

Newsletter



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FROM THE HEADMASTER'S DESK

Dear Parents

Firstly, I would like to thank all the parents who came to the Head's Talk last Wednesday and to Mr Robert Teague for his inspiring speech. His reflection on 10 key words in education offered many insights on concepts such as freedom, parental authority etc. Overall a lot of food for thought...

I would also like to thank Mrs Martin and the organisers of the comedy show that took place last Friday. Jonny Awsum's musical comedy went down a treat with both children and parents alike! Although it wasn't meant to be a fundraising event, over £180 was raised which will go towards playground equipment.



On Monday the children took part in a procession in the playground which culminated in the Crowning of Our Lady. The children sang hymns, prayed a decade of the Rosary and laid their flowers around the statue of Mary. It was a beautiful experience for all. Thank you to Mrs Candia for organising the event.



Well done to everyone who took part in the annual Oakwood in Bloom competition. Congratulations to Saira & Deen who won 'Best in Show' with their climate change 'The Other World' garden. Their theme Be part of the Solution not part of the Pollution, caught the judge's eye and was a firm favourite. This year we also included a 'Peoples Choice' award which went to Jessica in Year 6 so well done to her. Thank you to all those parents who supported their children in creating such beautiful gardens. There were 36 entries this year with lots of gold & silver certificates awarded! I would also like to thank Mrs Easthope for organising this very special event and to Jim Butress, our Chelsea Flower Show Judge.



Finally, we wish Mrs Chloe Clarke all the best as she starts her maternity leave and welcome Miss Jean Gardner (who is already well known at Oakwood) as her replacement in Year 2 for the next half-term.

I hope you all enjoy the half-term break.

Ciro Candia - Headmaster

MERIT BADGE WINNERS FOR THE LAST TWO WEEKS



- Year 1 – Theodore Corbett & Katherine Kennefick
- Year 2 – Hubert MacGloin & Santiago Griffiths Vilarrubias
- Year 3 – Amelia Toop & Olivia Bong
- Year 4 – Alfred MacGloin & Naomi Sauerborn
- Year 5 – Cinta Lorenzo de Retana & Tariq Guermellou
- Year 6 – Saleta Rodriguez Malde & Alfonso Capape Gomez

CONGRATULATIONS!

SAVE THE DATES

HALF-TERM Monday 27 – Friday 31 May

MONDAY 3 JUNE

School opens – 8.30am

Reception BASE assessment week

TUESDAY 4 JUNE

Tutor meetings and Year 4 optional meetings with Mr Candia (from 4.15pm). Details sent by email.

WEDNESDAY 5 JUNE

Year 6 Residential trip (returning Friday 7 June)

THURSDAY 6 JUNE

Balance Bike Training for Reception class

Quiz Club for selected Year 5 pupils

U9/10 boys cricket vs Royal Russell School (away) – 2.30pm

FRIDAY 7 JUNE

Ladies meditation – 8.50am

Music Concert for Years 2, 3 & 4 – 2.45pm

Freezpop Friday – 3.45pm

MONDAY 10 JUNE

Year 1 Phonics Screening check week

TUESDAY 11 JUNE

No Mass at Oakwood

WEDNESDAY 12 JUNE

Celebration of Work Evening, inc. Junior specialist teachers, & Mrs Rhodes SEN reviews (4-6.30pm). Childminding available. Details sent by email.

****No Prep or football club****

THURSDAY 13 JUNE

Reception class assembly – 8.50am

FRIDAY 14 JUNE

No Mass at Oakwood

Freezpop Friday – 3.45pm

TUESDAY 18 JUNE

Tutor meetings and Year 4 optional meetings with Mr Candia (from 4.15pm). Details sent by email.

****No 11+****

WEDNESDAY 19 JUNE

Art Exhibition – 7pm

THURSDAY 20 JUNE

U9/10 boys cricket vs Caterham (away) – 2pm



SAVE THE DATES CONT:

FRIDAY 21 JUNE

Sports Day at The Cedars (reserve date Monday 24 June in case of bad weather). Early Years 9.15am; Infants 10.45am; Juniors 1.30pm. More details to follow.

