



## Headmistress's Message

Dear Parents

The children have had a very busy time with numerous trips which greatly enhance their learning. We are grateful to the OPA for funding these. You can read more about these in this newsletter. The Year 6 has spent an exciting time on their residential activity week at the Young Mariners Base and we look forward to hearing about their adventures.

Thank you very much to the Oak-Tree Parents' Associations for organising such a successful Oak-Tree Summer Ball. We have yet to confirm how much the Ball raised for the children of all three Schools. A 'Silent Auction' was held. Congratulations to the following prize winners:

2 x VIP reserved seats at the front of the Nativity **(Oaklands) – Tamsin Martin**

2 x VIP reserved seats at the front of the Carol Service **(Oaklands) – Natalie Smith**

2 x VIP reserved seats at the front of Prize Giving **(Oaklands) – Mandy Alderslade**

Lunch for 6 in the dining room at school –Christmas **(Oaklands) – Caroline Fox**

The weather seems to have changed for the better and we have been fortunate enough to enjoy lovely sunny days. I would like, therefore, to draw your attention to our policy on the application of sun cream. Please read our policy included in this Newsletter.

I hope you all enjoy the half term break and please remember to have a good look round for donations for the Summer Fete which is on Saturday 7 June and follows the School Dance Display. The Dance Display will start at 1.00pm with children from Transition to Year 6 performing on the playground and the OPA Fete will open on the main School field at 2.00pm. Fingers crossed for dry weather!

I look forward to seeing you back at School on Monday 2 June 2014.

**Cheryl Macnair**

**Headmistress**

## Oak-Tree Schools Parents' Association Summer Ball

This was a great success and fun was had by all.

More photographs of the evening will be revealed soon.



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### Reminders:

#### SUNCREAM

#### The school's Health and Safety policy states that:

- ◆ Our staff do not apply sun cream to children at the school unless specifically requested to do so by a parent. Parents will need to complete a 'Permission to Administer Medicine form'.
- ◆ We advise that children in LK to Y2 have a suitable water resistant sun cream applied to them before attending school each day.
- ◆ Parents of children in Y3 to Y6 must either comply with point 2 above, or make sure their child brings suitable sun cream labelled with their name into school each day.

### Bancroft's Swimming Gala

Thirteen children from Year 3 to Year 6 were selected to represent Oaklands at the Bancroft's Swimming Gala on Wednesday 7 May 2014.

The competition was fierce and there were some very close finishes in a number of the races.

Congratulations to Amy in Year 4 who came first in the Year 4 freestyle final and to the Year 4 medley relay team (Lily, Elliot, Charlie and Amy) who came 4th in the medley relay final.

Excellent performances were also recorded by Ashleigh, Danae and Alana in Year 6: Libby, Kitty and Natasha in Year 5 and Sienna and Kamile in Year 3.

The Oaklands team finished 7th out of 12 schools. Well done to everyone!



### Y4 and Y5 PGL Trip

A group of adventurers from Years 4 and 5, along with some very brave teachers, went on a residential trip to PGL in the first week of the Summer term.

All of the pupils, as well as Mr Colley and Miss Kassira, had a fantastic time taking part in all of the activities, which included the giant swing, the high trapeze, zip-lining, raft-building and abseiling, to name a few!

The children learnt how to face new (and sometimes scary) challenges while working as part of a team and, of course, having fun! Everyone involved played their part in making this an exciting and memorable trip.

Well done to all of those who came along and made the trip such a roaring success!



### Y6 Holdenby Hall Trip

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April, Year 6 went to Holdenby Hall in Northamptonshire for a World War Two Evacuee day.

The girls dressed up as wartime evacuees and learnt about food rationing; air raid safety; make do and mend; the Home Guard and army drill.



It was a full and active day and the class returned tired but very happy.

### World War 2 Ration Cooking



As part of their studies of World War 2, the pupils in Y6 prepared a meal using ration recipes. We were all pleasantly surprised by the tastiness of the foods. We sampled carrot curry, vegetable pie, mock hare soup, spam fritters (very yummy!) and raspberry snow.



## Y6 Visit to The British Museum

On Monday 28<sup>h</sup> April, Year 6 visited The British Museum to learn about life in Ancient Greece.

As well as visiting the Greek Galleries, they designed Greek temples using the latest computer technology in the Samsung Digital Learning Centre.

