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Headmistress's Message

The end of another busy academic year is fast approaching! This term has seen Brenda Stevens who has worked in the School Office for the past 11 years moving on to new challenges. She has been a very valued member of the Oaklands Staff and we thank her for her commitment and dedication in helping the office and School run smoothly. We wish her well in her new job. We welcome Andrea Clark to the team and I'm sure she will make an excellent contribution to the School Office and indeed the Oaklands community.

I am in the final stages of interviewing and securing staff for the next academic year. I am hoping to be able to announce class lists and teachers for Sept 2013 after the half term break. We have several changes next year and I am confident that Oaklands will go from strength to strength. We have already undergone some building work last Easter break in order to improve our library provision and medical room facilities. In the summer holidays, the Garden Room will be refurbished and expanded to take over the Science Room. The Science Room is moving to the 'Art Room' which will improve our facilities for Science.

The OPA has been working extremely hard this term organising the Summer Fete. Thank you, OPA, for your time, efforts and energy.

Finally I'd like to wish you all a lovely half term break and let's hope the sun does shine! Term starts again on Monday 3 June.

Cheryl Macnair

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Saturday 8 June

1.00pm - 2.00pm Dance Display Trans - Year 6

2.00pm - 5.00pm OPA Fete on School field

The Dance Display followed by the Summer Fete is one of our busiest events of the year. We rely very much on your contributions either in the way of items for stalls or time. Please contact the OPA as soon as possible if you can help in any way either by bringing in donations, setting up and manning stalls on the day.

Thank you.



Year 1 Trip to Greenwich

On Friday Year 1 went to Greenwich to visit the Maritime Museum. All the children explored the museum and went on a monster hunt looking for clues. Mrs Slater's group went for an extra walk up to the Royal Observatory to stand on the Meridian Line. All the children had a great time and were thoroughly worn out!



National Autistic Society

Thank you for the tremendous support given to our pupils who raised an incredible £2,421.92 for the National Autistic Society through a variety of sponsored events.



Supervision of children

A reminder to all parents / carers collecting at the end of the school day, after clubs or tea time club that once the children have been handed to you, **they are your responsibility. Please keep them with you at all times and do not allow them to wander around the grounds.** The children have been reminded in assembly that they are to stay with you once they have been dismissed. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

2A Assembly—The Great Fire of London

On Wednesday 22 and Thursday 23 May, classes 2A and 2L performed their plays about The Great Fire of London. As well as acting, singing and dancing beautifully, the children also designed their own costumes and helped to write the script. They also painted houses for the backdrop and made some wonderful props, including some very realistic buckets and a TARDIS! Both plays were excellent and demonstrated what wonderful things the children at Oaklands can achieve when they all work together as a team. Congratulations to 2A and 2L.



KS2 WOW work

This half term 'Headteacher Awards' were presented to:

- Year 6 Scarlett, Trinity and Amelia for excellent 'persuasive writing'
- Year 5 Alana and Lara for careful town planning sheets
 Mizgin for her poem entitled 'Rain'
 Sophie for poem about 'Animal Safari'
 Keira for her piece of creative writing about a sunny beach in Florida
 Amy for achieving such a high standard in a 'reflection & symmetry' Maths task
- Year 4 Jack for his newspaper article about a lion escaping from the zoo
 Florence for her creative recipe for a 'Family'
 Nancy for her pen pal letter and Beth for her letter to Anne Boleyn from Henry VIII
- Year 3 Daniela for great descriptive poem 'Volcano'
 Elliot and Sameer for lovely descriptive writing
 Jake and Charlie for super work on problem solving and estimation in Maths

Well done and keep up the good work!

'Mad Science' Assembly - Thursday 23 May

'Cosmic Chris' from the 'Mad Science' company visited Oaklands on Thursday 23 May. Children in Transitions to Year 5 were thoroughly engrossed and entertained by his experiments using balloons and a hairdryer to investigate air.

'Mad Science' are running a KS1 and a KS2 Science club next year as part of our Extra-Curricular club programme.



Transition Assemblies

Each Transition class has performed a class assembly to their parents this term. Robin class covered the topic 'Under the Sea', all the children enjoyed guessing which sea creature the children were describing. Woodpeckers covered the topic 'Growth' and the children talked about what was needed to make their flower grow. Owls covered the topic 'America' and discussed different tribes and performed a lovely Pow-Wow dance.



WHOLE SCHOOL END OF TERM EVENTS**Saturday 8 June at 1.00pm****Dance Display and OPA Fete**

Our annual Dance Display and School Fete will be held on Saturday 8 June. The afternoon will begin with the Dance Display for children in Transition to Year 6. The children will need to be in school by 12.30pm for performances to start promptly at 1.00pm on the playground. This will be followed by the OPA Fete on the School field with lots of fun activities for the children (and adults!). Fingers crossed for fine weather! See also OPA notes which will be put into book bags for further information.

Friday 14 June**Sports Day**

Timings for Sports day are as follows:

9.00am to 10.15am

Year 3 to Year 6

10.45am to 12 noon

LK, GR and Trans (children may go home afterwards)

1.45pm to 3.15pm

Year 1 & Year 2

You are all very welcome to come and cheer the children for Sports Day.

