

Newsletter



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FROM THE HEADMASTER'S DESK

Dear Parents

Welcome back! I hope you all had a happy and restful break. On behalf of all the staff thank you for your cards, gifts and good wishes from the end of last term.

We are very pleased to welcome a few new children to Oakwood. James Barajas Munoz and Sofie Mons in the Nursery. Amelia Cameron (Year 4) and Fatima Martinez-Echevarria (Year 6).

I hope you have all had a chance to read the ISI inspection report issued yesterday. Given the ever changing nature of the statutory framework which governs ISI inspections, all regulatory standards were met which is a great achievement. I would like to thank all the staff for their hard work and dedication. Our school aims to serve both pupils and parents, in short the whole family, and I would like to thank all our parents for their loyalty and commitment. Oakwood belongs to us all and we should all be proud of its successes.

It's been wonderful over the past few days to chat with the children about Christmas and how much they enjoyed the festive period. Although I did notice a few parents at the gate, on the first day, eagerly ushering their children through. Perhaps, after a long break, it was time to get back to school!

By this time in January the Christmas presents may have been discarded. So perhaps this is a good opportunity to remind our children about the benefits of enjoying the simple things in life: reading books, a walk in the woods, conversations at meal times, visiting an elderly person or someone in need or even helping to sweep the leaves on the driveway – all pastimes that contribute to our young people becoming healthy, virtuous, civil adults of good character. So a good new year's resolution could be to develop the quality of family leisure time. We could even start by donating some of the presents that the children no longer use!

Finally, I would like to bring to your attention news about the International Federation for Family Development World Congress which is taking place in London this October. A number of highly acclaimed speakers will be giving talks. There is an early bird booking discount until 28 February and ticket prices include lunch and refreshment breaks. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

I wish you all a peaceful year ahead.

Ciro Candia – Headmaster

VERSE SPEAKING COMPETITION & INFANT POETRY ASSEMBLY

Our annual Verse Speaking Competition will take place on **Tuesday 12 February at 7pm** for all pupils in Years 3-6.

Trials will be held during the week beginning Monday 28 January, so please help your child with practising their poem over the next few weeks.

The assemblies for non-finalists will be held at **8.50am** on **Tuesday 5 February** (Years 5 & 6) and **Thursday 7 February** (Years 3 & 4). A poetry assembly will be held on **Friday 15 February at 8.50am**, when all the Year 1 & 2 children will be able to recite an individual poem. Reception will also perform a class poem. All parents are welcome.

HOT LUNCHES from Lunchmunch4kidz

Lunchmunch4kidz have been offering hot lunches at Oakwood for over 2 years now, and we have been very successful in helping a large number of parents reduce the chaos in the morning. Lunches arrive hot at the school and therefore offer a little change from packed lunch for the children, especially in these winter months.

Please see below details of the lunch service we provide at Oakwood. If you are interested please have a look through the attached menu and contact us ASAP and we can add your child on to our lunch list.

- The meal includes a main meal, a piece of fruit and yoghurt
- Main meals offer a variety of choices (soups, paninis, pasta, burgers, pizza)
- Lunches cost £3.65 per lunch
- A main meal or an alternative can be selected in advance
- A minimum of 3 days of lunches is required
- Menus rotate on a 3 weekly basis
- Invoices will be sent out based on your preferences
- a 5% sibling discount is provided for 2nd child, and 10% for 3rd child

If you might be interested please contact us at admin@lunchmunch4kidz.co.uk and we can discuss any further queries with you.

CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT

Order

From now until the first week after Half Term Years 1-6 will be studying the virtue of Order. The weekly targets will be included in the Newsletter and also displayed on the screen at the back entrance to the School each week. The first target is:

w/c 9 Jan: I can explain why order is important. Order is the foundation for many things. If we can't prioritise and do the important things first, we make it harder for ourselves to achieve what we want. Order gives harmony, balance, peace.

Orderliness is not a natural tendency or event. Even the second law of thermodynamics states that without intervention, all things move toward greater entropy and disorder. You can see this every day as your desk, purse, book bag, bedroom, closet, and vehicle become less organised and more dirty without someone making an effort to keep them clean and neat!

Children (and adults!) can be orderly by keeping school supplies clean and organised, folding or hanging up clothes, picking up litter, straightening chairs – and making sure they are not touching the wall, waiting their turn, putting toys and anything else they use back where they belong.

The key to an orderly lifestyle is making it a habit—putting things away and keeping things clean one day at a time.

Adapted from: www.characterfirsted.com

As always, do ask your children about their CD lesson. On the school website you will find suggested activities to do at home. Look out for the half term checklist too.

c

Jean Gardner
Director of Ethos

TERM DATES 2019-20

Autumn 2019

Wednesday 4 September – Friday 13 December

Half term:

Monday 21 October – Friday 1 November

Spring 2020

Wednesday 8 January – Friday 3 April

Half Term:

Monday 17 – Friday 21 February

Summer 2020

Wednesday 22 April – Tuesday 7 July

Half Term:

