

Newsletter



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Dear Parents

Welcome back after the Easter break. A number of building works have been completed during the holidays, including the new lower nursery classroom (which will be opened on Monday). It is a wonderful building and I am grateful to all those who have been involved in the project. We also upgraded our front doors and introduced a new camera security system.

We have lots of great events to look forward to this half-term. The Puzzle Challenge Day takes place next **Tuesday 20 April** followed by global citizenship week starting on **Monday 26 April**. Then there is Art Week which culminates with the exhibition & cheese and wine on **Friday 7 May**. The annual Junior Dads' Quiz Night takes place on **Friday 21 May** (more details about some of the events to follow).

We welcome some foreign students from Mexico & Spain into the Year 6 class this term. This is a good opportunity for our older pupils in particular to develop their cultural knowledge and awareness.

We have reviewed our arrangements for the parent/teacher meetings, and a separate letter will be issued shortly with further details.

We will be introducing some exciting new clubs this term, attached is a full list of extra-curricular activities which the children can participate in. No parental input is required for the lunchtime clubs which are run free of charge by teachers. Any parents wishing their children to participate in any of the fee-paying clubs should speak to Mrs Askew or Mrs Clarke ASAP to register their interest. All clubs begin on **Monday 19 April**.

Thank you to those parents and children who have already brought in their backpacks for the Mary's Meals appeal. Please could they be placed in the plastic box outside the school office over the next few weeks. Thank you.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

A reminder that the school photographer will be visiting on **Friday 23 April** to take class and sports team photographs. If your child is in the nursery but they do not normally attend on a Friday morning, please bring them in at 9am in their school uniform for the photo.

PUZZLE CHALLENGE DAY

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, next **Tuesday 20 April** is 'Puzzle Challenge Day'. Pupils from Reception to Year 6 will be involved in various activities which center on developing their thinking skills, building communication and team skills, improving self-confidence and encouraging creativity. Also, from **3.30pm that day**, parents are invited to a sale of 3-D puzzles, games, challenges and puzzle books for both children and adults. Attached are more details about the sale. A small charge of £4-50 per child will be added to parents' bills for running the day.

GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP WEEK

We are pleased to launch this new annual initiative at Oakwood which starts on **Monday 26 April**. The aim of the week will be to widen children's horizons and get them to appreciate cultures and societies very different to their own. Pupils will also learn to recognize the responsibility of all countries to help and support one another. A number of activities have been planned for the different age groups, including a visiting speaker, assemblies and the opportunity to prepare and sample some fair trade dishes. The juniors will also take part in a model United Nations where they will work in teams to research a country and consider how issues such as the environment affect that country and the impact on the global community.

FR FRANK'S TALK FOR MUMS

Fr Frank's talk for mums will take place on **Friday 23 April at 9am**. All welcome.

ART WEEK AND EXHIBITION WITH CHEESE & WINE

To continue celebrating the artistic talents of our pupils, Art Week will take place from **4 – 7 May**. This will provide parents and friends with an opportunity to enjoy pupils' framed art work displayed in a gallery setting. A flyer with more details will be issued next week.



MUSICAL ASSEMBLY

The next Musical Assembly will be held on **Friday 30 April at 8.50am**. All parents are welcome.

NURSERY NEWS.....

We welcome lots of new children into the nursery this term: Quinn Singh, Honey Morrison, Scarlet Louca, Ilyas Guermellou, Iraivi Vythilingum & Cameron Buxton. I am sure they will all settle in to life at Oakwood very quickly.

The topic for both classes this half-term is '*Nursery Rhymes*' so why not practice singing along to these at home? All the nursery children will also be doing some planting to take full advantage of the fabulous new outside area.

The Upper Nursery reading scheme begins on Monday, and parents will receive a detailed letter about this shortly. The children are also working in simple calculations in PSRN (numeracy).

The Lower Nursery children are working on shapes, so please try to discuss these at home:



CD/PSHE PROGRAMME

The topics that the children are working on this half-term are:

Infants: CD (Obedience); PSHE (Rules)

Yr 3 & 4: CD (Loyalty); PSHE (Feelings)

Yr 5 & 6: CD (Justice); PSHE (Global Community)

It is really beneficial for the children if these topics are reinforced at home and if, as parents, we can try to also give an example in these areas.

ON-LINE SURVEY FOR MUMS

We would like to invite all the Oakwood mums to participate in the "European Survey of Mothers". This is an opportunity to voice your challenges, priorities and wishes with regards to your well-being and that of your family. Your opinions could have a real impact on future European policies and the policies of your country with regards to the well-being of families. Please copy & paste the following link into your website browser:

http://corporatetrial.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_6D68OtJaKbA1QiM&SVID=Prod

Merit Badge

There are no Merit Badges to announce this week. Watch this space in our next newsletter for your child's name.

SAVE THE DATES

TUESDAY 20 APRIL

Puzzle Challenge Day (whole school)

FRIDAY 23 APRIL

Fr Frank talk for mums – 9am

School photographer – 9am

MONDAY 26 APRIL

Global Citizenship week begins

FRIDAY 30 APRIL

Musical assembly – 8.50am

Reception M & P mums night out – 8.30pm

MONDAY 3 MAY

Bank holiday – school closed

TUESDAY 4 MAY

Art week begins

Year 5 trip to National Gallery

FRIDAY 7 MAY

Art Exhibition with cheese & wine – 7.30pm

MONDAY 10 MAY

Key Stage 2 SATs week begins

FRIDAY 14 MAY

Fr Frank talk for mums – 9am

African drumming / dance workshop for infants

SATURDAY 15 MAY

Fundraising Ceilidh (more details to follow)

MONDAY 17 MAY

Assessment week begins (Years 1-5)

Walk to School week

TUESDAY 18 MAY

Opus Dei talk for ladies – 7.30pm

THURSDAY 20 MAY

Shakespeare Workshop for juniors

FRIDAY 21 MAY

More House Assembly – 8.50am

Junior Dads' Quiz Night – 7.30pm