

# Newsletter



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## FROM THE HEADMASTER'S DESK

Dear Parents

Now that all the secondary school places have been received for the Year 6 children for September 2019, I am pleased to list the schools where places have been offered. The Cedars, The Laurels, Croydon High School, Whitgift, Royal Russell, James Allen's Girl's School-JAGS, Reigate Grammar, Christ's Hospital, Woldingham, Nonsuch, Wallington Girls, Wallington County, Tonbridge Grammar and St Bede's. In total 11 scholarships were offered (7 Academic, 2 Sports & 2 Drama). This is a remarkable achievement for a class of 16 pupils. We are very proud of all of them.

Thank you to the children who have handed in their money for this year's Lenten charity – The Lily Pad Appeal. So far 17 families have contributed and with the cake sale proceeds we have raised a total of **£982**. If you haven't already done so please could you send in your sponsorship money in by **Monday 1 April** at the latest. Please see a selection of photographs of the activities at the end of this newsletter.



*One of the Nursery sponsored activities.*

Next week I will be issuing a few children from each class a 'Head's Commendation Award' where they have demonstrated a consistent and positive attitude towards various aspects of their work. So doing one's work well, whether it be during lessons or in competitions, can result in rewards!

Along with a packed diary for parents' next term I would like you to especially note that my Head's Talk this year is with a guest speaker. The evening is for all parents and will take place on **Wednesday 15 May at 7pm**. This is a key parent function so please make a

note of the date in your diaries now. The evening will help to develop the collaborative approach that exists between parents and teachers at the school. Therefore it is important that at least one parent from each family attends.

Finally, I am looking forward to seeing some of you at the Year 3 & 4 production next Wednesday evening. As this is the last newsletter we issue for this term, I would like to take the opportunity to wish all our families a very happy Easter.

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**.

A reminder that 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 as we are unable to accommodate many vehicles. DVD and photograph orders can be handed into the school office until the last day of term.

## MERIT BADGE WINNERS FOR THE LAST TWO WEEKS



Year 1 – Ananiya Manivasagam & Elisha Maslona  
Year 2 – Matthew Thomas & William Swiatkiewicz  
Year 3 – Peter Griffiths Vilarrubias &  
Gabriella Mouskis  
Year 4 – Zoé Ciccardini & Annabelle Swadling  
Year 5 – Tariq Guermellou &  
Stella Pellegrini Perez  
Year 6 – Max Baladasan & Yasmine Sivakumar

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

## DEPUTY HEAD'S CORNER

The children have now taken part in their Lenten charity event – ranging from exercise stations at school to doing laps of The Cedars school field (no small distance involved!). Now we just need the children to bring in their sponsor money by the beginning of next week so that we can give it to our chosen charity, The Lily Pad Appeal. This charity is raising money for what will eventually be a children's village in Croydon University Hospital where very sick children and their families can be looked after in pleasant surroundings and have the care that they need. As Father George reminded the children last week the three parts of preparation for Easter are penance, prayer and charity, so this event is a one great way of the children preparing.

Miss Gardner is leading children's Stations of the Cross at St John the Baptist church each Friday at 4pm and all Oakwood children and parents are warmly invited to attend. It lasts about 15 minutes and is structured so that the children can understand and take part.

Wishing you a very happy and Holy Easter.

Ellen Teague – Deputy Head (Ethos)

## SUMMER UNIFORM

All children should wear their summer uniform next term (please see the full uniform list on the website). Girls should wear the tartan dresses and short, plain white socks. Tights are not permitted, whether navy or white. Boys should wear short-sleeved shirts. Year 6 girls should continue to wear their navy skirts with a short-sleeved open-neck blouse from Stevensons. If it is still cold after the Easter holidays, children can wear their school coat, alternatively they should wear their blazer (Years 1 – 6) as either is part of the regulatory uniform. However, let's hope for some warmer weather soon!

For good quality second hand uniform items at reasonable prices please contact Paula Thompson by text or Whatsapp on 07968 356498.

Please could parents check all items of uniform over the holidays for wear, tear and discolouring, as these items should be repaired or replaced. Please remember that uniform items should be labeled clearly (relabelled in the case of second hand items) as this makes it easier to return the item to its owner. Thank you.

## SCHOOL OFFICE OPENING HOURS

During the Easter holidays the school office will remain open until **Friday 12 April**. Calls may go to voicemail during this time but messages will be answered by Mrs Clarke. You can also email

[liz.clarke@oakwoodschool.org.uk](mailto:liz.clarke@oakwoodschool.org.uk) during this time. Messages after this date will be dealt with when the office reopens on **Tuesday 23 April**. Our Parents' Handbook contains a host of information. Please follow the link <http://www.oakwoodschool.org.uk/parents-handbook/>.

