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Headmistress's Message

Dear Parents

This has been another successful year at Oaklands School. Many pupils have made outstanding progress this year and achieved impressive academic targets and results. Some pupils have excelled in sports, all pupils have performed enthusiastically and confidently in expressive arts events and our Year 6 pupils have excelled in their 11+ entrance exams and their roles of responsibility.

All the achievements of the pupils were showcased at last week's 'Celebration of the Year' and 'Prize Giving' events. I am sure that, like me, you are very proud of all of them. Well done!

I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank all the hard working staff, which includes not only the teaching staff, teaching assistants, specialist teachers and SEND Dept, but also the office ladies, IT Dept, lunchtime assistants, maintenance team and the catering staff.

To those members of staff who are leaving, I wish you every success in your new ventures and to all our pupil leavers, good luck in your new schools and indeed for the future.

Finally, I wish you all a very happy, relaxing summer break. I look forward to welcoming you all back to Oaklands for the new academic year which starts on Wednesday 5 September 2018.

Sue Belej

Year 5's Afternoon Tea Experience

On Tuesday 10 July the Year 5 pupils hosted an afternoon tea for their parents. They started by setting a budget and worked out their costings. Pupils then spent the morning shopping in Sainsburys, ensuring that they received the best deals for their money.

The class then prepared delicious sandwiches such as roast beef and mustard, chicken Caesar wrap and tuna mayonnaise. Following this, the parents enjoyed scrumptious scones with cream and strawberry jam. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and the parents also had a lovely time.





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The Gingerbread Man

Transition Woodpeckers thoroughly enjoyed learning about the story of 'The Gingerbread Man' as part of our Traditional Tales Topic, and have taken part in a range of activities related to the story.

The children explored how to make a Gingerbread Man's legs and arms move using split pins, which proved to be an excellent activity to promote their fine motor skills. The children especially enjoyed baking their own Gingerbread Men and noticing that they had escaped from the oven! Fortunately, the children had written a plan to capture them and the Gingerbread Men had left some clues. They also created 'lost' posters so they were soon found and eaten!



All of the activities encouraged the children to retell the story during a Literacy session. The children used an outdoor stage to act out their written stories.

Mathematics in 3L

Year 3 have been working extremely hard in mathematics this week.



They have been working on their addition and subtraction calculations using the formal written method. They extended their learning to working with money, learning to add and subtract amounts of money to give change, using both £ and p.



'Wild Woods'

During a walk in the 'Wild Woods' the children in the Garden Room were encouraged to observe the signs of Summer.

Back in the classroom they used a variety of materials and textures to create their own 'Summer Garden' picture.



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Smoothies - Written by 4C and 4Z

Year 4 have had a marvellous time creating their own smoothies. They used lots of different fruit and veg like: grapes, apples, pineapple, carrots, cucumber, mango, strawberries, orange, kiwi and watermelon.

In partners, they worked independently cutting fruit, discussing flavours and cleaning up after themselves. They also experienced using a blender (IT WAS VERY NOISY!).

Alongside this, they designed their own logo to represent their smoothie, hoping that this would entice people to buy their product. At the end of the lesson all the children gathered round and took turns tasting each-others amazing smoothie creations, discussing the different combination of flavours and which ones they preferred.

Y6 Art

The Year 6 children were challenged to draw a replica of the work done by the Dutch post-impressionist painter, Vincent van Gogh. This piece of art is called *Starry Night* and was painted in June 1889. The setting is just before sunrise. It has been in the permanent collection of the Museum of Modern Art in New York City since 1941.



The children did a fantastic job in keeping to the style of the work and putting their own impression of what this work meant to them on paper. This was a wonderful way of learning more about van Gogh as well as learning about their own creative abilities.



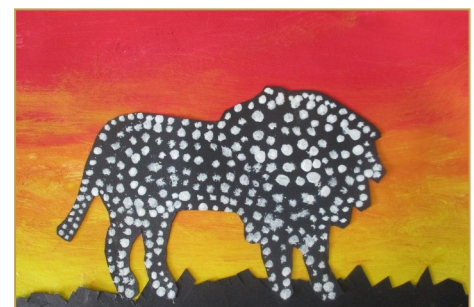
Year 4C Make Music

In music, 4C have been learning about graphic scores and playing music at a certain rhythm and pace. The children worked together to create their own scores and performed pieces of music using a variety of different instruments using their scores. It was a real team effort to keep in the same place at the same time. They all had lots of fun and now have a better understanding of written music.



African Art in 1R

1R have been reading the 'Tinga Tinga Tales', African stories all about how different animals acquired their unique features. To go alongside this, the class painted animals in the style of Edward Tingatinga. First they painted a sunset background using just red and yellow paint, then they used stencils on black card to cut out the silhouette of an African animal. Finally they painted white dots on them in the same style as Edward Tingatinga. Everyone really enjoyed the activity and the paintings looked great!





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Outdoor Classroom - Year 5



An impromptu discussion in the playground turned into a mini-project for the Year 5's, as they wanted to reinvent the outdoor classroom. They started by drawing and labelling a plan, followed by a written description of their vision.

Ideas included awnings for use in inclement weather, a whiteboard for the teacher, storage boxes to include binoculars, magnifying glasses and bug identifiers, tables and chairs to work on, rugs and cushions to make it cosy and even a dog bed for Dexter! After they

had identified their needs, the Year 5's then went down to measure up for awnings, wood and storage boxes. This was a fantastic learning experience which incorporated real life maths.

Year 2 Trip to Waltham Abbey Gardens



Year 2 went on a trip to Waltham Abbey Gardens. They had a fantastic day learning all about mini-beasts in the beautiful surroundings of the Abbey.

Pupils learnt how to collect and observe mini-beasts without harming them and they even got to pond-dip in the river.

