

Newsletter



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FROM THE HEADMASTER'S DESK

Dear Parents

I would like to thank Mr Woolmer for organising the music competition at the beginning of March. It was lovely to see a number of our talented musicians participating. Dr Bonnici, Head of Music at The Cedars, judged the competition and said the standard was very high. He also commented on how difficult it was to select the winners. Well done to everyone who took part. Special congratulations to the winners of each section: 1st place was Piotr Todryk (piano) & 2nd place was Shivani Anpalakan (flute) in the Elementary section. Joint winners were Imani Frimpong (clarinet) and Ayaan Fada (piano) in the Advanced section.



I would also like to thank the parents and children who helped us celebrate World Book Day last Monday! My thanks go to Love Theatre Arts for running a tremendous workshop culminating in a showcase at the end of the day. I would also like to thank our Year 2 teacher, Mrs Clarke, for organising this event and the staff and parents who made the day so special. Please take the time to have a look at some of the photos further on in this newsletter.

Last Friday we had our charity cake sale where we raised just over £140! My thanks go to all the parents and children that helped contribute. The money will go towards our Lenten charity – The Chartwell Cancer Trust for The Lily Pad Appeal. Next week the children will be taking part in various sporting activities for their sponsored event, so please help your children with their fundraising using the sponsorship form provided. This money will also be donated to the appeal.

Have a lovely weekend

Ciro Candia
Headmaster

LOWER JUNIOR PRODUCTION

The Year 3 & 4 production of 'Jonah - A Fishy Tail' will be performed on **Tuesday 2 April at 1.45pm** and **Wednesday 3 April at 7pm**.

The entry fee is £2 for the afternoon performance and £5 for the evening performance. This can be paid at the door (children under 16 and senior citizens are free). Group discounts apply; please speak to the school office for more information.

For the evening performance, pupils will need to be in school by 6.15pm (unless otherwise requested) in their uniform. Refreshments will be served from this time, so parents are encouraged to stay once they have dropped off their children. Please note that the car park will be **CLOSED** to parents (apart from a few helpers) as we are unable to accommodate many vehicles.

A DVD recording will be made during the evening performance, and order forms will be sent home shortly. These can be returned to Epsom Video directly or handed to the school office by Friday 5 April. Please note that no photographs may be taken during the performance. Professional photographs will be taken during the matinee and these will be available to order at the evening performance and the following day.

NO PREP OR 11+ ON TUESDAY 19 MARCH

A reminder to all parents that there is **no Prep or 11+** on **Tuesday 19 March** due to the parent meetings taking place that evening. As is customary on these occasions, no homework will be given on the night of the Parent/Teacher meetings for Years 1-6.

MERIT BADGE WINNERS FOR THE LAST TWO WEEKS



Year 1 – Dylan Toop & Richeldis Cilia
Year 2 – Saria Scott-Kurti & James Thomas
Year 3 – Freya Martin & Savannah Lyford
Year 4 – Santiago Torre & Daniel Macorini
Year 5 – Monica Schofield & Sofia Thompson
Year 6 – Isaac Williams & Imani Frimpong

CONGRATULATIONS!

DEPUTY HEAD'S CORNER

At the end of February, I organised our Mathematics Workshop for parents of children in Years 3-6. Thank you to all the parents that attended and I hope you found the evening both enjoyable and helpful. Indeed if there are any questions that any parents have regarding mathematics then please feel free to email me or ask me in person.

This second half of the Spring term has been a very busy one thus far with trips, a cake sale, sports fixtures, World Book Day, workshops and Parent/Teacher meetings that started this week. Children have continued to work hard across subjects and have enjoyed the challenges that they've faced in many different lessons. Some classes have begun their preparation for their class assemblies. Please look out for the dates for these as it would be great, especially for your child/children, to see you there.

World Book Day was a huge success and was a day that many children thoroughly enjoyed. Credit must go to Mrs Clarke (Year 2 teacher) who undertook the organization of the day. There were so many fantastic costumes; thank you to all children and their families for the effort made. We hope your children enjoyed the 'Where's Wally' costume theme that members of staff (including myself) chose for the day. We also hope that you managed to pick up a good book using the book token that was given to each child.

Finally, the Spring term curriculum maps are now on the Oakwood School website. Please take a look at these if you wish to know all the details of curriculum topics and areas that will be explored this term.

Best wishes

Mr Murphy
Deputy Head (Academic)

SPRING TERM INTERIM REPORTS

Interim reports for Years 1-6 are being issued at Parent/Teacher meetings this term. The report provides an up to date overview of your child's attainment against national standards in English, maths and science. For other areas of the curriculum, attainment is judged against what a 'typical' Oakwood child would be expected to achieve at this stage of the year. If you have any queries regarding your child's/children's report then please do not hesitate to contact their class teacher directly.

