

Newsletter



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Dear Parents

It's hard to believe that we are at the end of the first half-term. It has been an exciting and very busy 7 weeks packed with events: a Fun Day, Open Day, Book Week, assemblies, enrichment activities, assessments and sports fixtures to name a few.

The Book Week has been full of exciting activities for the children and I thank Mrs Clarke, our Year 2 Teacher, for organising all the activities. I was particularly impressed by the imaginative entries for the book face competition. Well done to everyone who participated. The winners were awarded prizes at assembly this afternoon (Please see more Book Week photos below).



After half-term we will be welcoming Mrs Beverley Kuc, who will be replacing Mrs Wastell as our Junior Support Teacher. Mrs Kuc has been teaching computing for many years and we look forward to her joining the team.

The time leading up to Christmas is very busy so please keep checking the dates in the newsletter. Also a reminder that the shoeboxes for the Christmas appeal need to be handed in by **Tuesday 13 November**. Last year we collected over 100 boxes. Let's see if we can beat the record!

Finally, thank you to everyone who contributed to the Purley food hub collection. Our Year 6 children were also involved in delivering and unpacking the provision at the local warehouse. A truly wonderful achievement.



I wish you all a happy and restful break.

Ciro Candia - Headmaster

PARENT/TEACHER, TUTOR & SENCO REVIEW MEETINGS CLARION CALL – PARENTS EVENING BOOKING SYSTEM (PEBS)

All parents would have received an email last Friday regarding parent/teacher & tutor meetings for this term. The booking system is now open for parents to make their appointments. If you haven't already done so, please ensure that you register and book your slots as soon as possible. Any queries should be directed to Mrs Clarke at liz.clarke@oakwoodschool.org.uk.

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

Wed 14/11: All Teachers & Tutors (not Mr Woolmer or Miss Blanco) and Mrs Rhodes SENCO reviews. Including childminding. * **NOTE: 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.

TALK & TOUR DAY

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.

MERIT BADGE WINNERS FOR THE LAST TWO WEEKS



Year 1 – Tohma Okamoto &
Daniel Munoz-Garayoa

Year 2 – Jioia Cumbers & Matthew Thomas

Year 3 – Lourdes Contreras & Francesca Baladasan

Year 4 – Naomi Sauerborn & Frederick Balcombe

Year 5 – Caroline Kennefick & Marin Singh

Year 6 – Ayla Fada & Bethany Martin

CONGRATULATIONS!

SAVE THE DATES

**Half-term: Monday 22 October –
Friday 2 November**

MONDAY 5 NOVEMBER

School re-opens – 8.30am

WEDNESDAY 7 NOVEMBER

U11 football vs Banstead Prep (home) – 2.30pm

THURSDAY 8 NOVEMBER

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

FRIDAY 9 NOVEMBER

Talk & Tour Day – 9am

Christmas card competition deadline

MONDAY 12 NOVEMBER

Anti-bullying week

Croydon League netball vs Kenley (at OW) – 3.30pm

U9 football vs Warlingham Park (away) – 2.30pm

TUESDAY 13 NOVEMBER

Christmas Shoebox deadline

Year 2 trip to the cinema

Tutor meetings - Mr Woolmer & Miss Blanco.
No childminding.

WEDNESDAY 14 NOVEMBER

U11 football & netball vs Warlingham Park (away) -
2.30pm

Parent/teacher meetings - All teachers & tutors excluding
Mr Woolmer & Miss Blanco, plus Mrs Rhodes SENCO
reviews. With childminding. *****No Prep*****

MONDAY 19 NOVEMBER

Road Safety Week

Croydon League netball vs St Aidan's (at OW) – 4pm

TUESDAY 20 NOVEMBER

Parent/teacher meetings – Early Years & Infant teachers,
Mr Woolmer & Miss Blanco. With childminding

WEDNESDAY 21 NOVEMBER

Parent/teacher meetings – Junior teachers & tutors
excluding Mr Woolmer & Miss Blanco. No childminding.