It was a very interesting day.



## KS2 Music Concerts

On Monday 12 May and Wednesday 14 May we held our annual music concerts.

Pupils from Y2 - Y6 entertained full houses with a wide variety of solo performances and duets.

We heard from recorders, flutes violins, guitars, piano, drum kit and the first ever ukulele at Oaklands.

Everyone agreed it was a pleasure to hear how the pupils have progressed and to see them brimming with confidence as they performed.

Well done everyone!

## Y2 Visit from the Freshwater Theatre Company

On Tuesday 6 May, Year 2 had a visit from the Freshwater Theatre Company.

They travelled around the world to visit different countries with Barnaby Bear.

The children travelled to Paris on the Eurostar and had a baguette in a café. Next they took a trip on a coach to Brighton where they went on a rollercoaster and ate fish and chips. Finally they visited Mexico by aeroplane where they learnt some Spanish and cooked fajitas.



### Transition Trip to Tropical Wings Zoo

On Wednesday 14 May, Transition enjoyed a day out to Tropical Wings. Their topic for the first half of summer term has been all about 'Growth'.

The visit enhanced their learning by touring the zoo and getting up close and personal with some mini-beasts in a 'Discovery' session.



The Transition team would also like to say a massive thank you to all the parent volunteers who contributed to a very successful visit.

### Year 1 Work

Year one have been looking at the work of the Impressionist group of artists.

1P based their paintings on August Renior's painting – A beach in Guernsey .



1P made the most of the good weather to go outside whilst learning to measure capacity.



### Transition goes crazy for chicks!

On Monday 12 May Transition received a very special delivery, 10 chick eggs! The children were all very excited by their arrival. We have watched them hatch from tiny eggs to fluffy chicks beginning to grow their wing feathers. The chicks have supported the children's learning of 'Growth' and brought the topic to life.



The children have been able to hold and stroke the chicks. Some have even helped with the very messy business of cleaning out their home. We will be very sad to see the chicks leave at the end of term.

This is what the children have said about the chicks:

Roman-Rae "I liked when they made cheeping noises and when I held one it tickled me"

Blake 'I liked the chicks when they cheeped and I liked their fluffy fur'

Aminah 'They are so fluffy, I want to cuddle them all day'



**Ashton Athletics**

The weather played havoc with the Ashton Athletics League this term. But particular congratulations to Ashleigh who won the Long Jump competition on the 15 May 2014.

Well done to all of the children who competed.

**Forthcoming Events**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
<b>HALF TERM - MONDAY 26 MAY - FRIDAY 30 MAY</b>		
Tuesday 3 June	6pm-7.30pm	Internet safety Talk for Parents (Y3 - Y6) at Coopersale Hall School
Saturday 7 June	1pm	TR - Y6 Dance Display
	2pm	Summer Fete
Monday 9 June		Y1 Seaside Workshop in School
Wednesday 11 June		Y6 Crucial Crew tbc
Thursday 12 June		Y3 Assembly tbc
Friday 13 June	9.15am-10.30am	KS1 Sports Day
	10.45am-12noon	EYFS (LK/GR/TR) Sports Day
	1.45pm-3.15pm	KS2 Sports Day
Monday 16 June	All day	Y5 Trip to Sealife London Aquarium
	3.30pm-4.15pm	Garden Room Welcome Meeting
Tuesday 17 June	3.30pm-4.15pm	Garden Room Welcome Meeting
Friday 20 June	9am-12noon	GR + LK Ark Farm Visiting
	9am-3pm	Y2 Rye Meads Trip
Wednesday 25 June	6.30pm	Y6 Play
Thursday 26 June	9.15am-1pm	Y5 Visit Normanhurst School
	9am-3pm	Y6 First Aid Training tbc
Wednesday 2 July	2pm	GR + TR Celebration of the Year
	4pm	Y1 - Y6 Prize Giving
Thursday 3 July	5.45am-9pm	Y5 + Y6 Paris Trip
Friday 4 July	1.30pm	GR - Y6 Meet the Teacher
Tuesday 8 July		Reserve Sports Day
	5pm-6.30pm	Display of work evening
Wednesday 9 July		Y5 + Y6 Open Air Theatre, Regents Park
Thursday 10 July	12noon	Last day of Summer Term

