

Newsletter



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Dear Parents

At the Information Evening I introduced our new School Couple – Javier & Silvia Munoz-Garayoa. Their role includes co-ordinating the work of the Class Couples, promoting the family courses and generally assisting with ethos matters. I am extremely grateful to Javier and Silvia and indeed to all our Class Couples for their commitment and spirit of generosity. In order to support the work of the Class Couples, Associate Couples have also been appointed for each class. These parents will assist the Class Couples in organising get togethers and promoting events. Thank you to everyone who has agreed to take on this role. A full list of Class and Associate Couples will be issued shortly.

My thanks go to Mr Murphy, the class teachers and pupils for making our Enrichment Week such a success. The whole school enjoyed an array of activities providing an exciting, stimulating experience that enhanced the curriculum and children's individual learning. The theme for the week explored activities from countries around the world. This included Origami from Japan, Kabadi from India, Azonto & Afrovibe dancing, pizza making and singing to name but a few. Perform Drama also provided an African themed workshop with the Infants & Juniors. The week concluded with a short assembly that took place this afternoon celebrating and reflecting on the activities and learning experiences that the children have had. Please see a selection of photographs at the end of this newsletter.

I am looking forward to the activities that Mrs Clarke, our Year 2 teacher, has planned for this year's Book Week which begins on Monday 15 October. As a boy I had a real passion for books but sometimes when I ask children about their reading they say things like: "I didn't have a lot of time to read this weekend" or "I couldn't read my book last night because I was too busy". Hopefully Book Week will inspire all our children to read more.

The InCAS assessment (Years 1-6) and Base (Reception) reports have been posted home to parents today. Please take the time to read these and should you have any queries then do discuss them with the class teacher.

After being with us for over ten years, Mrs Wastell will be leaving Oakwood at half-term to take on a full-time role in a local school. Over the past few years she has been a part-time specialist teacher in the Juniors but for many years was one of our Infant teachers. I am

extremely grateful to Mrs Wastell for her commitment and dedication to our pupils and for all her hard work. She will be greatly missed and we wish her every success and happiness in her new role. We are currently making arrangements for Mrs Wastell's replacement and parents will be notified of the appointment in due course.

Finally, we welcome Miss Blanco as our new Girls Tutor this term. She replaces Miss Gloyne who left us at the end of last term.

Have a good weekend.

Ciro Candia
Headmaster

PARENT/TEACHER & TUTOR MEETINGS

An email will be sent to parents in the next few weeks with details about this term's Parent/Teacher and Tutor meetings, including how to book via the online system. No action is required until you receive the email, but please make a note of the dates below in the meantime. Teachers and Tutors will be available on 2 days, times will mostly be from 4.15 – 8pm (unless otherwise stated).

Tue 13/11: Mr Woolmer & Miss Blanco - Tutors (4-6pm). No childminding.

Wed 14/11: All Teachers & Tutors (not Mr Woolmer or Miss Blanco). Including childminding. Prep will not run on this day.

Tue 20/11: Early Years & Infant Teachers (ie. Nursery, Reception, Years 1 & 2) plus Mr Woolmer & Miss Blanco – Tutors from 4pm. Including childminding.

Wed 21/11: Junior Teachers and Tutors (ie. Years 3-6) but not Mr Woolmer or Miss Blanco. No childminding.

MERIT BADGE WINNERS FOR THE LAST TWO WEEKS



Year 1 – Ananiya Manivasagam & Richeldis Cilia
Year 2 – William Swiatkiewicz & Isabel Pellegrini Perez
Year 3 – Jason Oludare & Lucia Millan
Year 4 – Paloma Contreras & Pranati Srinath
Year 5 – Cyprien Cérèze & Therese Kobus
Year 6 – Valentina Pinto Martin & Saira Hossain
CONGRATULATIONS!

CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT

Courtesy

This week, children in Years 1 – 6 began their Character Development lessons. Our topic for the rest of the Autumn term is Courtesy, which can be defined as: ‘a kind and gracious way of acting and speaking that makes others feel valued and respected’. It involves being polite, smiling, thinking about others, being positive.

Every culture has its own customs and expectations and an individual can feel confident about social situations when s/he knows what is expected. Reciprocally, when another individual extends courteous acts, the recipient feels valued, accepted and safe. In our lessons we'll focus on social customs in British society, whilst showing open-ness and interest in the customs of other cultures.

As with all virtues, good habits are built up by dint of repetition of small acts – this is the purpose of the specific, practical target each week, designed to get the whole School “buzzing” with the effort to put particular points into practice. Targets for the weeks between now and Half Term are:

I know how to behave...

w/c 8 Oct: ...in the classroom and around School.

w/c 15 Oct: ...towards my parents.