## SAVE THE DATES

### TUESDAY 2 APRIL

Lower Junior matinee production – 1.45pm

Last 11+ club for this term

### WEDNESDAY 3 APRIL

Lower Junior production – 7pm

### THURSDAY 4 APRIL

Easter Hat Competition

### 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.

### TUESDAY 23 APRIL

Staff Inset Day

### WEDNESDAY 24 APRIL

School opens for the Summer term – 8.30am

Swimming starts for registered Year 1 & 2 children

### MONDAY 29 APRIL

Most clubs & extra-curricular activities begin this week

**\* Including Prep & 11+**

### TUESDAY 30 APRIL

Talk & Tour Day – 9am

### FRIDAY 3 MAY

Ladies meditation – 8.50am

Year 4 class assembly – 3.10pm

## MORE DATES WILL BE PUBLISHED ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE SHORTLY

### 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 – Already finished**

**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**.



## IMPORTANT SUMMER DATES

**Wednesday 15 May, 7pm** - Head's

Talk for all parents

**Wednesday 5 to Friday 7 June** - Year 6

Residential Trip

**Wednesday 12 June** - Celebration of Work Evening

**Friday 21 June** - Sports Day

**Tuesday 25 June (1.45pm) & Wednesday 26 June**

(7pm) - Year 5 & 6 production

**Wednesday 3 July** - Leavers Mass (6pm) & Junior

Prizegiving (7pm)

**Monday 8 July** - Whole school trip to Aylesford Priory

**Tuesday 9 July, 2pm** - End of Year Mass at St John the Baptist Church, Purley

**Wednesday 10 July 12.30pm** - School closes for the Summer holiday



## EASTER HAT COMPETITION by Mrs Easthope

A reminder that the 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!

## JUNIOR TRAVEL AMBASSADOR COMPETITION by Mrs Clarke

Following an informative, sustainable travel method assembly that the JTA's ran a few weeks ago, children in Years 1 – 6 have been invited to take part in a travel competition that was launched last week. The idea is to create an illustrated and descriptive timeline of changes in travel methods over the centuries. More information was issued in class. The deadline for children to enter is **Monday 29 April** so this gives children plenty of time to work on their entry over the holiday. Winners will be announced, with certificates and prizes awarded, towards the end of that week. Entries can be given to one of the JTA's - Marin, Jacob or Stella in Year 5 or handed to me in the school office. Good Luck!

### CHARACTER STARS FOR THE LAST TWO WEEKS

#### Targets:

*I manage to stay cheerful when things go wrong.  
I try to do the right thing – even if I am the only one.*



**Year 1** – Dylan Toop & Elisha Maslona

**Year 2** – Max Maslona & James Thomas

**Year 3** – Amelia Toop & Matthew Lobo

**Year 4** – Francesca Schofield & Naomi Sauerborn

**Year 5** – Stella Pellegrini Perez &  
Ashley Bissoondoyal

**Year 6** – Valentino Pinto Martin & Imani Frimpong

**WELL DONE!**

## SPORTS NEWS

Well done to the netball team who came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Croydon Netball Tournament final that took place last Friday. Good luck in the Croydon Netball League final today!



*A training session at The Cedars for the Year 6 boys*



## TALK & TOUR DAY

We will be holding a Talk & Tour Day on **Tuesday 30 April** at **9am** for any prospective parents. If you have friends who might be interested in the school, please invite them to come along.

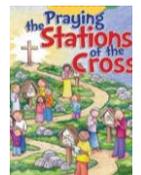
## CLUBS & EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

After Easter there will be a variety of clubs and extra-curricular activities available. Further details will be circulated shortly. Most clubs (including Prep for Juniors and the 11+) will begin during the week commencing **Monday 29 April**, apart from Early Birds and the After School Club which both begin on the first day back after the holiday.

Please also find attached details of The Love Theatre Arts club that runs on a Thursday. Should you wish to enroll your child (Reception – Year 6) please contact them directly at [info@lovetheatrearts.com](mailto:info@lovetheatrearts.com). Mr Kurti will issue his football & multi sports club forms the week we return after Easter.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS with Miss Gardner

A reminder that Miss Gardner invites all children, 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.



A reminder that 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. More information was sent out with our last newsletter.

## PUNCTUALITY CUP

Well done to Year 5 who are the winners of the punctuality cup. The statistics are based on 10 school days (14 – 27 March). Punctuality statistics for the classes are as follows:

Reception – 9.57	Year 4 – 9.76
Year 1 – 9.73	<b>Year 5 – 9.88</b>
Year 2 – 9.78	Year 6 – 9.56
Year 3 – 9.86	



## A FEW PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE LENTEN CHARITY SPONSORED ACTIVITIES



## EARLY YEARS NEWS

### Reception by Mrs da Silva

This week Reception have been exploring the story 'The Lighthouse Keepers Lunch'. We have enjoyed sequencing the events from the story, acting the story out and even making lighthouses from recycled junk. Next week we will continue to write the story in our own words and explore the text in greater depth. The children are very excited to see that their beanstalks are growing; we have been watering them, ensuring they get plenty of sunshine and even talking to them to help them along.

### Nursery by Mrs Lobo

The children have all thoroughly enjoyed our topic on Nursery Rhymes and we have been doing lots of singing in class. We have been practicing our name writing and shape forming skills. We have also been busy making Easter crosses, Easter bunny cards and Easter buddy buckets.

We wish you all a happy and blessed Easter holiday.

### EARLY YEARS AWARDS For the last two weeks

#### Reception: Stars

Alice Hewitt for always having a 'can do' attitude  
& Olivia Mouskis for perseverance and creative thinking whilst making her lighthouse.

#### Nursery: Stars

Andres Munoz-Garayoa & Abraham Gyimah  
for their tidiness.

#### Playtime

Olivia Kpobie & Hannah Shaw



WELL DONE CHILDREN!

## ISSUING CHEQUES

Can all parents be reminded that if they are issuing cheques to us then please make them payable to PACT Educational Trust and not Oakwood School. If you are issuing cheques for fundraising events (not the Lenten charity) please make them payable to Oakwood fundraising and events. Many thanks.

## EASTER HOLIDAY CYCLING COURSES

Do you want to learn to cycle with confidence? For free Bikeability courses please visit <http://www.cyclinginstructor.com/Croydon>. These take place at locations in Croydon during the Easter holidays.