LADIES MEDITATION

The next meditation with Fr George will be held on **Friday 22 March at 8.50am**. The topic for this meditation will be 'Lent'. All mums, aunties & grannies are welcome.

SAVE THE DATES

TUESDAY 19 MARCH

Parent/Teacher meetings - All teachers & tutors (4.15-8pm) **** NO PREP OR 11+ ****

THURSDAY 21 MARCH

Year 5 & 6 trip to Dulwich Picture Gallery

FRIDAY 22 MARCH

Ladies meditation – 8.50am

Croydon netball tournament (finals) at Croydon High (4-6pm)

TUESDAY 26 MARCH

Tutor meetings – Mr Woolmer & Miss Blanco only (4-7.30pm)

THURSDAY 28 MARCH

Last Prep

FRIDAY 29 MARCH

Croydon League netball finals at Croydon High (from 4pm)

TUESDAY 2 APRIL

Lower Junior matinee production – 1.45pm

WEDNESDAY 3 APRIL

Lower Junior production – 7pm

THURSDAY 4 APRIL

Easter Bonnet competition (TBC)

FRIDAY 5 APRIL

School closes for the Easter holidays – 3.45pm

MONDAY 8 – WEDNESDAY 10 APRIL

Mr Kurti's Easter Holiday Sports Camp

Easter Holidays

Monday 8 – Tuesday 23 April inc.

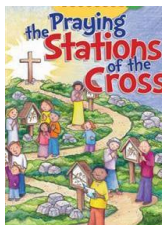
Please see our next newsletter for Summer term dates.

SCHOOL TRIPS & VISITORS

On **Thursday 21 March** Year 5 & 6 will be visiting the Dulwich Picture Gallery. This visit forms part of their art topic 'Identity' where they will look at work by George Bellows.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS with Miss Gardner

Miss Gardner invites all children, parents & carers to participate in the Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent (except Good Friday) at St John the Baptist Church, Purley at 4pm.



Please also see attached details regarding the special Stations of the Cross for children that takes place on **Good Friday 19 April at 11am** at St John the Baptist Church. All school aged children are welcome to take part with a rehearsal on Maundy Thursday 18 April starting at 10am. For more information please see the flyer attached and contact Milly Sawyer on the phone number provided.

SPRING BULB COMPETITION by Mrs Easthope

Congratulations to all the children who took part in this year's daffodil growing competition. Despite the low number of entries, they all received well-deserved gold awards. It is wonderful for children to share the responsibility of growing plants. They will have lots of fun, gain confidence and develop new skills. Thank you to all the parents for supporting your children with the task.

ARTIST OF THE MONTH by Mr

All children from Reception-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 April is to draw a picture of a sailboat at sea. All work should be handed directly to me.



CHARACTER STARS FOR THE LAST TWO WEEKS

Targets:

*I help others by being orderly.
I don't give up when something's hard.*



Year 1 – Isabella Gyimah & Dylan Toop

Year 2 – Celesta Kavuma &
Santiago Griffiths Vilarrubias

Year 3 – Florence Corbett & Samuel McKenzie

Year 4 – Frederick Balcombe & Deen Hossain

Year 5 – Malya Patel & Therese Kobus

Year 6 – Mathisha Sathyendran &
Yasmine Sivakumar

CONGRATULATIONS CHILDREN

SPORTS NEWS

Well done to all the Junior children who have taken part in fixtures over the last few weeks.

Last week the netball team beat Gresham School, which means they will be playing in the Croydon League Finals on Friday 29 March at Croydon High School. Well done to Valentina Pinto Martin and Imani Frimpong who were awarded Player of the Match for their defense skills and securing a place in the final.

On Tuesday 5 March the girls' netball team played in the Croydon Tournament Preliminary rounds where they came 2nd. This means that they will play in the Croydon Tournament Finals on Friday 22 March, also being held at Croydon High School.

The Year 3 & 4 girls played in the Royal Russell U9 Netball Tournament last Friday coming in 5th place out of 8th. Well done to Annabelle Swadling and Lucia Millan who were awarded Player of the Match.

On Monday a selection of pupils took part in the Seaton House Gymnastic Tournament coming 3rd in their group. Congratulations to Saira Hossain who was the second best gymnast overall!

On Wednesday this week, both U11 girls' football 'A' & 'B' teams beat St David's. Player of the Match was awarded to Caroline Kennefick and Zoé Ciccardini. Well done!

Please refer to the 'Save the Dates' section for all the forthcoming netball tournament and league finals. A letter or email will be sent home with those children who have been selected to play in these matches. Please ensure that you read these so that you have all the necessary information regarding times, venue and PE kit requirements. If you have any queries please contact Mr Kurti directly at alberto.kurti@oakwoodschool.org.uk.

