



Headmistress's Message

Dear Parents

After many exciting events throughout the School, which you can read about in this newsletter, the Spring Term has now drawn to a close.

Open Morning was very successful with many new families taking a tour of the School and finding out more about our excellent pastoral and educational provision. Once again, I would like to thank all Year 5 and 6 pupils for their excellent work as tour guides. They were, indeed, excellent ambassadors for the School!

The minibus has been in constant use ferrying pupils and staff to numerous trips and events e.g. Loughton Library, cross country competitions, Science Fairs etc. Whatever did we do before? Our thanks must go to the OPA for helping fund this most valuable asset.

Our term ended with the Oak-Tree Festival at the Hawkey Hall, when we joined with our sister Schools, Coopersale Hall and Normanhurst to provide an evening of Music, Drama and Dance. It was indeed a fantastic occasion showcasing the talents and achievements of our older pupils. Congratulations to all our performers!

I would like to wish you all a very Happy Easter and remind you that the Summer Term starts on Wednesday 23 April.

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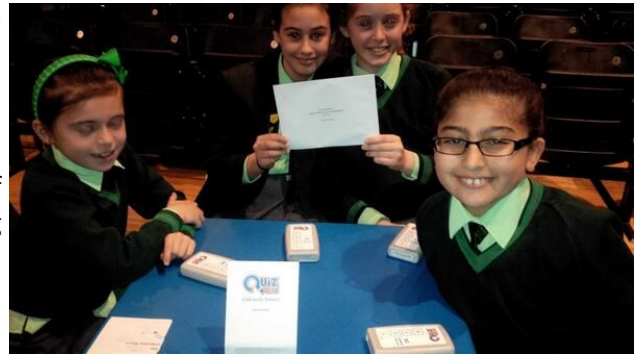
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KS2 National Prep Schools General Knowledge Quiz at Forest School

On Monday 10 March four of our Key Stage 2 children participated in the local area heat of the National Key Stage 2 General Knowledge Quiz. The team comprised of Ciara (Year 3); Harleen (Year 4) Millie (Year 5) and Ava (Year 6).

The questions were very challenging and covered wide range of topics, but the Oaklands team acquitted themselves well, coming eighth.



World Book Day

The children of Oaklands dressed up as a variety of different characters for Book Day this year. The children started the day with a special assembly led by Ms Zaidi and Mrs Slater about the charity Book Aid International. They learnt about how children in Africa are given the chance to read books funded by World Book Day and how it had changed one girl's life.

In assembly the children also found out the Teacher's theme this year was Nursery Rhymes and had the chance to sing several nursery rhymes and meet some famous characters. See if you can work out the different characters from the nursery rhymes .



Oaklands raised £78.92 from dressing up and £220.48 from Y4 & Y5 book sale. A total of £299.40 for 'Book Aid International.' Thank you for your generous donations.



Travelling Book Fair Visits

From the 10th – 13th March Oaklands was lucky enough to be home to the Travelling Book Fair.

Over the 4 days each class had time to visit the fair, look at the books and listen to a story available to buy. On sale were a selection of both fiction and non-fiction books and lots of recent movie related books.

As a school we receive 60% commission of the total amount sold at the fair to spend on new books for the classes. We would like to say a MASSIVE thank you for helping raise just under £950 for us to be able to spend on new reading books, topic books, dictionaries and a range for the library.

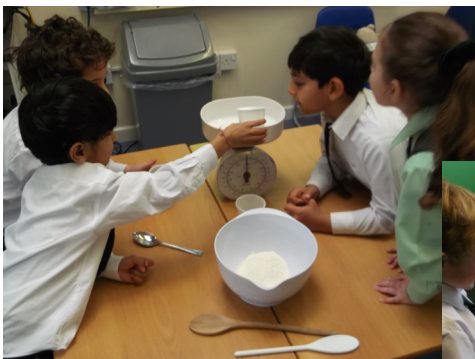
Antony Lishak, visiting author

On Friday 14th March Antony Lishak made a special appearance at our school and spent the day inspiring the young writers we have at Oaklands.

He shared stories with the children, answered questions and set each Year group a task to complete. At the end of the day parents and children were also invited to visit Antony and buy one of his signed books.

Shrove Tuesday

This term in maths the children in Year 1 have been learning about mass. For Shrove Tuesday the children used scales and carefully read a recipe to make a batch of pancake batter. They took turns to measure out the different ingredients, check the weights and mix. The children then got to enjoy cutting up the lemons and eating their pancakes with a variety of toppings!



Garden Room Trip to Fire Station

The Garden Room children and staff enjoyed a successful trip to Loughton Fire Station as part of their topic 'People who help us'.

