put together a series of concerts called LSO Play which is aimed at families and young people. Click the photo to access these brilliant concerts!

# LOOKING AHEAD



HALF TERM HOLIDAY  
25th - 29th May



Attention parents of Year 6 students:  
Please remember to confirm your child's destination school to the office at [office@oakfieldsschool.co.uk](mailto:office@oakfieldsschool.co.uk) if you have not already done so.

Thank you.

## In case you missed it...

Click the video to watch some fab highlights of our amazing teaching staff in honour of National Teachers Day this past Wednesday.



STAY CONNECTED:

CLICK BELOW TO FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA:



## RECENT SOCIAL MEDIA POST

