

# OAKFIELDS WEEKLY

*Life at Oakfields Weekly Newsletter*



*A happy hello from Year 2 who  
fully enjoyed being back in  
school with their friends!*

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# MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Friends of Oakfields

I do hope that this newsletter finds you well and that you are looking forward to an exciting weekend, where you can enjoy a drink in your local pub or a meal out with your friends and family. Personally, I have chosen to wait a while until I once again enjoy these luxuries that so many of us, myself included, once took for granted. However, if you are booked in to enjoy this newfound freedom, then I wish you the very best, but above all, please keep safe and keep distanced.

Another reason for my homebound weekend, is I that I am feeling rather tired. This week has tested my patience more than most and I need to take a moment to reflect! The waiting for Mr Gavin Williamson's guidance for schools has felt like an age – and believe me, I have aged throughout this! The anticipation, and often rather unhelpful speculation from some sectors of the media and educational commentators, has meant that I have not been the easiest of people to live with (or probably work with), so my apologies to all. As both a parent and a teacher, this guidance more than ever was going to have an enormous impact on all aspects of my home and working life – and on the lives of all of you, which has weighed heavy on my mind.

Thankfully, and somewhat surprisingly, I am very grateful. The guidance is, in parts, challenging but workable and as a result we are looking forward to welcoming all children back to school in September. All teachers and operational staff are now working extremely hard to digest the guidance and ensure the safest and most efficient reopening of the school building.

Please be patient with us. The guidance is here but it will take time for me to work with our advisors, staff members and external providers to ensure our reopening plan meets everyone's needs, whilst providing a safe and happy environment for our children to learn.

At this point I can confirm that, much like we do for afternoon pick up, there will be a staggered start and end to our school day. You also have my assurance that we will continue to deliver a balanced and varied curriculum. Miss Brewster is already in discussions with our teachers and is excitedly revising objectives and planning our September revision programme of study. This will work alongside and be embedded within our balanced curriculum.

I also recognise that many of you are eagerly awaiting the names of your class teachers. Due to the revised guidance, original plans for teacher allocation and class organisation are having to be reviewed. This information will be shared with you before the end of term once we have decided on bubbles in accordance with our new guidelines.

As always, my thanks goes out to you all, you are so supportive and kind and that has made this process far easier to manage. Our teachers and teaching assistants have been amazingly adaptable and so keen to do anything that would make this time as happy and effective for our children.

For that I am truly humbled and grateful to our wonderful teaching team. And then there are those that you don't always see – our superb administration and operations teams and our hardworking cleaners that have done whatever they can to support the school and the children within it. Thank you – you are all amazing!

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And last but by no means least, our resilient, hardworking, and very special Oakfields children. You have made me the proudest Head Teacher. Your positivity, energy and consistent progress has been staggeringly impressive. It is for these reasons, above all else, that we cannot wait to see each and every one of you in September. However, until then you can all look forward to receiving your school reports, via email, this coming Friday.

Have a wonderful but safe weekend.

Mrs Carroll

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# HEAD TEACHERS AWARD

- Kindergarten - **Darcy D** for excellent online learning and making excellent progress with her blending and reading.
- Reception Stubbs - **Esose I** for joining in enthusiastically with all her live lessons and always being on time. Esose has wowed us with her lovely ideas and work throughout her online learning and we have really enjoyed watching Esose's videos of her learning on Tapestry. Good girl Esose, keep up the good work.
- Reception Holmes - **Hugo H** for continuing to focus and work hard in his online lessons. Keep up your excellent listening skills and trying your very best, you are doing great. Well done.
- Year 1 - **Toby-James A** for his consistent effort and hard work during our online learning. Toby-James has shown enthusiasm in Maths and English, particularly with our poetry work. He has created some fantastic rhymes and has shown his creativity through his enthusiastic performances. Well done Toby! I am very proud of you, keep up the great work.
- Year 2 - **Saanvi D** for her effort in her school work this week. Saanvi has arrived each morning with a smile and it has been a pleasure to have her in school. Keep up the hard work Saanvi!
- Year 3 - **Sharon Z** for demonstrating the correct way to behave in all learning situations and being a fantastic role model to her peers. Thank you for being so polite and consistently demonstrating exceptional manners Sharon!
- Year 4 - **Gabriel W** for excellent participation this week in online learning. He has tried extremely hard with his work in all subjects and I am very proud!
- Year 5 - **Mia A** for her continuous dedication to the online virtual way of teaching and learning. This week we looked at non-chronological reports and Mia summarised and wrote a fantastic blurb. I was at the tip of my seat Mia, well done!
- Year 6W - **Rhiannon D** for a wonderful empathetic eye-witness account of the D-Day landings.
- Year 6T - **Chloe M** for excellent engagement with online learning