THURSDAY 22 NOVEMBER

Year 1 & 2 trip to Gatton Park

Grandparents' Tea (Reception & Year 6) – 2.15pm

FRIDAY 23 NOVEMBER

Ladies meditation – 8.50am

Musical assembly – 3pm

SAVE THE DATES CONT:

MONDAY 26 NOVEMBER

U9 football & netball vs Warlingham Park (home) –
2.30pm

WEDNESDAY 28 NOVEMBER

U11 football & netball vs Collingwood (home) – 2pm

THURSDAY 29 NOVEMBER

Coffee with the Head – 8.50am

FRIDAY 30 NOVEMBER

Year 6 class assembly – 3.10pm

TUESDAY 4 DECEMBER

Last 11+ club

THURSDAY 6 DECEMBER

Early Years Nativity (Nursery & Reception) – 9am

Year 6 Speech & Drama pupils to the Unicorn Theatre

Last Prep

FRIDAY 7 DECEMBER

NHS Flu vaccinations for Reception – Year 5

Christmas Fair (3-5pm)

MONDAY 10 DECEMBER

Early Years & Infant Christmas Party

TUESDAY 11 DECEMBER

Reception trip to Godstone Farm (TBC)

Festival of 9 Lessons and Carols for Juniors at St John
the Baptist Church, Purley – 7pm

WEDNESDAY 12 DECEMBER

Last swimming lesson for Year 1 & 2

Junior Christmas lunch – 12.30pm

THURSDAY 13 DECEMBER

Infant Nativity (Year 1 & 2) – 9am

FRIDAY 14 DECEMBER

Mass – 9am (please note earlier time)

School closes – 3.45pm

Christmas holidays
Monday 17 December 2018 –
Tuesday 8 January 2019

HALF-TERM OFFICE OPENING HOURS

Mrs Clarke will be in school for the week commencing
22 October and Mrs Askew will return on Thursday
1 November. If you have any enquiries during this time
please contact us by phone or email. Should the phone
go to voicemail, leave a short message and we will
return your call as soon as we can.

DEPUTY HEAD'S CORNER

“Let us encourage the generosity which is typical of the young and help them to work actively in building a better world. Youth do not solely need material things. Above all, they need to have those non-material values which are the spiritual heart of a people ... spirituality, generosity, solidarity, perseverance, fraternity, and joy.”

Pope Francis

I begin this piece with a quote by Pope Francis which seems particularly relevant as we have been talking to the children about the two charity events we are supporting this term - the Purley Food Hub collection and then, during half-term, the Shoebox Appeal. The children in Year 6 were quite shocked to think that there are working parents who still can't afford to feed their families. Thank you so much for all that you do to help your children to understand the importance of generosity towards those that are less fortunate. Not only is it a matter of justice that the goods of the world are shared with everyone but it is also a source of great joy to the one who gives. A priest once told this story:

When I was a kid, my mother asked me to bring my three best toys. She said, “Pick your favourite. You are going to give it to the poor.”

“But then I won't have my best toy.”

“Your best is not what you have; the act of giving is your best.”

This could be particularly relevant in the Shoebox Appeal – let's encourage our children not just to give things they don't want anymore but to give something they love.

I include the links to the appeal for the shoeboxes so that you can see the joy that they bring. The first link shows where they are distributed and the hope that they represent and the second shows what should be included and how they should be packed.

Shoebox Appeal

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dJBVoxy-d-A>

Shoebox Items

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AgkbyfUcuGo>

Please return your filled shoebox any day in the week beginning **Monday 5 November** (the deadline for returning boxes is Tuesday 13 November). Attached to this newsletter is one of the forms should you have misplaced the one sent home or require an additional one.

Last year, we collected well over a hundred shoeboxes and it would be wonderful to do that again this year. At the heart of the school ethos is the school motto – to serve joyfully. What better way of serving than to give generously to others.

Ellen Teague – Deputy Head (Ethos)

CD TARGETS

Well done to all the Character Stars below who have worked hard with the targets set over the last few weeks. Please continue to support your children with their targets and to remind them to wear their Character Star badge.

CHARACTER STARS

For the last two weeks



*Targets – I know what courtesy sounds and looks like
I know how to behave in the classroom
& around the school*

Year 1 – Katherine Kennefick & Ananiya Manivasagam

Year 2 – Ivy Balcombe (for both weeks)

Year 3 – John Hewitt & Samuel McKenzie

Year 4 – Zoé Ciccardini & Ayaan Fada

Year 5 – Louise Mawer & Therese Kobus

Year 6 – Saira Hossain & Isaac Williams

WELL DONE!