Targets during November – December will be announced in future Newsletters. The week's target is also shown on the digital display at the back door and in every classroom.

Teachers and other members of staff will all be on the look-out for children who demonstrate good manners and one child from each class will be presented with the Character Star at Friday's assembly. Look out for each week's group photo on the Character Development (CD) display in the lower corridor!

Do please find out which day your child's CD lesson takes place and encourage them to talk about their learning, perhaps at family mealtimes. I'll also email you from time to time, to let you know how you can pass on good news about children practising courtesy in situations unseen by those of us at School!

Miss Jean Gardner
Director of Ethos

PUNCTUALITY CUP

Well done to Year 2 who had the highest punctuality score and are the winners of the punctuality cup. Statistics below are based on 10 school days from the 20 September.

Reception – 9.92

Year 4 – 9.75

Year 1 – 9.06

Year 5 – 9.81

Year 2 – 9.94

Year 6 – 9.65

Year 3 – 9.52



SAVE THE DATES

SATURDAY 6 OCTOBER

Open Day (10am – 1pm)

MONDAY 8 OCTOBER

Fire Safety & Prevention week

WEDNESDAY 10 OCTOBER

World Mental Health Day

THURSDAY 11 OCTOBER

Cross country events at Lloyd Park

(Years 1 & 2 at 10am and Years 3 & 4 at 2pm)

FRIDAY 12 OCTOBER

Coffee morning for parents – 8.30am

MONDAY 15 OCTOBER

Book week (including book fair sales 15-17 October from 3.30pm)

WEDNESDAY 17 OCTOBER

U11 netball vs Seaton House (away) – 2pm

U10 football tournament at The Cedars (10am – 3pm)

THURSDAY 18 OCTOBER

U10 football vs Royal Russell (away) – 2pm

Phonics workshop for Early Years & Infant parents – 7pm

FRIDAY 19 OCTOBER

Ladies meditation – 8.50am

School closes for half-term – 3.45pm

Half-term

Monday 22 October – Friday 2 November

MONDAY 5 NOVEMBER

School re-opens – 8.30am

WEDNESDAY 7 NOVEMBER

U11 football vs Eaton House (away) – 2pm

THURSDAY 8 NOVEMBER

School Photographer Gillman & Soame (individual & siblings) – 8.50am

FRIDAY 9 NOVEMBER

Christmas Shoebox Deadline

Talk & Tour Day – 9am

CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW FOR MORE KEY DATES

<https://www.oakwoodschool.org.uk/events/>



OPEN DAY

Our Open Day will be held tomorrow, **Saturday 6 October** between **10am and 1pm**. Our next Talk & Tour Day is on **Friday 9 November** at **9am**. If you have family or friends who might be interested in the school, please invite them to come along.

May we also remind parents that if you have a younger child due to start Oakwood in September 2019 and you have not registered them, then please come to the school office to collect an application form.

LADIES MEDITATION

Ladies meditation with Fr. George is at Oakwood is on **Friday 19 October** at **8.50am**. All mums, grannies and aunts are welcome come along.

COFFEE MORNING FOR PARENTS

A reminder that our next coffee morning will be held on **Friday 12 October** from **8.30am** in the Art Room. All parents are welcome to come along.

BOOK WEEK by Mrs Clarke (Year 2 Teacher)

Further to the email that I sent earlier this week I would like to remind parents of the plans for Book Week which begins on **Monday 15 October**. The week will be themed around the fun and engaging story, *'The day the crayons quit'*.

The Book Face Competition

The idea is for the children to strategically line up their face or another body part alongside a book cover that features a matching body part so that it looks like you are part of the book. The competition is now open and will close on Tuesday 16 October, so that the winner can be announced during assembly on the Friday of that week.

Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair sale is from **Monday 15 – Wednesday 17 October from 3.30pm**. You can buy new and exciting books with the school earning commission from these sales. This will help boost our classroom libraries. If you can spare half an hour from 3.30pm to help with the sales then please contact Mrs Clarke in the office at liz.clarke@oakwoodschool.org.uk.

Thank you in advance for your support in making this week really special for the children.



PHONICS WORKSHOP – EARLY YEARS & INFANTS

Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & 2 teachers will be hosting a Phonics Workshop with our SENCO on **Thursday 18 October** at **7pm** for parents with children in those year groups. They will discuss how we develop and apply phonics from Nursery to Year 2 and how you can support with reading and writing at home.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

Our school photographer will be visiting on **Thursday 8 November** to take individual and family portraits. Siblings will have their photograph taken together, unless parents inform the school office beforehand that they would also like individual photos. Nursery children who do not normally attend on Thursdays are welcome to come along in their school uniform at 8.50am and then be taken home straight after their photograph has been taken.

