

Newsletter



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FROM THE HEADMASTER'S DESK

Dear Parents

Thank you to everyone who attended the Junior poetry assemblies this week. I thoroughly enjoyed the wonderful mixture of witty, funny and moving poetry performed by the children.

I am always impressed that the children remember all the words and they are able to recite them in such an entertaining and captivating way.

Poetry week begins with next week's Verse Speaking Competition for Juniors on **Tuesday 12 February** at **7pm**. This year we welcome Mrs Mairéad Jewell, Assistant Head at The Laurels School, who will be the adjudicator. Aside from the competition itself, all the Junior children will be reciting their class poems. It promises to be a highly entertaining evening and I look forward to seeing you all there. Please refer to Mrs Askew's email sent yesterday with further details about the evening.

I am also looking forward to the Infant poetry assembly next **Friday 15 February** at **8.50am**. All the Year 1 & 2 children will be able to recite an individual poem and the Reception children will perform a class poem too. All parents are welcome to come along, so please join us.



This is our last newsletter before the half-term, so please check for any important dates coming up.

Ciro Candia
Headmaster

SPRING TERM PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS

An email will be sent to parents next week 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 you may wish to 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 – 7.30pm (unless otherwise stated).

This term's meetings will be held as follows:

Wednesday 13 March: All teachers & some tutors plus SENCO review meetings with Mrs Rhodes. Including free childminding. No Prep.

Tuesday 19 March: All teachers & tutors. Including free childminding. No Prep or 11+ Club.

Tuesday 26 March: Mr Woolmer & Miss Blanco only (tutors). No childminding.



MERIT BADGE WINNERS FOR LAST TWO WEEKS



Year 1 - Elisha Maslona & Ralph Taylor
Year 2 – Ivy Balcombe & Eliana Butron
Year 3 – Amelia Toop & Matthew Lobo
Year 4 – Shivani Anpalakan & Amelia Cameron
Year 5 – Sofia Thompson & Piotr Todryk
Year 6 – George Bonnet & Mathisha Sathyendran

CONGRATULATIONS!

DEPUTY HEAD'S CORNER

Children will soon be bringing home their sponsored event form to raise money for our chosen Lenten charity. The event will take place after the half-term and this year the charity we are raising money for is called The Lily Pad Appeal. This is a charity which falls under the umbrella of The Chartwell Cancer Trust which is a local cancer charity.

The appeal is to raise money for a new integrated paediatric ward in Croydon University Hospital which will be to care for children (and their families) who are dealing with cancer. This is obviously a very worthwhile cause, so please help your children to get as many sponsors as possible so that we can raise a lot of money.

In addition to the sponsored event, on **Friday 8 March at 3.45pm**, we will be holding a Cake Sale in the lower playground. Please support our Lenten Charity by bringing cakes or cookies into school on Thursday 7 March or the morning of 8 March. All parents are invited to come along to the sale. As always your support with raising funds is very much appreciated.

On another note, recent advice from NHS England is to limit the time your child spends on screen time and especially during meals and at bedtime! There is so much research now that shows the damaging effect that screen time has on developing young minds. Some effects can be: addiction to a particular game, anxiety (as it can have a drug-like effect) and difficulty sleeping (caused by the blue light emitted by electronic devices). Whilst electronic devices can have a positive use it is good to keep ourselves informed about the negatives as well. We need to help our children develop order in their use of technology whilst they are young or they will never be able to control it when they reach the teenage years.

As it was recently Safer Internet Day, I thought I would pass on some of the recommendations given for use of the internet.

- Children should always ask permission and a responsible adult should be present
- The age limit for the game/social media site should be respected
- There should be a fixed time limit
- Children should always check with an adult before giving out any personal information
- Children should be encouraged to talk to an adult if they are upset by anything they see on the internet

Ellen Teague
Deputy Head (Ethos)

SAVE THE DATES

MONDAY 11 FEBRUARY

Poetry week begins

U9 tag rugby vs Warlingham Park (away) – 2.15pm

TUESDAY 12 FEBRUARY

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

WEDNESDAY 13 FEBRUARY

Croydon League netball match vs St Aidan's (away) – 3.30pm. Return to OW at approx 4.30pm