WINTER UNIFORM

A reminder that after the half-term, the full winter uniform should be worn. Please refer to the uniform list on the school website if necessary. At the discretion of parents, pupils can wear either the blazer (Years 1 – 6) or the regulation school coat (from Nursery upwards). However please bear in mind that on days of light drizzle pupils will be allowed to go outside, so the coat is more suitable.

If you would like good quality second hand uniform items then please contact Paula Thompson by text or Whatsapp on 07968 356498.

Please remember that all uniform items should be labelled clearly (relabelled in the case of second hand items) as this makes it easier to return an item to its correct owner. Thank you.

MOVING INTO RECEPTION 2019

Further to Mrs Askew's email sent this week, a reminder that for those children who are moving from the Nursery into the main school in September 2019, the deposit of £500 is now due. Please refer to her email as to how this payment can be made. If you have any further queries, please contact Mrs Askew on carrie.askew@oakwoodschool.org.uk.

SCHOOL TRIPS AND VISITORS

A cinema visit to Vue Croydon has been arranged for the **Year 2** children on **Tuesday 13 November**. As part of the Film Festival events taking place nationwide, they will be watching *Mary and the Witch's Flower*. This will form part of topics that are being covered in the class. Mrs Clarke will be emailing parents with more details shortly.

Year 1 & 2 will be visiting Gatton Park on **Thursday 22 November** to support topics in their Geography and Science lessons. Further details to follow.

REMEMBRANCE POPPIES

On behalf of the Royal British Legion, our Year 6 children will be selling poppies every day during the week commencing **Monday 5 November**. The poppy is worn by millions of people as a symbol of remembrance for the soldiers who sacrificed their lives during the two world wars.

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.

GRANDPARENTS TEA

Year 6 will be hosting a tea for all Oakwood Grandparents on **Thursday 22 November** at **2.15pm**. It will start with a short singing performance from children in Reception followed by the Year 6 class presentation. The afternoon will end with a good old fashioned cup of tea and maybe even a slice of cake! Kindly let the school office know if any grandparents are attending (invitation attached).

LADIES MEDITATION

The next Ladies meditation with Fr. George is on **Friday 23 November** at **8.50am**. All mums, Grannies and Aunties are welcome come along.

MUSICAL ASSEMBLY by Mr Woolmer

A musical assembly will take place on **Friday 23 November** at **3pm** with contributions from solo instrumentalists. There is room for a few more players to perform. If your child has lessons at school their teacher will let me know directly if they wish to perform. Otherwise please could parents email me by on christopher.woolmer@oakwoodschool.org.uk by Friday 16 November if your child's learns an instrument outside of school and they would like to take part.

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 concerned. New electronic consent forms have been introduced, so parents need to ensure that these are returned in time. Please note that, even if you decide that you do not want your child to receive the vaccine, you should still complete the consent form giving the reason, as this will help the NHS to plan and improve the service.

SPORTS by Mr Kurti

Well done to the Infant & the Lower Junior children who took part in the Croydon cross country last week. All the children made an exceptional effort in their age groups. Well done to Max Maslona who came second in his group!

16 teams took part in the football tournament that took place at The Cedars this week. Our boys played very well but overall the Holy Ghost School, Balham was the best team and won the trophy.



Well done to the Oakwood teams who competed in the football match against Royal Russell yesterday. Both matches resulted in losses but it was a fair game. Player of the Match was given to Blake Ledgister and Frederick Balcombe in their respective teams.

We look forward to a number of fixtures that have been organised for the next half-term. These include football fixtures and netball (including the Croydon League matches). Could I ask all the Junior boys to remember to bring in their studded football boots and shin pads for their lessons. A reminder that all PE uniform should be labeled as we are finding items, after lessons, unnamed.

If you have any queries regarding PE or Sports, please email me on alberto.kurti@oakwoodschool.org.uk.

PUNCTUALITY CUP

Well done to **Year 5** who had the highest punctuality score and are the winners of the punctuality cup. Statistics below are based on 10 school days from 4 October.