Monday 25 – Friday 29 May

SAVE THE DATES

MONDAY 14 JANUARY

Most clubs & extra-curricular activities begin this week

FRIDAY 18 JANUARY

Ladies meditation – 8.50am

WEDNESDAY 23 JANUARY

Head's talk for Year 6 parents (This is my body) – 7pm

THURSDAY 24 JANUARY

Year 2 trip to Pizza Express

Pied Piper Theatre visit for Early Years & Infants – 2pm

FRIDAY 25 JANUARY

Talk & Tour Day – 9am

Year 5 class assembly – 3.10pm

MONDAY 28 JANUARY

Verse Speaking trials week

WEDNESDAY 30 JANUARY

U11 rugby vs Eaton House (away) – 2pm

THURSDAY 31 JANUARY

Year 3 & 4 trip to Dulwich Picture Gallery

FRIDAY 1 FEBRUARY

Coffee morning for parents from 8.30am

TUESDAY 5 FEBRUARY

Safer Internet Day

Verse speaking assembly (Year 5 & 6 non-finalists) – 8.50am

THURSDAY 7 FEBRUARY

Verse speaking assembly (Year 3 & 4 non-finalists) – 8.50am

FRIDAY 8 FEBRUARY

Ladies meditation – 8.50am

Year 2 class assembly – 3.10pm

MONDAY 11 FEBRUARY

Poetry week beings

TUESDAY 12 FEBRUARY

Verse Speaking Competition for Years 3-6 (7pm)

WEDNESDAY 13 FEBRUARY

U11 girls football vs St David's (away) – 2pm

**More dates can be found on our
school website at
www.oakwoodschool.org.uk**

SCHOOL TRIPS & VISITORS

For their Science topic, children in Year 2 will visit Pizza Express in Banstead on the morning of **Thursday 24 January**.

Nursery, Reception, Years 1 & 2 will have a visit from the Pied Piper Theatre on **Thursday 24 January** at 2pm.

On **Thursday 31 January** Year 3 & 4 will be visiting the Dulwich Picture Gallery. As part of their art topic 'Identity' they will look at work by George Bellows.

TALK AND TOUR DAY

Our next 'Talk & Tour Day' will be held on **Friday 25 January** at **9am**. If any of your relatives or friends are looking for school places then please do encourage them to contact us to come and have a look at the school.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

The Year 5 class assembly will be held on **Friday 25 January** at **3.10pm**. All parents are welcome.

The Year 2 class assembly will be held on **Friday 8 February** at **3.10pm**. All parents are welcome.

LADIES MEDITATION

The next meditations with Fr George will be held at 8.50am on **Friday 18 January and Friday 8 February**. All mums, aunties & grannies are welcome.

COFFEE MORNING FOR PARENTS

There will be a coffee morning for parents on **Friday 1 February** from **8.30am** in the Art Room. All parents are welcome.



THE PASSAGE DONATION

Thank you to the children who bought in their £1 at the end of last term. The amount raised and sent to the Passage was **£85.75**. We have been sent a 'Thank-you' email stating that this amount will help them to continue the amazing work they carry out with homeless people.

SPORTS NEWS by Mr Kurti

In PE lessons this term the Infants will practice their ball skills, do fun fit games and work on creative movement. The main focus for the Juniors will be tag rugby, hockey and football. The girls will also continue to play netball (including some of the girls taking part in the Croydon League matches). Junior children must wear a mouthguard & shin pads for their sports sessions in tag rugby and hockey. All children must have their full kit available on both PE and match days.

We look forward to an exciting term ahead with our sports calendar so please look out for any fixtures that are listed under the 'Save the Dates' in the newsletters. Please also remember that our sports ground is now at The Cedars as per the letter sent at the end of last term. If you have any queries please contact me directly on alberto.kurti@oakwoodschool.org.uk.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

The list of Clubs & Activities is attached with this newsletter. Please note that these activities run for different lengths in the term and they do not always finish at the same time, so please check details in the clubs list, individual provider letters and newsletters. A reminder that cash cannot be accepted in the office as payment for any clubs or peripatetic instrument lessons.

LOVE THEATRE ARTS



A reminder that the after school Musical Theatre Club takes place on a Thursday from 3.45-4.45pm. Please note that this club is open to **Reception – Year 6 children**. If your child is a keen singer/performer why not give it a try. Please see the attachment for more information and to register your child.

PREP (YEARS 3-6)

Prep for Juniors begins next Monday. A reminder that pupils no longer need to be registered. All Junior children who are not collected at the normal pick up time of 3.45pm will automatically go to Prep. Please note that the finish time is 4.45pm and not 5pm.

11+ CLUB

The 11+ Club for children in Years 4 & 5 begins on **Tuesday 15 January**. If you haven't registered your child and you would like to do so please see Mr Murphy directly (in Year 5) or email him at aaron.murphy@oakwoodschool.org.uk.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS

Oakwood currently offers instrumental tuition for a variety of lessons usually for pupils in Year 2 upwards (apart from Suzuki violin which is from Nursery). Please see the attached instrumental form should you be interested in registering your child for any of these.

UNIFORM AND ACCESSORIES

A reminder that all items of uniform including trainers, plimsoles, socks, gloves, hats, scarfs, lunch and snack boxes should be labelled with pupil's names. Please note that if a uniform item has been handed down or from second hand stock then they will need to be re-labelled with the new owner. Many thanks.

ARTIST OF THE MONTH by Mrs Easthope

All children from Reception to Year 6 are invited to participate in our 'Artist of the Month' award with some of the artwork displayed around the school.



The theme for January is to make a mask to cover the eyes. Use paper, card and collage. All work should be handed directly to me.