Tuesday 25 June**Dance Display for Ladybirds and Butterflies**

The Dance display for LK morning children will take place in the School hall on **Tuesday 25 June at 9.10am**. Parents and carers of children in ladybirds and butterflies are invited to attend but we would ask that only 2 adults per child watch as we are rather limited for space.

Tuesday 25 June**Dance Display for Garden Room**

The Garden Room Dance Display will be held on the School playground on **Tuesday 25 June at 2.00pm**. Parents and carers of children in the Garden Room are invited. All the children in the Garden Room will stay for lunch that day in order to prepare them for the afternoon's performance.

Tuesday 25 June and Wednesday 26 June Key Stage 2 Play

Years 3, 4, 5, & 6 have all been working hard on their production of "The Amazing Maurice and his Educated Rodents". Performances will be on **Tuesday 25 June** and **Wednesday 26 June** at the Lopping Hall, Loughton. Both performances will start at **6.45pm**. I'm sure it will be both fun and entertaining! A full dress rehearsal for the KS2 pupils will be on Monday 24 June at the Lopping Hall. Further details to follow.

Wednesday 3 July**Celebration of the Year (TR and Y1) and Prize Giving (Y2 and KS2)**

Parents of children in Transition and Year 1 are invited to Celebration of the Year on **Wednesday 3 July** at 2.00pm in the marquee on the School field. This will be followed at 4.30pm by our more formal Prize Giving for pupils and their parents in Years 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6. 'Afternoon Tea' for parents will be available from 3.30pm in or around the 'Studio' depending on the weather. Pupils in Years 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6 will be provided with a snack in their classrooms. We envisage that Prize Giving will finish at about 6.00pm. Further details will be sent nearer the time.



WHOLE SCHOOL END OF TERM EVENTS

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Monday 8 July**Display of Work Evening**

Display of Work Evening, which this year will be held on **Monday 8 July from 5.00pm to 6.30pm**, celebrates the achievements of all the children and is an opportunity for you, together with your child/children, to walk around the school looking at the work on display both in your child's classroom and those of other years. In previous years it has also been an opportunity to meet your child's next class teacher. As you will appreciate, the school and some classrooms tend to be extremely busy on this occasion with both current and new parents wanting to speak to members of staff at the same time. For this reason we are holding a separate 'Meet the teacher' afternoon.

Friday 5 July**'Meet the teacher'**

On **Friday 5 July** the children will be spending most of the afternoon with their new class teacher. You are also invited to meet him/her at the following times:

GR & TR to new classes 1.45pm to 3.00pm

parents' tea in the hall from 2.00pm and 'Meet the teacher' from 2.15pm to 2.45pm

Y1 & Y2 to new classes 1.45pm to 3.15pm

parents' tea in the hall from 2.30pm and 'Meet the teacher' from 2.45pm to 3.15pm

Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 to new classes 1.45pm to 3.30pm

parents' tea in the hall from 3.00pm and 'Meet the teacher' from 3.15pm to 3.45pm

Summer Term Reports

All pupils will receive a summer term report on Monday 8 July.

Please check the events list at the end of the newsletter and the website for additional dates for your diary.

OPA

The Summer Fete preparations are now underway and there is much to do. Please help make it more miraculous and memorable for the children by signing up for a shift at your class stall (details to be obtained from the class teacher). Any donations you can make to the stalls or help with organisation would be greatly appreciated. We are especially looking for dads to help with the BBQ.

Next on the Agenda OPA School Disco on Thursday 4 July!

**Logo Competition**

Congratulations to Hannah who won our logo competition!



Forthcoming Events

Saturday 8 June	1.15pm	Dance Display
Saturday 8 June	2.00pm - 5.00pm	OPA Summer Fete
Monday 10 June	11.25am	Year 6 Crucial Crew
Tuesday 11 June	9.00am - 3.30pm	Year 2 Trip to Rye Meads
Wednesday 12 June	6.00pm	Year 5 Secondary School Options Evening in School Hall
Thursday 13 June	9.00am - 5.00pm	Year 3 Trip to Colchester Zoo
Friday 14 June	9.00am start	Sports Day
Friday 21 June	10.00am - 12 noon	Garden Room visit from Arkfarm
Tuesday 25 June	9.10am	Lower Kindergarten (morning children only)
		Dance Display
Tuesday 25 June	2.00pm	Garden Room Dance Display
Tuesday 25 June	6.45pm	KS2 Performance at Lopping Hall
Wednesday 26 June	6.45pm	KS2 Performance at Lopping Hall
Wednesday 3 July	2.00pm	Transition & Year 1 Celebration of the Year
Wednesday 3 July	4.30pm	Year 2 & KS2 Prize Giving
Thursday 4 July	2.00pm	Year 6 Mini Fete
Thursday 4 July	5.00-6.30pm	Tran to Year 6 OPA School Disco at Murray Hall, Loughton
Friday 5 July		"Meet the Teacher"
Friday 5 July	All Day	Year 6 First Aid Training with St Johns' Ambulance
Monday 8 July	5.00pm - 6.30pm	Display of Work Evening
Tuesday 9 July	10.30-4.45pm	Year 5 & 6 to Open Air Theatre, Regents Park
Wednesday 10 July		End of Year Assembly
Wednesday 10 July		End of Term as follows:-
	12.00pm	Lower Kindergarten, Garden Room & Transitions
	12.10pm	Year 1
	12.15pm	Year 2
	12.30pm	Years 3 - 6