Reception – 9.23	Year 4 – 9.69
Year 1 – 9.67	Year 5 – 9.94
Year 2 – 9.72	Year 6 – 9.59
Year 3 – 9.67	



REUSABLE PLASTIC BOTTLES

A reminder for those of you whose children bring a plastic bottle of drink into school for snack/lunch please consider using a reusable bottle. We are trying to encourage children to cut down on plastic bottle wastage and help contribute to the protection of the environment. Please label bottles with your child's name.

WALKING INITIATIVES by Mrs Liz Clarke

After the half-term we will be taking part in the WoW (Walk Once a Week) campaign. Please note that if your children walks, scoots or you park & stride (with at least a 10 minute walk) to school to enter this on the WoW chart that will be in the classroom. Those who use these travel methods will qualify for a badge and certificate, but only if they are indicated on the class chart and if they have walked a least one a week throughout the month.

We will be selecting the new Junior Travel Ambassadors early on after the half-term in time for Road Safety Week that begins **Monday 19 November**. We have a large number of applications already! Look out in our next newsletter for more details of who they are, what they will be doing and how you can support them.

A FEW THINGS ... by Mrs Easthope

ARTIST OF THE MONTH

Please remember to hand in your 'Artist of the Month' entry to me directly. The theme for November is to draw a firework picture.

GARDENING CLUB

A BIG thank you from the Oakwood gardening club for all the Woodcote Green Vouchers that were collected from parents over the year. They have now been converted into a shopping voucher worth **£143.50** which is truly amazing! This week the children visited the garden centre to cost out some of the things to spend the money on!

CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

The Christmas card competition is now open to children in Reception – Year 6. If anyone would like to enter, draw and colour your picture on A5 paper and send your entry directly to me by **Friday 9 November**. The winning design will be printed on this year's Oakwood Christmas card. Good luck!

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Please save the date in your diary for the Christmas Fair that Mrs Teague and I are organising. The Year 6 children will be heavily involved and have lots to do, however your support is needed so come along and have some festive fun! Raffle tickets for some great fair prizes will be on sale soon. Money raised will go towards funding new playground seating areas.

Please email me directly about any of the above on lorna.easthope@oakwoodschool.org.uk.

EARLY YEARS NEWS

Reception by Mrs Parker

The Reception class have had a very busy term and definitely deserve a holiday. They have worked incredibly hard in class and we've had a wonderful few weeks getting to know each other. Book Week has been a great success and the children will be coming home with a book to keep from the BookTrust charity.



Do remember that after the break the children will have to wear the winter uniform. In order to organise various winter clothing accessories we ask the children to put their hat in one sleeve, push their scarf in the other and put one glove in each pocket. Doing the same at home will help them remember. Many thanks.

Nursery by Mrs Lobo

The children have been busy observing the signs of Autumn. They have made lovely spotty umbrellas hanging in the outside covered area and had a wonderful time making crayon muffins with Mrs Rafice for Book Week. We hope you are all enjoying using Tapestry.

Please could I remind parents to label snacks, letter objects and show & tell items so we can easily identify who they belong to.

On behalf of the Early Years staff, we wish you all a lovely half-term.

EARLY YEARS AWARDS

Star

Reception

Elizabeth Davis for super progress in her reading skills

Olivia Mouskis for great improvement in her phonic skills

Nursery

Hannah Shaw & Marie C  r  ze for settling well

Nursery Lunchtime

Olivia Kpobie & Mia Nadimi



Well done!

FREE CYCLING WITH CROYDON COUNCIL

In association with cyclinginstructor.com Croydon Council are offering children the chance to register for cycle training during the half-term. The instructors teach skills and help build confidence on the road. For more information and to book sessions please visit:

<https://fs19.formsite.com/cycling/Croysummerhols18/index.html?1528877141386>

BOOK WEEK by Mrs Clarke (Year 2 Teacher)

Wow! What a fantastic week we have had!

Our Book Week began with a whole school assembly. In the assembly Year 2 performed the story of 'The Gingerbread Man'. We watched a video featuring many of us, explaining why we love reading and then the teachers performed the story of 'The Day the Crayons Quit'.