# HIGHLIGHTS FROM YEAR 1

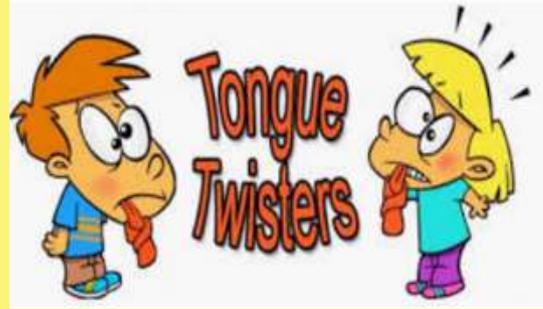
BY MISS NUNN

## NONSENSE POETRY!

After studying the poem 'Don't' by Michael Rosen, this week we moved on to Spike Milligan's hilarious poem, 'On the Ning Nang Nong'.

You can listen to it here:  
<https://childrens.poetryarchive.org/poem/on-the-ning-nang-nong/>

The children absolutely loved learning the silly poems and have looked at onomatopoeia, alliteration, rhyme and rhythm.



Friday's task involved creating an alliterative tongue twister! The children wrote their own tongue twisters and filmed themselves performing.

Number	Animal	Sound	Object
1	Blank	Blank	Blank
2	Two	clapping	ears
3	Three	hopping	hoofs
4	Four	slapping	slaps
5	Five	fighting	flashes
6	Six	snapping	sharks
7	Seven	backing	eggs
8	Eight	bowling	balls
9	Nine	napping	knights
10	Ten	boasting	blows



Some of the children created their own versions of the poem by changing the rhyming words.

Here is some of the work handed in online!



### On The King Kang Kong

On the King Kang Kong  
 Where the Cows go Dong!  
 and the monkeys all say BOO!  
 There's a Kong Kang King  
 Where the trees go Ling!  
 And the tea pots jibber jabber joo.  
 On the Kong King Kang  
 All the mice go Hang  
 And you just can't catch 'em when they do!  
 So its King Kang Kong  
 Cows go Dong!  
 Kong Kang King  
 Trees go Ling  
 Kong King Kang  
 The mice go Hang  
 What a noisy place to be wrong  
 is the King Kang King Kang Kong!!

By Arjun

### Tobys remix

On the Ning Nang pong  
 Where the Cows go Bong!  
 and the monkeys all say BOO!  
 There's a bong Nang Ning  
 Where the trees go Ping!  
 And the tea pots jibber jabber doo.  
 On the pong Ning Nang  
 All the mice go BANG!!!  
 And you just can't catch any when they do!  
 So its Ning Nang tong  
 Cows go Bong!  
 tong Nang Ning  
 Trees go ping  
 tong Ning Nang  
 The mice go Clang  
 What a noisy place to belong  
 is the Ning Nang Ning Nang tong!!

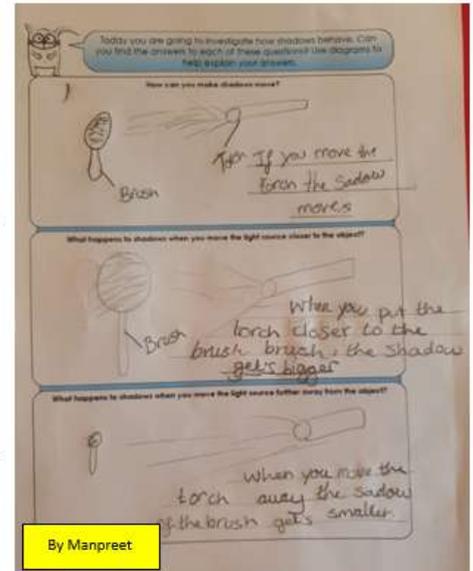
# HIGHLIGHTS FROM YEAR 3

BY MISS GOWING

## Science



Within science, the children explored how shadows behave. We investigated the following questions: How can you make shadows move? How can you make shadows longer? How can you make shadows shorter? What happens when you shine the light source from above the object?