THURSDAY 14 FEBRUARY

TfL talk for Year 6 – 9am

Art Workshop at The Cedars for selected Year 5 pupils

FRIDAY 15 FEBRUARY

Infant Poetry Assembly – 8.50am

Chinese New Year performances in the afternoon

School closes for half-term at 3.45pm

MONDAY 25 FEBRUARY

School re-opens

U9 & U11 Warlingham Park cross-country – 2pm

WEDNESDAY 27 FEBRUARY

Croydon League netball match vs Kenley (away) – 3pm. Return to OW at approx 4pm

Maths workshop for Junior parents – 7pm

THURSDAY 28 FEBRUARY

Shakespeare workshop with Fiona Penney (Years 4-6)

FRIDAY 1 MARCH

Coffee morning for parents in the Art Room – 8.30am

Music competition – 2.30pm

Croydon League netball match vs Gresham (away) – 3.45pm return to OW at approx 5pm

SATURDAY 2 MARCH

Open Day 10am – 1pm

MONDAY 4 MARCH

World Book Day

WEDNESDAY 6 MARCH

Ash Wednesday. 10am Mass at St John the Baptist, Purley for Years 1-6

Sponsored event

THURSDAY 7 MARCH

Coffee with the Head – 8.50am

FRIDAY 8 MARCH

U9 netball tournament at Royal Russell (1-3.30pm)

Charity cake sale – 3.45pm

SCHOOL TRIPS & VISITORS

A representative from Transport for London will be visiting the Year 6 children on **Thursday 14 February** to talk about staying safe on the roads and being responsible when using public transport. This is particularly to help them prepare for their transfer to secondary school in September.

Selected Year 5 children will be attending an Art Workshop at The Cedars School during the afternoon of **Thursday 14 February**. Mrs Easthope has emailed parents with more details.

Years 4-6 will be involved in a Shakespeare workshop on **Thursday 28 February** with Miss Fiona Penney. This will help them to develop both their dramatic and literary skills. The cost of the workshop will be £5 per child. This will be billed to your school account as part of the trips/visitors charge.

CHINESE NEW YEAR PERFORMANCES

Over the next few weeks, millions of people around the world will celebrate Chinese New Year. A range of festive activities take place in communities including wearing of special clothes, hanging red lanterns, and speciality foods. In Chinese tradition, each year is named after many animals and this year is the Year of the Pig. To celebrate this tradition Oakwood have arranged (with the help of one of our parents Mrs Mons) a performance by the Confucius Institute for Traditional Chinese Medicine (CITCM) based in London South Bank University. This will take place on **Friday 15 February** for all children from Nursery upwards. Parents are more than welcome to attend the second afternoon performance starting at 3pm. An amount of £2.50 per child will be charged in order to cover costs. This will be billed to your school account as part of the trips/visitors charge.

MATHS WORKSHOP FOR JUNIOR PARENTS

Parents of children in Years 3-6 are invited to attend a Maths Workshop run by Mr Murphy on **Wednesday 27 February at 7pm**. The workshop will help parents to become more familiar with the methods taught for the four operations (addition, subtraction, division and multiplication) so that you can better support your children at home. There will also be a short focus on fractions and decimals and how these topics are explored at Oakwood. The workshop will last around 45 minutes, and will be a fun and interactive way to familiarise yourselves with some of the methods used. All junior parents are encouraged to attend.

OPEN DAY

Our next Open Day will be held on **Saturday 2 March between 10am -1pm**. A reminder that 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. The Year 6 school captains & ambassadors will be invited to attend so that they can help to show prospective parents around.

MUSIC COMPETITION

Our annual Music Competition will be held on **Friday 1 March at 2.30pm** and all parents are welcome to attend.

Any children who currently take instrumental or vocal lessons may enter the competition under the following 2 categories: Elementary (Grades 1 & 2) or Advanced (Grade 3 and upwards).

Please email Mr Woolmer by **Friday 22 February** on christopher.woolmer@oakwoodschoo.org.uk if you would like to enter your child. Details should include their name, year group, instrument, grade and category.