The children were able to experience what it would be like to be a real life fire fighter. The children had the opportunity to climb aboard the fire engine and spray water from the hoses.



Netball Squad Bancroft's Tournament

During this term the Year 5/6 Netball squad have worked incredibly hard.

They have taken part in the North London Independent Schools Association and Bancroft's netball tournaments. Their outstanding effort paid off in both tournaments and they gave a brilliant performance. The girls thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were a credit to the school.



Lower Kindergarten Assembly to Parents

Lower Kindergarten delighted their parents with a lovely Mothers Day Assembly. As well as some super singing, the children presented flowers and cards to their Mothers.

Garden Room Assembly to Parents

The Garden Room children performed beautifully and confidently for their parents in their 'Under the Sea' assembly.

The Badgers retold the story of the Rainbow Fish. The Squirrel girls teased Mr Sharky but were caught. The Hedgehogs visited some sea creatures that live deep under the sea. The Moles dived deep into the ocean to visit the mermaids. The Rabbits talked about their favourite Nemo character and the Foxes climbed aboard the pirate ship.

All the children participated in various activities linked with the topic 'Under the Sea'.



Oaklands Swimming Gala

On Wednesday 19 March, the annual Oaklands Swimming Gala for KS2 children was held at Loughton Swimming Pool. The children participated in front crawl, back crawl and breaststroke races. Y5 & Y6 children also participated in butterfly races. There were quite a number of close finishes, particularly in the squadron (team) relay race. The Red Team were the eventual winners. Congratulations to all of KS2 for such an exciting sporting morning.

Stella the Starfish

The children in Year 1 put on a wonderful performance of Stella the Starfish this term. The children were able to choose their own parts and help with the scenery and props as well as learn lines, songs and dance moves. Both Year 1 plays were excellent and the children worked really hard. Year 1 teachers were very proud. Well done!



Coopersale Cross Country

On Thursday 20th March the Oaklands Cross Country team competed in the annual relay event at Coopersale Hall School.

There were strong performances in the year 5/6 girls and year 3/4 boys teams, but particular congratulations to the year 3/4 girls team of Georgia, Charlie, Daniele and Lyndsey who came in 3rd place and won medals!

Oak-Tree Festival

A packed house at Hawkey Hall was treated to a feast of music, dance and drama on Thursday 27 March by over 180 pupils from all three schools of the Oak-Tree Group.

Choirs and instrumental ensembles delighted the audience with a varied programme, ranging from popular classics, film, and stage favourites through to traditional folksong and jazz standards.



The dance groups from each school gave stunning performance of innovative and creative choreography, showcasing the wide range of talent and ability that exists within the Oak-Tree Group of Schools

Finishing with a rousing chorus of “Consider Yourself” involving all three schools together on stage, there was no doubt, that we are (as the song goes) “one of the family”. A fitting end to a wonderful evening.

Reminders:**SCHOOL UNIFORM**

The children will be wearing summer uniform when we return after the Easter break. Please check the uniform list in class handbooks available on the parent portal.

REGISTRATION

Please remember that the doors to School open at 8.30am and registration for children in Transition to Year 6 is at 8.45am prompt to enable us to start the working day at 8.50am with assemblies and lessons. If your child arrives after this time, he/she will need to report to the School Office and will be given a late mark. Late marks will be shown on your child's report.

ILLNESS

If your child has a temperature, sickness or diarrhoea, please allow 48 hours before returning to School.

Forthcoming Events

Date	Time	Event
Wednesday 23 April	-	First Day of Summer Term
Wednesday 23 - Fri 25 April	-	Y4 + Y5 PGL Residential Trip
Friday 25 April	8.15am-4.00pm	Y6 Holdenby Hall Trip
Monday 28 April	9.15-3.30pm	Y6 British Museum Trip
Wednesday 30 April	-	KS2 Swimming starts
MONDAY 5 MAY		BANK HOLIDAY
Tuesday 6 May	1.30pm	Y2 Where in the World? Freshwater Theatre Co
Wednesday 7 May	12.30pm-3.45pm	Bancroft's Swimming Gala
Saturday 10 May		Oak-Tree Summer Ball
Friday 16 May		Class Photographs
Monday 19 - Friday 23 May		Y6 Young Mariners Base - Herts Residential Trip
Monday 19 May	am	2S Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 20 May		ISA Athletics - Bedford International Stadium tbc
Wednesday 21 May	all day	Speech + Drama Examinations
Wednesday 21 May	am	2L Dress Rehearsal
Wednesday 21 May	2pm	2S Performance to Parents
Wednesday 21 May	6.30pm	Y5 Options Evening in School hall
Thursday 22 May	all day	Speech + Drama Examinations
Thursday 22 May	2pm	2L Performance to Parents

Half Term - Monday 26 May - Friday 30 May

