

# OAKLANDS SCHOOL NEWS BULLETIN

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Dear Parents

This bulletin will cover events up to the end of term. No separate letter will be sent about these events, unless otherwise stated, so please make a note of any which affect your child. Separate letters will be sent for outings.

## **Oaklands Parents' Association**

Thank you to all the committee for everything they have done for Oaklands School this year, including the fireworks display, the Christmas parties, second hand uniform sales, the visit of the Easter bunny, the Fete, and the Dinner Dance and end of year disco, which are still to come. These really add to the family atmosphere and enjoyment of the children while they are at Oaklands as well as raising money to pay for the school trips and other special events and equipment. We are very grateful.

## **Recent Events**

### **The Dance Display**

We were very lucky with the weather which did not look at all promising first thing in the morning and the dance display was a wonderfully varied and colourful occasion, much enjoyed by everyone. Thank you to all the parents who provided the lovely costumes. Congratulations to the pupils and their teachers on the high standard of performance.

### **The Fete**

This was a very successful Fete, much enjoyed by everyone. Many thanks to the OPA committee, who worked very hard to ensure the success of the occasion. Thank you also to all the mothers, fathers and teachers who helped on the day, either on the stalls or setting up or clearing up at the end. Money raised will enable the OPA to continue to support the school trips and other extras which enhance the children's educational experience.

### **Sports Day**

The weather was kind to us this year and all events went ahead, with tough competition in some. All children competed and had fun. The winning team this year was Yellow Team.



### **Outings and events in school**

Transition had a lovely day out to Paradise Wild Life park and Year 1 enjoyed their day out to the Sea Life Centre in Southend. They were very lucky with the weather and had a lovely time playing on the beach. Year 6 had an interesting day at 'Crucial Crew' organised by Essex police for the girls to learn about the work of the emergency services.

## Year 1 Visit to the Sea Life Centre



The children enjoyed a 'Rock Pool' talk all about Star fish and Sand Crabs. They were also able to gently touch the Starfish.

## Year 1 and 2 Games Taster Day



Year 1 and 2 boys and girls had fun trying their skills at cricket and rounders as an introduction to sports which they will play from Year 3 upwards.

## Events in the last three weeks of term

### Monday 27 June

Years 3 to 6 dress rehearsal of 'Robin Hood' at the Lopping Hall.  
9.00 am – 4.00 pm

Years 1 and 2 will be watching the dress rehearsal during the afternoon and will be back at school by approximately 3.30 pm.

Lower Kindergarten welcome meeting for new parents/ children  
3.30 pm

### Tuesday 28 June

Lower Kindergarten Dance Display 9.15 am

Garden Room Dance Display 11.15 am

Years 3 to 6 performance of 'Robin Hood' at the Lopping Hall, Loughton. 6.45 pm

### Wednesday 29 June

Lower Kindergarten welcome meeting for new parents/ children 3.30 pm

Years 3 to 6 performance of 'Robin Hood' at the Lopping Hall, Loughton. 6.45 pm

### Thursday 30 June

Year 1 Seaside Workshop in school

Transition welcome meeting for new parents/ children 3.30 pm

### Friday 1 July

Garden Room outing to Hayes Hill farm.

Year 5 and 6 River Lee trip.

### Monday 4 July

Years 5 and 6 outing to Regent's Park open air theatre to watch 'Pericles'.

Years 3 and 4 outing to the London Aquarium.

### Wednesday 6 July

Transition and Year 1 Celebration of the Year 2.00 pm

This will take place in a marquee in the school grounds. Parents of these age groups are invited to attend.

Thursday 7 July Prize Giving (Years 2 to 6) 2.00 pm  
in the marquee in the school grounds.

Please note that Year 2 will not be awarded prizes but will each receive a certificate of achievement. These will be collected from the stage by school council representatives. The prize giving is followed by an entertainment in which all children are involved.

Mr Neil Roskilly, Chairman of the Independent Schools Association, will give the prizes away this year.

All parents of Year 2 to 6 pupils are invited to attend, and any parents of Transition and Year 1 who are interested in attending will be most welcome.

Friday 8 July

Year 6 mini-fete in aid of their chosen charities. (Please send in a small amount of money in a named purse to spend at the Year 6 Fete.)

OPA Dinner Dance 7.00 pm – 1.00 am

Monday 11 July Display of Work Evening 5.30 pm – 7.00 pm

Tuesday 12 July Whole School Street Party

Garden Room party in the Hall (organised by parents) 3.15 pm – 4.45 pm

Wednesday 13 July OPA children's disco at Murray Hall (Transition to Year 6)

Thursday 14 July Last Day of Term  
Dismissal Times:  
Lower Kindergarten, Garden Room and Transition 12 noon  
Year 1 12.10 pm  
Year 2 12.15 pm  
Years 3 to 6 12.30 pm

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