SPORTS by Mr Kurti

Well done to the girls who took part in the netball match against Seaton House on Wednesday. Both teams won their matches. Player of the Match was awarded to Imani Frimpong and Stella Pellegrini Perez in their respective teams.

On the same day, selected U11 boys and girls attended the annual Croydon cross country event. There were over 200 children running in each category and the Oakwood children tried their best to finish higher than they did in the previous year. Congratulations to Zoé Ciccardini who finished 6th in the Year 5 girl's race. Caroline Kennefick finished 11th in her category. Well done to all of the other runners who finished the race.

PERFORM WORKSHOP by Miss Rafat

As part of our Enrichment Week activities the children in Years 1-6 took part in a workshop focusing on the vast continent of Africa. The children had various tasks to act out including learning a Zulu chant and some dancing from different African regions. The children thoroughly enjoyed improvising different scenarios too. Out thanks go to Perform Drama for coming in and working with the children. The cost will form part of the school trips/visitors charge and the amount of £3.60 will be applied to parents accounts.

NASAL FLU IMMUNISATION

The NHS Immunisation Team will be visiting Oakwood on **Friday 7 December** to administer the nasal flu vaccine to pupils in Reception to Year 5. An email with further details has been sent to those parents. New electronic consent forms have been introduced, so parents need to ensure that these are returned in time.

LINK TO HOPE 2018 CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL

Once again we are supporting this worthwhile charity by collecting Christmas shoeboxes. Link to Hope has worked tirelessly for many years, reaching out to the most poor and needy families across Eastern Europe.

We collected a record total of 121 boxes last year, which was a tremendous effort. Perhaps this year we can collect more!

A list of items and further information will be sent home with the children next week. You can choose to fill a FAMILY or ELDERLY shoebox. Each child can bring in their own shoebox, or siblings may share a box. All boxes are welcome and will bring much happiness to a very deserving family. Please remember the **£2 donation** attached to the OUTSIDE of the box to help finance the transportation and distribution costs, following the instructions on the form. Unfortunately boxes cannot be shipped without this donation. Many shoe shops are aware of this charity and will give you any that they have lying around so just ask them if you need a box.

All filled shoeboxes should be left on the cupboards in the downstairs corridor from the week after half term ie. **Monday 5 – Thursday 8 November. Please do not bring them into school before the half-term.**

For further details about the charity, please visit www.linktohope.co.uk.

Thank you once again for your support.

GARDENING CLUB

Mrs Easthope, Mrs Symes & the Gardening club have been busy harvesting their crops this term in the school allotment; in particular the beetroot that is now ready for use and some already pickled! If you have any time on your hands to help or have any seeds that you would like to donate then please let Mrs Easthope know at lorna.easthope@oakwoodschool.org.uk. Many thanks for your support.



THE LAURELS SCHOOL

The Laurels School is relocating to Chelsea in September 2019! They are hosting an Open Day at 1 Chelsea Embankment, London SW3 4LG. This will be on **Saturday 17th November 2018** from 11am – 1pm and 2pm – 4pm. The latter time is also for the Sixth Form. Please contact enquiries@thelaurelsschool.org.uk for more information.

EARLY YEARS NEWS

Reception by Mrs Parker

The children all looked marvelous in their international outfits and we were lucky to have the following countries represented – Italy, India, Albania, France, Costa Rica, Greece, the United States of America, Spain, Honduras and Scotland. During the day we learned about Flamenco dancing, what bagpipes look and sound like and how to say hello in the different languages. Thank you to all for making the day colourful, entertaining and enjoyable.



Nursery by Mrs Lobo

During our enrichment days we looked at flags, food and costumes from around the world. We also learnt to say good morning in different languages. The children thoroughly enjoyed our activity this morning where we danced, made pizzas, maracas and learnt songs. A big thank you to all the parents for their contributions toward these days.

Please could I remind parents about the uniform dress code and to label all items of school uniform and belongings.

EARLY YEARS AWARDS



Star Reception

Luka Scott-Kurti for excellent listening at information time

Nursery

Philippa Tredger & Christina Kennefick for settling in very well

Nursery Lunchtime

Marie Cereze & Maya Okamoto

Well done!

SECOND HAND UNIFORM

Mrs Thompson has a number of second hand uniform items that are for sale. If you are looking for good quality items then please contact her at paddypaula@me.com.

ENRICHMENT WEEK 2018