## RE

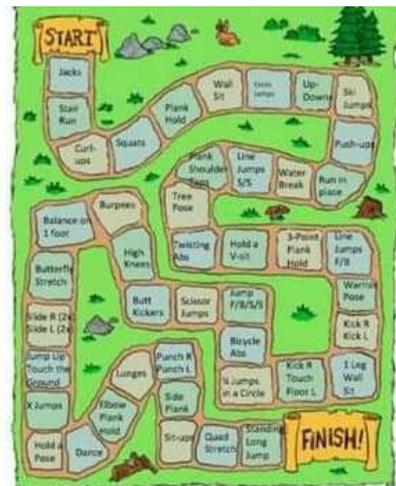
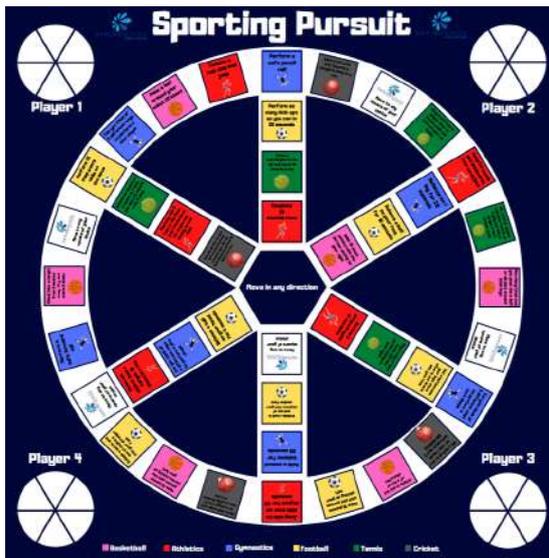
Within RE, the children imagined they were going to make the Hajj journey. They drew pictures of things they would take with them and explained why they would need them. They then recorded things they would be worried and excited about before making the Hajj.



# UPCOMING P.E. ACTIVITIES

BY MISS PEACHAM

- HAVERING BIG DANCE - Thursday July 9th 1pm:** Please keep this date free so Oakfields pupils can perform the HAVERING BIG DANCE. The instructions are to video the children or the whole family dancing and send the recording to Miss Peacham. The children will be learning the dance next week and will be given the link to practice.
- CREATE A FITNESS BOARD GAME:** Encourage your children to create their “own fitness board game” which can be creative, colourful and full of exercises or yoga or skills... see ideas below! Please send any you design to Miss Peacham.



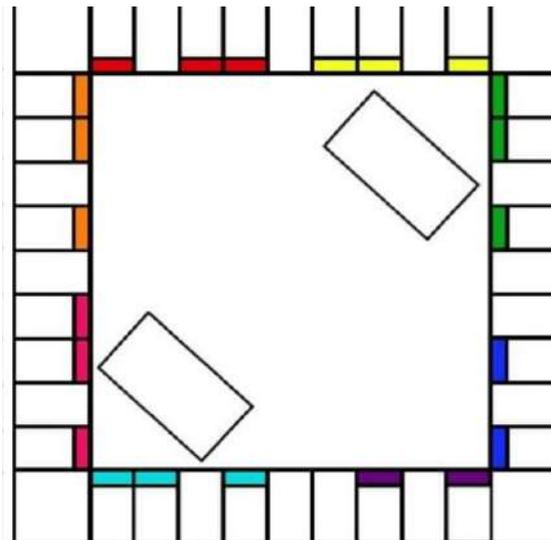
**The Fitness Game Challenge**  
 Directions: You will need 1 die and something to be your game token. Roll the die. Move to that space and everyone must do the exercise. Player 2 now begins and it repeats until everyone has made it to the finish line. Play as many rounds as you would like.