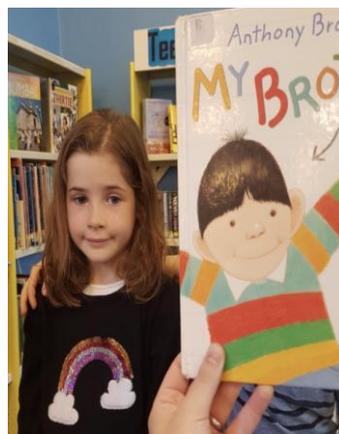
Over 40 children entered the Book Face competition. Thank you to all of those who took part, the entries were superb. The teachers voted for their favourite and the winners, announced in today's assembly were Elisha Maslona (Y1), Blake Ledgister (Y5) and Marin Singh (Y5)

A big thank you to those who attended and helped with the book fair. Your generosity has allowed the school to raise **£331.80** to purchase new books for the classrooms.

This week the children have shown great enthusiasm working within the individual class projects based around the book, 'The Day the Crayons Quit'. Interestingly, we have discovered that many objects around our school have also quit this week, in Year 1 the chairs quit and in Year 2 the glue sticks quit! We have been writing letters back to the objects persuading them to return.

In the Early Years and Infants we were lucky to have some parents who volunteered to come into our class to read us a story. Our thanks to all those parents who volunteered to do so.

After half term, our work from Book Week will be displayed in the corridor. Please come and read our writing and look at pictures from the week.



THE LAURELS SCHOOL

The Laurels School is relocating to Chelsea in September 2019!

We are hosting an Open Day at 1 Chelsea Embankment, London SW3 4LG

This will be on

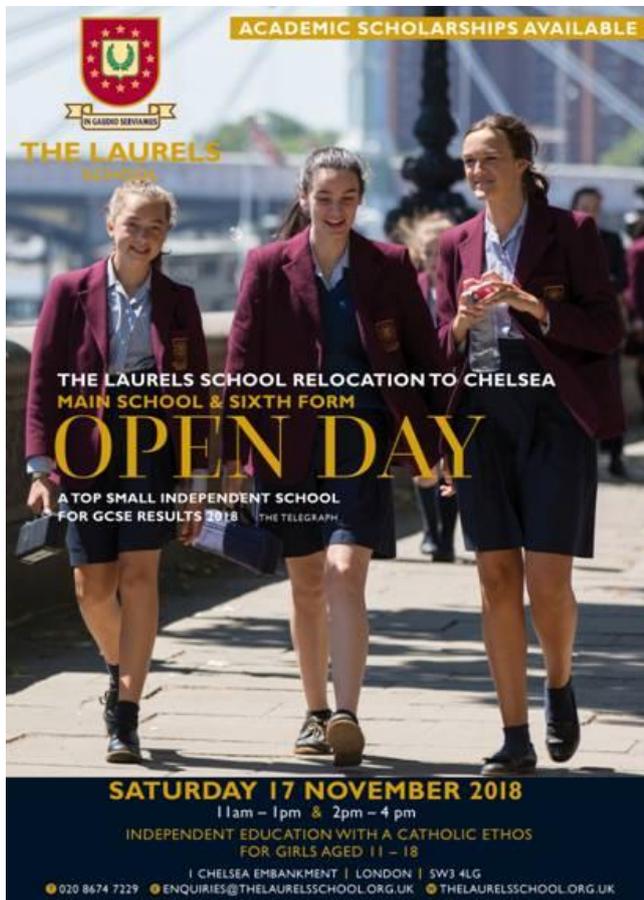
Saturday 17 November 2018

At these times:

11am – 1pm & 2pm – 4pm.

The latter time is also for the Sixth Form.

Please contact: enquiries@thelaurelsschool.org.uk should you require any further information



ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

THE LAURELS SCHOOL

THE LAURELS SCHOOL RELOCATION TO CHELSEA
MAIN SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM

OPEN DAY

A TOP SMALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL
FOR GCSE RESULTS 2018 THE TELEGRAPH

SATURDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2018
11am – 1pm & 2pm – 4pm

INDEPENDENT EDUCATION WITH A CATHOLIC ETHOS
FOR GIRLS AGED 11 – 18

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1 CHELSEA EMBANKMENT IN 2019



WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!