CLUBS FOR THE LAST FEW WEEKS OF TERM

Whilst some clubs will run during the last week of the Spring term, a few will finish before then. Please note the following:

Prep - Will finish on **Thursday 28 March**

Art Club – Will finish on **Monday 1 April**

11+ Club - Will finish on **Tuesday 2 April**

Love Musical Theatre Arts - Will finish on **Thursday 4 April**.

Football & Multi sports - Will finish **week ending Friday 5 April**.

Early Birds & After School Club - Will continue to run up until the end of term **Friday 5 April**.

WORLD BOOK DAY by Mrs Chloe Clarke

We had a fantastic day celebrating World Book Day on Monday 4 March. Each class took part in a workshop run by Love Theatre Arts, where we did singing, dancing and acting which was linked to our year group theme. We then performed these in the afternoon to the whole school. There were two prizes in each year group, one for performer of the day and the other for the best costumes. All of the children looked fantastic and it was very hard for the Love Theatre Arts team to pick a winner. Throughout the day we also enjoyed doing different activities linked to our theme in our classes.



OAKWOOD SCHOOL CAN COOK by Mrs Easthope

The children at Oakwood School can cook! All week the children have been developing their cooking skills through our new DT topic. A mouth-watering aroma has been seeping from the art room.

Whether they have produced restaurant quality!! 😊 or just home cooking they have thoroughly enjoyed the experience. I do hope you parents have all tasted their culinary delights!

Next week paint smells are back!



DIGITAL RESILIENCE WORKSHOP

by Mrs Candia



On **Thursday 14 March**, Years 4, 5 and 6 participated in a workshop on Digital Resilience as part of their ongoing education in online safety. Magdalena (from an organisation called Parent Zone) started off by asking the children which games and social media platforms they were familiar with. Between them they came up with a large number of each - in fact, they mentioned one or two which she had never heard of, despite having been to many schools in the local area!

Magdalena then turned the children's attention to how they might recognise whether a website is genuine or not, for example by identifying its logo. The children engaged enthusiastically in discussions about how to stay safe online and their answers to questions were thoughtful and mature, often spotting the 'pitfalls' which Magdalena presented to them. This workshop was a very useful way to develop the children's awareness of the need to be resilient to 'digital dangers' on a daily basis; and I would encourage parents to discuss these issues regularly at home. Why not take the opportunity to formulate some concrete resolutions in this area with reference to the virtue of Fortitude (which we are currently trying to instill in all classes throughout the school)? It might even lead to some family resolutions regarding technology during this Lenten season!

Please take the time to read the attached latest issue of our 'Digital Safety' which refers to digital resilience. There is also information on how to sign up to the 'Parent Zone's Digital Schools Membership Programme'.

EASTER BONNET COMPETITION

by Mrs Easthope

As Easter draws nearer, before we break up for the holidays, children are invited to get creative and make an Easter hat at home for this year's competition. Children should bring their hat into school on **Thursday 4 April**. Judging will take place during the day after a parade so be imaginative as possible! Please see the attached flyer for ideas.

PUNCTUALITY CUP

Well done to Year 3 who are the winners of the punctuality cup. The statistics are based on 13 school days (25 February – 13 March). Punctuality statistics for the classes are as follows:

Reception – 12.57	Year 4 – 11.94
Year 1 – 12.87	Year 5 – 12.63
Year 2 – 12.56	Year 6 – 12.17
Year 3 – 12.91	



EARLY YEARS NEWS

Reception by Mrs Parker

The Reception children (and parents) pulled out all the stops to make our World Book Day celebrations a very colourful day, with a fantastic collection of costumes and books. Thank you for all the work behind the scenes to make the day a memorable one which the children enjoyed very much. Love Theatre Arts ran an afternoon workshop for the children and they performed their piece in front of the whole school. Well done!

This week they had a real treat in their Art lesson as Mrs Easthope and Mrs Symes helped them make a bean salad. As an extra bonus they got to make a fruit salad for afters too!

Nursery by Mrs Lobo

The children have all been enjoying learning about Nursery Rhymes. We have been busy making shaped teddy bears, Humpty Dumpty cutting, fine motor spiders and daffodil decorations. We all thoroughly enjoyed our DT activity making fruit salad!



EARLY YEARS AWARDS

For the last two weeks



Reception:

Alice Bong for being a brave girl &
Alessia Schofield for great reading progress

Nursery:

Star

Philippa Tredger & Manish Manivannan
for their tidiness.

Playtime

Andres Munoz-Garayoa & Zachary Dalumo

WELL DONE CHILDREN!

SCREENAGERS

A reminder that our sister school, Oliver House, have arranged a screening of "Screenagers - Growing up in the digital age" to assist parents in educating their children to find strategies to navigate social media and use technology safely. The screening will take place at SFX College (entrance through Oliver House School prep building) in Clapham on **Thursday 2 May 2019**, at 7.30pm. All parents are welcome to this free event. Please RSVP to enquiries@oliverhouse.org.uk.