Write down 3 activities you like to play outside.	2 + 5 Toss ball in air and catch	Stretch 20 seconds	12 - 7 Toss ball in air and catch	8 + 3 Toss ball in air and catch	Water Break	Balance on right foot 20 seconds	Balance on left foot 20 seconds	Jog in place 30 seconds	Balance on left foot 20 seconds	Write down your favorite PE activity you miss from school.									
3 + 3 Star Jumps	2 + 4 Star Jumps	March in place 30 seconds	11 - 6 Star Jumps	Water Break	3 + 6 Bounce a ball	14 - 6 Bounce a ball	Stretch 20 seconds	4 + 8 Bounce a ball	Help your family complete 1 chore.	3 + 8 Jumping jacks	15 - 5 Jumping jacks	Take 3 deep breaths	5 + 5 Jumping jacks	Water Break	Jog in place 30 seconds	4 + 3 Push Ups	Stretch 20 seconds	2 + 2 Push Ups	GO Start here! Pass 3 times and win!

**Physical Education Mathopoly**

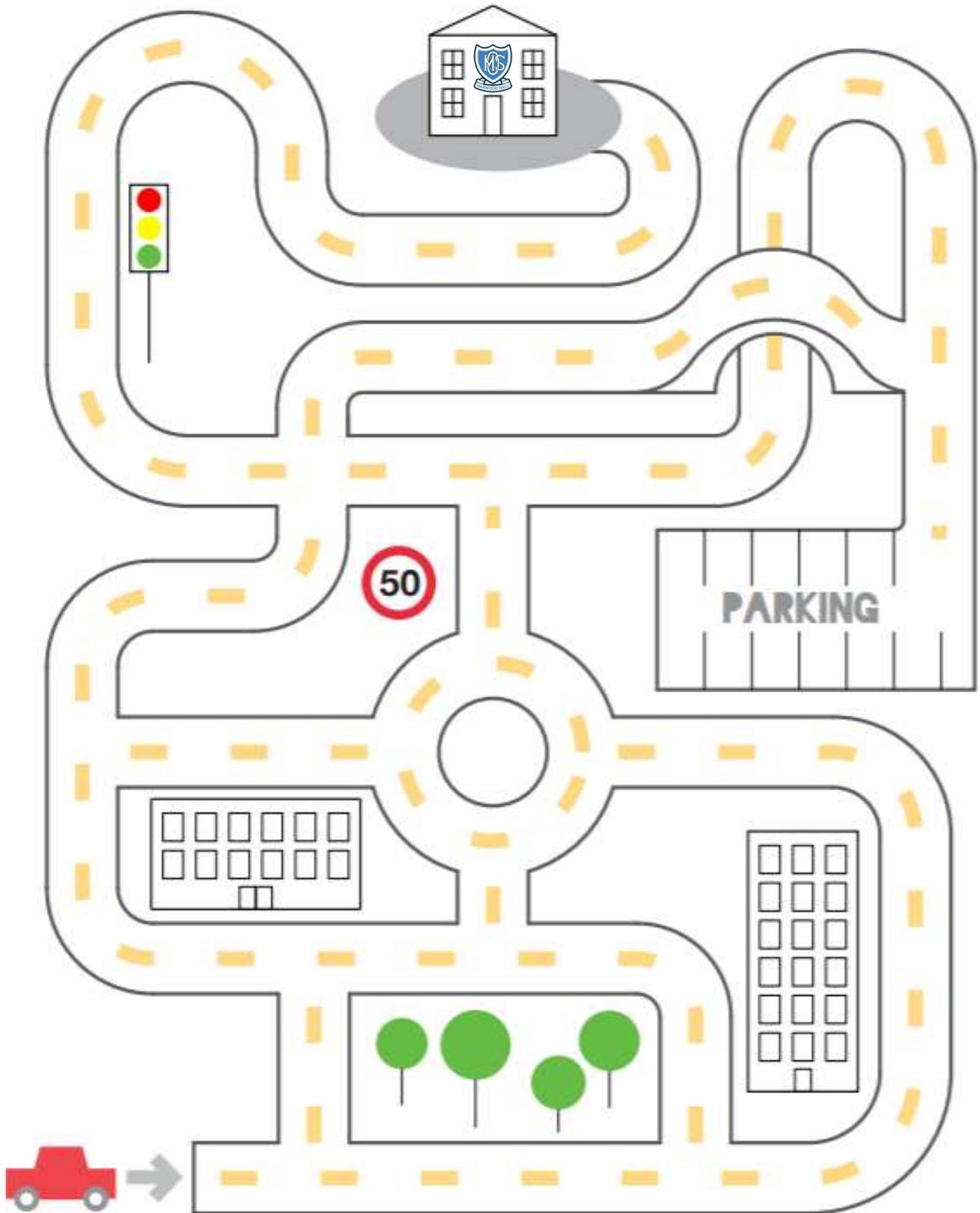
**PE Mathopoly Rules:**  
 1. Roll Dice  
 2. Answer the math question  
 3. Do the activity based on the answer to the math problem.  
 \*Example 2 + 3 = 5 Push Ups  
 4. First player to pass Go 3 times wins the game.