TUESDAY 25 JUNE

Year 5 & 6 matinee performance – 1.45pm

THURSDAY 27 JUNE

Transition morning, new pupil taster day & uniform sale
Year 5 & 6 evening performance – 7pm

FRIDAY 28 JUNE

Coffee morning for parents in the Art Room – 8.30am

Music Concert for Years 5, 6 & groups – 2.45pm

MONDAY 1 JULY

Early Years picnic

Year 6 leavers party (2-3.30pm)

WEDNESDAY 3 JULY

Last swimming for Years 1 & 2

Year 6 Leavers Mass (6pm) & Junior Prizegiving (7pm)

THURSDAY 4 JULY

Years 4 – 6 Barclays Money Skills

FRIDAY 5 JULY

Ladies meditation – 8.50am

End of Year Mass at St John the Baptist, Purley – 2pm
(revised date)

MONDAY 8 JULY

Whole school trip to Aylesford Priory

TUESDAY 9 JULY

Summer music concert – 10.45am

Year 3 Thanksgiving Mass – 2.30pm (revised date)

WEDNESDAY 10 JULY

School closes for the Summer holidays – 12.30pm

SCHOOL TRIPS & VISITS

On **Thursday 6 June** Reception children will take part in a balance bike training session organised with Cycling Instructor Ltd. The session will help with cycle skills including stopping with their feet, gliding the bike in a straight line and sitting on the bike without falling off.

Year 6 will be leaving for their Residential Trip to Marchants Hill on **Wednesday 5 June** (returning on **Friday 7 June**).

Selected children from Year 5 will compete in a national maths quiz taking place at St Dunstan's School, Cheam on **Thursday 6 June**. Mr Murphy has been running a lunchtime club for those children to prepare.

DEPUTY HEAD'S CORNER

Doing Our Best

The CD target for this week is one that can help us all – adults and children – keep our focus and effort up right to the end of the year:

'I never settle for less than my best'

The children had a busy week last week, completing their end of year assessments and may feel that now they deserve some time off. It is important that they keep up the effort to end the term as well as they started the beginning of the year. Of course, there will be lots of enriching activities planned for the Summer term, but these should not distract children from the fact that there are still things to be learned and work to be done.

Let us use the coming weeks to help the children to understand the importance of finishing the things that we start well – putting our best effort into the final touches.

St Josemaria used to say:

'Heroism at work is to be found in **FINISHING** each task.'

Let us help our children to become heroes in all that they do.

Mrs Teague - Deputy Head Ethos

SUMMER TERM MEETINGS

A reminder that the Celebration of Work evening for all parents will take place on **Wednesday 12 June** between **4 & 6.30pm**. So there will be **NO PREP** on that day.

Tutor meetings for junior parents will take place on Tuesday 4 & 18 June. Mr Candia is also available on both these dates for optional Year 4 secondary school appointments. Mrs Rhodes's SEN review meetings are also on **Wednesday 12 June**. All these meetings should be booked using the Parents' Evening Booking System (PEBS), as outlined by email. The booking system will **close at 9am on Monday 3 June**. If you have any queries please contact liz.clarke@oakwoodschoo.org.uk.

PUNCTUALITY CUP

Well done to Year 6 who are the winners of the punctuality cup. The statistics are based on 10 school days (9-22 May). Punctuality statistics for the classes are as follows:

Reception – 9.79	Year 4 – 9.58
Year 1 – 9.79	Year 5 – 9.81
Year 2 – 9.83	Year 6 – 9.89
Year 3 – 9.67	



LADIES MEDITATION

The next meditation with Fr. George will be held on **Friday 7 June** at **8.50am**. The talk is about 'The Holy Spirit'. All mums, aunties and grannies are welcome.

