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Headmistress's Message

Dear Parents

The summer term is always one of the busiest with residential trips for Years 4, 5 and 6 and other school trips. Year 1 are off to Greenwich, Year 2 to Rye Meads Nature Reserve, Year 3 are extending their knowledge of endangered species by visiting Colchester Zoo for a special talk and tour and Year 4 are off to Hampton Court Palace as part of their study of the Tudors. Finally Year 5 and Year 6 are seeing a performance of *Winter's Tale* at the Open Air Theatre, Regents Park. Our youngest children in the Garden Room are looking forward to a visit from Ark Farm who are bringing some farm animals to Oaklands for a great "hands on" animal experience.

Our educational trips and visits programme really enhances the education in the classroom.

Thank you to all members of staff who are organising trips and visits and to the OPA who work tirelessly in organising events to raise money to fund these excursions and activities.

Cheryl Macnair

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Summer Uniform

A reminder that the children should be wearing summer uniform now. Please check your class booklet or ask the office for a uniform list for the correct details. Girls' summer uniform consists of short white socks. Green Socks or green tights are not summer uniform.

Class photos take place on Friday 10 May and all children should be looking smart in summer uniform.

Thank you.



Bancrofts' Swimming Gala - Wednesday 24 April 2013

The KS2 Swimming team went to the Bancrofts' Swimming Gala on Wednesday 24 April 2013. Eleven local independent schools participated in the gala. The children all swam well and many came second/third in their individual heats. The Year 3/4 Medley relay team and the Year 3/4 Freestyle relay team also came second in their heats. The Squadron relay team, comprising of two swimmers from each KS2 class came second in their heat. Many of the finishes were very close.

Congratulations to all the swimmers: Amy, Jack and Elliott in Year 3, Libby and Kitty in Year 4, Ashleigh and Amy in Year 5 and Ellis, Trinity and Armani in Year 6.

Extra Curricular Activities

We are very pleased to be able to offer a vast range of extra curricular activities to our children here at Oaklands School. We would like to clarify the procedure for applications to the clubs as below:-

1. During each Summer term, parents are invited to apply for required clubs on a "first come/first served" basis and the spaces are allocated before the end of that term in preparation for the new academic year. The next application form will be sent out to you just before the May half term.
2. If a club is over subscribed we keep a waiting list. Should your child decide to discontinue an activity, please inform the School Office and complete a termination form. Please note that a full half term's notice is required for discontinuing a paid activity. Otherwise, a half term's fees in lieu of notice will be charged.
3. Children can only join a fee paying club at the beginning of a term or after a half term break in order that administration of clubs can be accurately carried out.
4. You can apply to join a club at any time during the year by completing an application form in the School Office or sending an e-mail to info@oaklandsschool.co.uk. You will then be added to the waiting list or advised of the start date.
5. Clubs run by the Oaklands staff sometimes incur a small fee for resources e.g. Cookery.
6. Please note that clubs do not run in the first or last week of a term.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to speak to our office staff.

Book Aid International

In March Year 4 held a Book Sale in aid of Book Aid International and raised £155.70.

The children worked very hard and as a team effort it was enormously successful in both managing the money and working together. They were also surprised to learn how few books children living in underdeveloped countries have access to, and how small efforts here can make such a difference.



Year 2 Stilt Walking to Raise Money for Autism

The children in Year 2 had a wonderful time stilt walking in the playground.



Year 1 Obstacle Course to Raise Money for Autism

The children in Year 1 had a warm up with Mrs Johnson and then completed half an hour of different exercises.



Red Cross Dance Competition

The Year 5 and 6 Dance Club entered the Red Cross dance competition on Saturday 20 April at the Greenwood Theatre, near London Bridge. They performed their dance about "Child Soldiers" brilliantly and were awarded a Certificate of Achievement for the Best Stage Dynamics. The girls collected over £500 in sponsorship money and received a 'Silver' Certificate for their fund raising efforts.



"New Classes"

Please note that the children will be spending time in their new classes with their new teachers during the afternoon of Friday 5 July. Details to follow nearer the time.

OPA

We are holding a meeting in the Studio at 9.00am on Wednesday 8 May to discuss the Summer Fete arrangements. All parents are welcome.

Lucy Beau Wheeler

Mrs Wheeler had a beautiful baby girl weighing 7lb 9 oz. Both mother and daughter are doing well.



Forthcoming Events

Friday 10 May		Class Photographs
Friday 10 May	3.30pm	Year 6 Trip Parents' Meeting in Hall
Tuesday 14 May	6.00pm	Years 2-6 Music Concert
Wednesday 15 May	6.00pm	Years 2-6 Music Concert
Friday 17 May	8.50am-3.30pm	Year 1 Trip to Maritime Museum, Greenwich
Monday 20 May - Friday 24 May		Year 6 Trip to Young Mariners Base
Monday 20 May		Year 2A Dress Rehearsal
Wednesday 22 May		Year 2L Dress Rehearsal
Wednesday 22 May	2pm	Year 2 Play
Wednesday 22 May		Years 1-5 LAMDA Exams
Thursday 23 May	2pm	Year 2 Play
Thursday 23 May		Years 1-5 LAMDA Exams
Friday 24 May	8.15am - 3.30pm	Year 4 Trip to Hampton Court Palace