Year 2 would like to thank all the staff

and helpers that came on the trip.



Art Club Day

On Thursday 5 July the Art Club held a special day with local artist Nicola Burrell. You may have seen Nicola's work on South Woodford High street as she made the flowers that run up the centre. Using the medium of cardboard the children made 3D sculptures.

They learnt lots of different techniques on how to shape the cardboard using only scissors. The children made a huge variety of different things including animals, mini beasts, suitcases and some children started bigger projects to take home including the New York skyline. The workshop was a wonderful opportunity for independent learning and it was amazing to see how many completely different sculptures the children made using the same techniques. Well done to all the children for all their hard work.





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KS1 and KS2 'Wow' Assemblies

During the week beginning Monday 25 June, KS1 and KS2 held their 'Wow' assemblies. The following pupils received 'Wow' certificates in a range of subjects, including Maths, English, Art and Topic.

Well done everyone!

Class	WOW
1J	Arabella, Ava
1R	Woody, Enzo
2C	Saffiyah, Libby
2S	Holly, Kiki
3L	Jamie, Rachael
4C	Phoebe, Jeyda
4Z	Ellie, Maya
5G	Sophia, Charlotte
6J	Raef, Bradley

Traditional Tales



As part of this half term's topic of 'Traditional Tales', Owls used puppets to act out the story of the 3 Billy Goats Gruff before being challenged to make a bridge across the stream for the Billy Goats to use. It proved to be rather challenging as the children worked together to determine how to keep the middle sections of the bridge out of the water.

Listening skills, as well as accepting the ideas of others, proved to be rather tricky at times. However, both groups succeeded in building their bridge and the goats reached the other side safely.

Well done Owls for persevering and showing resilience!



Activities in Lower Kindergarten

Lower Kindergarten has been getting up to a lot of fun activities this term both inside and outside of the classroom!





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Celebration of the Year

This year we showcased a new format which helped to both eliminate 'wriggle time' for our youngest children and elevate Transition children's importance as they leave this stage of their education. Lower Kindergarten coped admirably with such a vast audience as they sang their various songs. Garden Room entertained us with their raps, written by our very talented Mrs Turner, whilst Transition children reminisced about their memories from their time in the Early Years.

The Oaklands' version of 'Summer Holiday' brought the event to an appropriate pause before Mrs Belej presented all of Transition with their certificates of achievement.



Year 6 Mini Fete



The Year 6 children were challenged to be entrepreneurs for half a day and manage their own stall at Monday's Mini-fete. They did a fantastic job in planning their stall, designing posters, marketing their stalls and on the day, selling their products. The school was invited to support the Year 6 class and they all had a very busy but productive afternoon.

Thank you to everyone who supported the children and who made this a spectacular event.

Year 6 raised £205.37 and will donate this to the Hope Centre at **St Mary's Church**.



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Prize Giving

On Wednesday 4 July we held our annual Speech Day and Prize Giving, celebrating the many achievements and successes of the pupils throughout the year. The celebration took place in a marquee on the field, on yet another scorching hot day, which was packed with a large audience of family and friends.

The guest speaker this year was Mrs Madaleine Binning from the NSPCC, a leading children's charity fighting to end child abuse. As well as prize giving, the afternoon was filled with performances from our Years 1 to 6 pupils. There were also reports about sports, charity work, expressive arts and from each year group which gave a great overview of the entire year.

A huge congratulations to all of our prize winners and to the pupils who were awarded with their new Roles of Responsibility for next year. You should all be very proud!



OPA Summer Fete

The OPA Summer Fete was a huge success once again, with the field packed with friends and family all enjoying the many stalls and activities on offer. The children loved decorating cupcakes and making slime at the arts and crafts stalls and had a great time on the fairground rides, bouncy castle and go karts. There were plenty of stalls to browse, as well as a BBQ, live band and bar.



Everyone had a fantastic day so a huge thank you to the OPA for organising such a lovely event.



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House Netball and Staff vs Pupils Netball Matches

On Monday 9 July Years 5 and 6 took part in the annual House netball competition. With the Year 3 and 4 children watching the action, they all played really well in the sunshine. Luca shone for Holly house with an amazing 15 points for his team throughout the morning. The results are as follows:

- 1st – Holly 16 points
- 2nd – Willow 5 points
- 3rd – Beech 4 points
- 4th – Sycamore 1 point

Congratulations to all the pupils involved and a big thank you to Miss Bond for refereeing throughout.

There was also time for a staff vs Year 6 match and everyone played with a smile on their face with the teachers eventually coming out on top. A big thank you to Mrs Hembury for refereeing the match.



Leavers Assembly

The Year 6 children celebrated the end of their journey at Oaklands by hosting a fantastic leavers assembly to all the children in Oaklands as well as their parents. There were many tears and lots of laughter but we are sure that all the Year 6 children will leave Oaklands school with tons of wonderful memories to take with them on their next journey. Good luck to the **Class of 2018!**



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Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits



We had another successful year being entertained by some fantastic Year 6 and Year 5 performers. This year they performed Alibaba and The Bongo Bandits. The production was set in the ancient city of Old Baghdad which was in chaos. The bustling bazaar was overrun with ruthless robbers and up in the palace, Sultan Pepper's precious princess and the Royal Ruby have vanished!

To make matters worse, the poor Sultan couldn't trust his own Vizier nor his mischievous monkey called Booboo. When Ali Baba discovered the hidden Cave of Wonders, the secret hideout of Balthazar Bongo and his bumbling bandits, it was down to him to save the day! This comedy was surely filled with excitement, laughter, tension and it definitely had a few unexpected surprises. Well done to all the children who took part in this thrilling production. All your parents as well as teachers were very proud of you!

Happy Summer Holiday 2018