MUSIC CONCERTS by Mr Woolmer

There are two music concerts this term: The first is on **Friday 7 June** for Years 2, 3 & 4. The second is on **Friday 28 June** for Years 5, 6 & groups. There is still time to register to play in this latter concert but please do so before Friday 14 June.

If your child has lessons in school, the instrumental teacher will let me know if they will be playing in the concert. If your child learns outside of school, please consult with their teacher, and email me at christopher.woolmer@oakwoodschoo.org.uk.

Parents are more than welcome to come and attend these concerts at 2.45pm, so I look forward to seeing you there.

CLASS ASSEMBLY

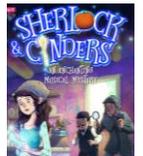
The Reception class assembly is on **Thursday 13 June** at **8.50am**, and all parents are welcome to come along.

ART EXHIBITION by Mrs Easthope

This year's Art Exhibition takes place on **Wednesday 19 June at 7pm** where we will be displaying the children's artwork in a galleried style setting. Parents from Nursery to Year 6 are encouraged to come and view their children's framed artwork with the option of purchasing this. The cost of the framed artwork is £8.50 and will be added to your bill. If you do not wish to buy your child's artwork please let me know by emailing me at lorna.easthope@oakwoodschoo.org.uk.

UPPER JUNIOR PRODUCTION

The Year 5 & 6 production of 'Sherlock & Cinders' will be performed on **Tuesday 25 June at 1.45pm** and **Thursday 27 June at 7pm**. The entry fee is **£2** for the matinee 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 have been sent home. These can be returned to Epsom Video directly or handed in to the school office by Friday 5 July. 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.

UNIFORM SALES

Stevensons, our school uniform supplier, will be holding a uniform sale to help parents who cannot get to their shop in Epsom, or would like to avoid the busy period during the summer holidays.

The sale will take place in the hall on **Thursday 27 June between 8.45 – 10am**. So please drop in if you need to purchase any item of uniform for the new school year. They also hold stock of ties and elasticated bows, however please continue to purchase the tartan ribbon and bags from the school office.

A secondhand uniform sale run by Mrs Thompson will be held in conjunction with the Stevensons sale. If you are looking to purchase good quality used items at reasonable prices then please do come along. If you have any good quality uniform items you no longer need, please consider donating these.

ARTIST OF THE MONTH by Mrs Easthope

The 'Artist of the Month' topic for the month of June is to paint a picture or make a collage of an under the sea picture. All children from Reception to Year 6 are invited to participate, and some of the artwork will be displayed around the school. All work should be handed directly to me

DELANCEY UK CHESS TOURNAMENT by Mrs Kuc

Well done to Isaac (Year 6) and Aidan (Year 4) who have succeeded in qualifying for the 3rd round of the Delancey Chess Tournament. Out of an original 40,000 pupils aged 6 to 18 across four countries, they are down to the final 2,400 players! Please wish them all the best as they try for the UK finals.

FREEZEPOP FRIDAYS



Mrs Sadler will be selling freeze pops on **Friday 7 & 14 June** to raise funds for Oakwood. Please support this fundraising initiative, which will take place at 3.45pm in the lower playground. If you would like to make a donation of freeze pops then please give these to Mrs Clarke in the School office.

CHARACTER STARS FOR LAST WEEK



Target:

*I don't make excuses when it's my responsibility.
I look out for everyone around me.*

Year 1 – Luuk Mons & Richeldis Cilia

Year 2 – Dexter Baster & Christopher Atkinson

Year 3 – Juan-Pablo Munoz-Garayoa &
Lourdes Contreras

Year 4 – Frederick Balcombe & Hélène Cérèze

Year 5 – Monica Schofield & Therese Kobus

Year 6 – Jessica Lyford & Amelia Schofield

WELL DONE!

WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

Well done to all the children (and parents!) who joined in our Walk to School Week initiative. The children managed to clock up over 65 walks including those who joined the 'Walking Bus'. Our thanks go Mrs Sadler and Mrs Mons who organized the 'Bus'. Certificates will be issued after the half-term holiday.