**Items needed to play:**  
 1. Dice  
 2. Ball  
 3. Laundry basket  
 4. Cup of water  
 5. Paper and pencil





Find Your Way to Oakfields!



# HAVERING LIBRARIES – SILLY SQUAD SUMMER READING CHALLENGE COMPETITIONS 2020



## A MESSAGE FROM HAVERING LIBRARIES

Calling all 4 to 11 year olds!

We have 400 prizes to give away in our exciting Silly Squad competitions this summer! There are four competitions to choose from.

You can:

- Write a short story
- Make a piece of artwork
- Compose a poem
- Write a book review

Or maybe have a go at all of them!

Make your entries full of fun, laughter and happiness and hopefully they will bring us all lots of smiles, giggles and maybe even some big belly laughs. The closing date for the competitions is Saturday 5th Sept 2020.

We have a great selection of funny and silly books to give away as prizes which we can't wait to award to the winners in the Autumn Term.

Please visit our

website <https://www.havering.gov.uk/info/20039/libraries/799/havering-libraries-silly-squad-2020> for information on how to enter or go to our Havering Libraries Facebook page.

Good luck!

### *Silly posts for Social Media*

*We would also love to feature teachers and/or children and their families on our Facebook page doing silly things to celebrate "Silly Squad" this summer. So feel free to send in pictures of you with your favourite funny books – maybe pulling a funny face or striking a silly pose or a picture of you reading in a funny place, or eating a funny snack while you are reading? Maybe send us in your favourite joke? The funnier the better. You can send them in a Facebook message or post them directly on our Facebook page. If you share them with us in this way, we will take this as your permission to share them with our audience.*

# LOOKING AHEAD

## *LAPTOP RETURNS*

Dear Parents

We hope that the loan of laptops has been of benefit to your child. We are now coming towards the end of term and request that all laptops are returned to school by 1pm on Wednesday the 15th 2020. This will allow the IT team to clear laptops and ensure they are ready for learning in September. When you enter school, please let us know you are here and a member of staff will come to the front door. Here we will receive the laptop whilst respecting social distancing guidelines. We thank you for your help with this.



Kind regards

Mrs Carroll



### A MESSAGE FROM BENENDEN SCHOOL

11+ & 13+ Preview Weekends:

As you know, Benenden's admission process usually includes opportunities for pupils to stay overnight and experience Benenden boarding. The autumn term Preview Weekends are designed to give girls a taster of our boarding life in a fun and relaxed Saturday night sleepover. Sadly, we have decided that these can't go ahead in September and October in the usual format as our boarding focus will be on keeping current pupils safe, in whatever structure and guidelines we are working to by then.

Instead, we will run assessment afternoons remotely as follows:

11+ 2021 candidates: Saturday 26 September (Online activities and pre-test assessments in English and Maths. Online interviews arranged in August and September. Reference request in early September.)

# LOOKING AHEAD

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

**6th July** - Reception and Year 6 return to school

**13th July** - Year 6 Challenge Day 1pm - 9pm

**13th - 14th July** - Online Learning for all year groups

**14th - July** - LAST DAY



Class 4S has created a fabulous video to celebrate the end of the summer term. The video debut of 'School's Out For Summer' will be posted on our social media pages during the last week of term. Stay tuned and keep a look out for their brilliant performance!



## RECENT SOCIAL MEDIA POST



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