

Newsletter



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FROM THE HEADMASTER'S DESK

Dear Parents

The last few weeks of the year are always a little hectic. Activities have included Sports Day, the Junior Production and we still have quite a few to take place: the Early Years picnic, Year 6 Leaver's Party, trip to Aylesford Priory, summer music concert and Prizegiving to name but a few!

Thank you to all the children, staff and parents who made this year's Sports Day, at The Cedars, so successful. All the children performed exceptionally well in their events and it was great to see so many of the parents taking part too. Well done to Scott House who won the Sports Cup. My thanks go to Mr Kurti for organising such a great day.



More sports day photos at the end of this newsletter



I would also like to thank everyone who came along to our Art Exhibition last week. It was a pleasure to see so many of you admiring the children's artwork. Thank you to Mrs Easthope for arranging the evening and to the children for all their hard work in creating such artistic pieces.



Many thanks to the Upper Juniors, their teachers and all those involved behind the scenes for their hard work in staging 'Sherlock & Cinders' this week. The performances were outstanding and the quality of singing and acting is a testimony to the extraordinary talents of our pupils. Some photos will be included in the next newsletter.

Thank you to all those Year 6 families who have donated a total of £1,030 as their leaving legacy gift. This will go towards the purchase of Candelabra for Eucharistic Adoration, for the oratory.

Finally, I will be issuing a number of Head's Commendation awards in the next few weeks. These will be awarded to pupils for a variety of reasons but mainly for demonstrating a consistent effort in living a particular virtue well.

Have a lovely weekend.

Ciro Candia - Headmaster

JUNIOR PRIZEGIVING & LEAVERS MASS

The Junior Prizegiving & Leavers Mass and will be held on **Wednesday 3 July**. The Mass for Year 6 and their parents will take place in the Oratory at **6pm** followed by the Prizegiving itself at **7pm** in the hall with all the Juniors.

Prizes will be awarded across the Juniors so it is essential that all pupils and their parents from Year 3 upwards attend (but no younger siblings please). Please ensure that you read the letter that was emailed to parents last week.

MERIT BADGE WINNERS FOR THE LAST TWO WEEKS



Year 1 – Isabella Gyimah & Katherine Kennefick
Year 2 – Jioia Cumbers & Isaac Schofield
Year 3 – Samuel McKenzie & Florence Corbett
Year 4 – Shivani Anpalakan & Paloma Contreras
Year 5 – Malya Patel & Louise Mawer
Year 6 – Amelia Schofield & Zachary James

CONGRATULATIONS!

DEPUTY HEAD'S CORNER - ACADEMIC REPORT

2018-19 has been a busy and successful year at Oakwood. Staff have worked very hard throughout the year to challenge, encourage and support children in their learning and provide a wide range of learning opportunities. As part of INSET, staff received some excellent training in Phonics this year and this has been implemented well in the EYFS and Infant classes. Many pupils have continued to achieve well academically.

The following developments have taken place this year:

- The after school prep facility for Junior children has continued to be very popular and has really helped the pupils to develop their skills of independence and concentration.
- Children in Years 5 and 6 attended a Maths Quiz Club with Mr Murphy during Friday lunch times. Due to a clash with the Year 6 residential trip, only Year 5 were able to attend The National Mathematics Inter-School Quiz Championship. The group of four children from Year 5 finished 6th out of 12 schools in their local heat.
- Children have all had the opportunity to take part in events such as the Verse Speaking Competition, combined year group productions, class assemblies, World Book Day and Book Week which have all enabled children to develop their speaking, listening and performance skills.
- Oakwood has continued to excel in all aspects of sport and the children benefit from a high level of coaching and a wide range of after school and lunchtime clubs, alongside the opportunity to compete against other schools in a broad range of sports.
- Mrs Easthope has continued to work hard to ensure the highest possible level of teaching and experiences in Art. As well as achieving high standards of work, the children have been able to participate in activities such as Oakwood in Bloom, the Art Exhibition and they visited the Dulwich Picture Gallery.
- All children continue to be involved in a wide range of musical activities: from learning individual or class instruments to singing in choirs to performing at music assemblies. The children have also been given a greater number of opportunities to perform by playing as children enter assembly on Friday afternoons. Musical performances have been enjoyed by children, parents and staff alike.

- Preparation for secondary education remains a priority. The 11+ Club has continued this year with Mr Murphy leading Mathematics and Mrs Teague taking the lead on English. The Club has run throughout the year for children in Years 4, 5 and 6 to further improve their examination technique and prepare them for entrance exams. The clubs have been well attended and numbers have increased as the year has progressed. Many children in Year 6 were successful in gaining places at grammar or independent schools and most are leaving us to move onto their first choice schools.

Mr Aaron Murphy - Deputy Head (Academic)

SAVE THE DATES

MONDAY 1 JULY

Early Years picnic

Year 6 leavers party (2 - 3.30pm)

WEDNESDAY 3 JULY

Last swimming for Years 1 & 2

Year 5 & 6 boys cricket tournament at The Cedars (10am – 3pm)

Leavers Mass (6pm) & Junior Prizegiving (7pm)
****No Prep****

THURSDAY 4 JULY

Years 4 – 6 Barclays Money Skills

Reception picnic at Sanderstead Recreation Ground

****Last Prep for this academic year****

FRIDAY 5 JULY

Ladies meditation – 8.50am

End of Year Mass at St John the Baptist, Purley – 2pm

MONDAY 8 JULY

Whole school trip to Aylesford Priory

TUESDAY 9 JULY

Transition morning

Summer music concert – 10.45am

Year 3 Thanksgiving Mass – 2.30pm

WEDNESDAY 10 JULY

School closes for the Summer holidays – 12.30pm

**Autumn diary dates will
be published on our website
by the end of July**

REPORTS

The end of year reports have been posted home to parents today. Please note that the format of the reports differ from previous years as they have been generated from our new iSAMS system introduced earlier this year. Should you have any questions about your child's report then please speak directly to their class teacher.