HAPPY PUZZLE DAY

The children thoroughly enjoyed their 'Mind Missions' yesterday run by The Happy Puzzle Company. They worked in teams to prove their listening and communication skills solving some very tricky co-ordinates.



JTA COMPETITION

Congratulations to Ivy, Isabel, Jose (Year 2) and Mathisha (Year 6) who were all winners in the JTA competition this term. They produced wonderful illustrated timelines of travel methods used through the ages. The competition related to the JTA assembly on the history of sustainable travel methods.

FUNDRAISING FOR THE SCHOOL

We are always grateful to parents who support our fundraising initiative and we thank those parents who, in the past, have participated in the match funding scheme sponsored by the companies they work for. By giving up a few hours of their time helping with events at the school (selling tickets, asking for raffle donations, helping with refreshments etc) their companies have donated monies to the school by matching funds that have been raised. As a small school with limited funds, we rely on raising money throughout the year. Could we please ask you to investigate whether the company you work for participates in the matched funding scheme and if so please see Mrs Clarke in the school office. It is also worth pointing out that we participate in the 'Easy Fundraising' scheme. If you are purchasing any goods check the website to see if the retailer offers a donation through the scheme. It is easy to register and for every purchase you make the school receives a donation. Just follow the link for more information:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/oakwoodpury/>

SPORTS by Mr Kurti

Well done to the boys who played cricket against Warlingham Park on Monday. Oakwood won by 31 runs, and Player of the Match was awarded to Frederick Balcombe for his batting skills. The girls' rounders teams performed really well in their fixture against Seaton House. They came away with a win and a loss. Player of the Match was awarded to Naomi Sauerborn and Lucia Millan in their respective teams.

The children have been enjoying their cricket (using the nets at The Cedars) and tennis practice (at Sanderstead Lawn Tennis Club) this half-term. Next half-term the children will be focusing on their practice for Sports Day.



SPORTS DAY

Sports day will be held on **Friday 21 June** at The Cedars School, Coombe Road, Croydon. In case of bad weather, the reserve date is Monday 24 June. More details will be sent home shortly after the half-term.

The sports day programme will be as follows (all timings are approximate):

9.15am – Early Years (Nursery & Reception)

10.45am – Infants (Years 1 & 2)

1.30pm – Juniors (Years 3-6)

SCHOOL ALLOTMENT

Mrs Easthope & Mrs Symes, together with the children in the gardening club, have been very busy planting a range of vegetables and plants at the allotment this term. Look out for more news when fully grown!



EARLY YEARS NEWS

Reception

As part of our topic work on creatures, the Reception children have been looking after some caterpillars over the last three weeks, and they watched them develop into chrysalids. Over the last few days they have emerged into butterflies and we have been feeding them. On Monday afternoon we released them into the school garden. The children have also been learning about nocturnal animals, and as our book of the week is *The Owl Babies* we have been learning about the life of owls.



Nursery

The children have been busy playing games and enjoying the outside area. We all thoroughly enjoyed Oakwood in Bloom that took place this afternoon. We wish you all a restful half term.

Early Years Awards for last week

Reception

Star



Sofia Griffiths Vilarrubias for taking care with the presentation of her work & **Ruby Baster** for great progress in her independent writing

Nursery

Star

James Barajas Munoz & Zachary Dalumo for tidiness

Playtime

Christina Kennefick & Mia Nadimi

Well done children!



Nursery dads enjoying a recent social activity

FREE CYCLING COURSE IN CROYDON

Cycling Instructor provides a wide range of cycling services in London for all levels - those who cannot ride a bicycle to experienced cyclists. Please visit <http://www.cyclinginstructor.com/Croydon> for more information including free lessons taking place over the half-term holiday. You may also be interested in various 'pop-up bike markets' that are taking place in June. Please find the attached information from Croydon Council.