WORLD BOOK DAY

We will be celebrating World Book Day on **Monday 4 March** through a variety of activities. We are pleased to have the Love Theatre Arts Company running various workshops for the children based on the different themes for each year group. Mrs Clarke has emailed parents with detailed information.

ARTIST OF THE MONTH by Mrs Easthope

All children from Reception to Year 6 are invited to participate in the 'Artist of the Month' award with some of the artwork displayed around the school. The theme for February is to draw a picture of a cat trying to capture the texture of the fur. All work should be handed directly to me.



COFFEE MORNING FOR PARENTS

Our next coffee morning for parents will be on **Friday 1 March at 8.30am** in the Art Room. All parents are welcome to come along to this informal event.

SPRING TERM REPORTS

Reports for Nursery and Reception children have been posted home today. Interim reports for Years 1 - 6 will be issued at the Parent/Teacher meetings in March.

CHARACTER STARS FOR THE LAST TWO WEEKS



Targets:

*I don't put things down - I put them away!
I look after things that others use too.*

Year 1 – Daniel Munoz Garayoa & Richeldis Cilia

Year 2 – Max Maslona & Isabel Pellegrini Perez

Year 3 – Freya Martin & Lucia Millan

Year 4 – Samuel Munoz Garayoa & Shivani Anpalakan

Year 5 – Lucas Lobo & Caroline Kennefick

Year 6 – Bethany Martin & Max Baladasan

CONGRATULATIONS CHILDREN

SPORTS NEWS

Last Monday the U9 boys took part in a tag rugby match against Warlingham Park. The 'A' team lost 3-2 and the 'B' team won 5-3. Ayaan Fada and John Hewitt were awarded Player of the Match for their respective teams. The U9 Girls played hockey against the same school which resulted in a draw. Zoé Ciccardini was awarded Player of the Match. Well done to all those involved.

There are a number of fixtures planned over the remainder of the term so please check letters sent home with your child if they have been selected to play. Please make sure that all pupils have the correct kit for PE and any fixture that they are expected to be involved in. Thank you to all those parents who come along to support their children when we are involved in fixtures against other schools. It is always a great boost for Oakwood when they have a cheer from the sidelines!

YEAR 3 & 4 TRIP TO THE DULWICH PICTURE GALLERY by Mrs Easthope

Last Thursday the children in Year 3 and 4 went to Dulwich Picture Gallery for a tour of the gallery and a print workshop on Identity. The children produced hand designs and portraits incorporating symbols and patterns inspired by their own identity and hobbies. We all enjoyed the day and hope to return next year.



PUNCTUALITY CUP

Well done to Year 3 who are the winners of the punctuality cup. The statistics are based on 10 school days (24 January - 6 February). Punctuality statistics for the classes are as follows:

Reception – 9.79	Year 4 – 9.53
Year 1 – 9.60	Year 5 – 9.81
Year 2 – 9.78	Year 6 – 9.39
Year 3 – 9.86	



EARLY YEARS NEWS

Reception by Mrs Parker

A couple of weeks ago Ruby brought in an egg which one of her Grandmother's hens laid so we decided to make it 'bouncy' by soaking it in vinegar. Because we didn't leave it long enough it went SPLAT! We are going to leave the next one in the jar for 14 days to see if that will work. The children are keeping a tally chart so we don't get mixed up and have marked 'Dday' on the calendar. Watch this space.....

As we approach the half term break the children are half way through the academic year (I can hardly believe it either) so deserve much praise for how far they have all come in the 3 half terms. I hope you all have a wonderful well deserved break.



Nursery by Mrs Lobo

We have had another busy half term and have all enjoyed learning about the farm. We have explored texture, took photos with a camera, practised our cutting skills and made bear heart decorations. Please do come into the classroom at drop off to look at the work the children have been doing.

Please could we ask all Early Years parents that if you are sending in grapes for snack or as part of a packed lunch to ensure that they have been cut in half. Many thanks.

EARLY YEARS AWARDS FOR THE LAST TWO WEEKS



Reception:

Aniya-Mai Johnson for lovely reading progress
Santiago Contreras for working very hard in all his lessons

Nursery:

Star

Jaxon Wastell & Christina Kennefick for their tidiness

Playtime

Marie C  r  ze & Sofie Mons

WELL DONE CHILDREN!