LAST DAYS FOR CLUBS THIS TERM

11+ - Already finished

Mrs Eastope's Art Club - Monday 1 July

Mr Kurti's Sports Clubs - Wednesday 3 July

Prep for Juniors - Thursday 4 July

Love Theatre Arts - Thursday 4 July

After School Club – Tuesday 9 July

Early Birds Club - Wednesday 10 July

SCHOOL TRIPS & VISITS

Reception will enjoy a picnic at Sanderstead Recreation Ground on **Thursday 4 July**.

On **Thursday 4 July**, staff from Barclays Bank will be visiting Years 4 – 6 to give advice about managing their own money through their 'Money Skills' resources.

On **Monday 8 July** the whole school will be visiting Aylesford Priory. We will enjoy the breathtaking grounds and stunning medieval buildings, enjoy a walk in the Peace Garden and pray the Rosary in Rosary Way following in the footsteps of hundreds of thousands of pilgrims. There will be Mass and a chance for the children to sketch artwork. We will travel by coach, returning by the end of the school day. A charge of £9 will be added to be parents bills (as part of the trips budget). Please note that all children will need a packed lunch that day, including those who would normally have a hot lunch. More details will follow shortly.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS' PARTY

The Year 6 leavers' party for staff and Year 6 children will take place in school on **Monday 1 July at 2pm**. It has become a tradition for the staff and children to come together at the end of their final year to reminisce and have some fun.

LADIES MEDITATION

The next meditation with Fr. George will be held on **Friday 5 July at 8.50am**. The talk is about 'The Sacred Heart'. All mums, aunties and grannies are welcome.

END OF YEAR CELEBRATION MASS

On **Friday 5 July at 2pm** we will be holding our End of Year Celebration Mass at St John the Baptist, Dale Road, Purley. All children from Nursery – Year 6 and staff will be attending this special Mass and parents are invited to join us. There will be **no 12noon Mass**.

YEAR 3 THANKSGIVING MASS

The Year 3 children will be having a special Thanksgiving Mass on **Tuesday 9 July at 2.30pm**. Invitations and details have already been sent to Year 3 parents. Please note that there will **no 12noon Mass**.

OAKWOOD SUMMER CONCERT



We look forward to the end of year 'Summer Concert' performed by Mr Moore and the Oakwood Band on **Tuesday 9 July at 10.45am**. The concert will include a mixture of songs that the band have been rehearsing. They will even be playing their own Oakwood Theme Song! All parents are welcome to attend. The concert will take place in the top playground (weather permitting, otherwise in the hall). It will be a great way to end off the year!

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

The class photograph proofs have now been sent home. The cut-off date for delivery to the school has now passed. However, if you would still like to make a purchase, you can order online (via Gillman & Soame) using the login provided on the proof or send the order directly to them by post. Please do not hand these in to the school office.

11+ SUCCESS CLUB

The 11+ Success Club run by one of our ex parents, Mrs Raza, has been serving the community for over a decade – helping pupils to prepare for selective schools. The summer course runs for 5 weeks from July to August for Year 5 pupils, and for 2 weeks for Year 4 children. Feel free to contact Mrs Raza on 07939 218684 if you are interested. (website: www.11plussuccessclub.co.uk).

CHARACTER STARS FOR THE LAST TWO WEEKS

Target:

*I can share with others.
I try to understand others' feelings*



Year 1 – Ananiya Manivasagam & Santiago Slon
Year 2 – Nina Sivakumar & Christopher Atkinson
Year 3 – Francesca Baladasan & Amelia Toop
Year 4 – Frederick Balcombe & Hélène Cérèse
Year 5 – Tariq Guermellou & Lucas Lobo
Year 6 – Bethany Martin & Carlos Torre

WELL DONE!

EARLY YEARS NEWS

Reception

Reception have been learning about life in medieval times and castles in our topic lessons. We worked collaboratively to make a castle complete with ramparts, towers and a drawbridge. On Wednesday we enjoyed a wonderful medieval banquet and the children all looked fantastic in their costumes – thank you to all the parents for their work behind the food and costumes.

We are looking forward to our class picnic at Sanderstead Recreation Ground next Thursday 4 July, and the Early Years picnic this coming Monday.



Nursery

We had a wonderful sports day and the children were super team members! They all received a trophy, medal and a certificate for great team work. Well done!

We continue to look at sun safety and have been making party hats for our Teddy Bears Picnic on Monday 1 July.

Early Years Awards

Reception
Star



Aniya-Mai for excellent clear speaking of her lines during assembly practice +
Rebecca Garcia for being brave when in hospital

Nursery
Star

Jaxon Wastell for always doing his best
Lunchtime
Abraham Gyimah

Well done children!

FAMILY FUN DAY

Please save the date in your diaries now for our Family Fun Day on **Saturday 14 September from 12.30 – 3.30pm**. More details will be sent home at the beginning of the new school year. If you would like to help with this event, please contact your Class or Associate Class Couple.

SPORTS DAY PHOTOS

