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Headmistress's Message

Dear Parents

The first few weeks of the Summer Term have flown by with many exciting events which you can read about in this edition of the Oaklands newsletter: KS2 residential visits, Lower Kindergarten visit to Ashlyn's Farm, sports events including the Bancroft's Netball rally and the ISA U7's Football tournament, KS2 Music Concerts and much more. May has certainly been a busy, fun and action packed month!

I hope you all enjoyed the Oak-Tree Summer Ball last Saturday. It was lovely to see all four schools get together and I'd like to thank all the Parents' Associations for working so hard to put on such a super evening.

The OPA is busy organising the annual School Fete which takes place on Saturday 15 June. The Fete opens at 12pm. If you can help in any way, please do not hesitate to contact the OPA or your OPA class representative. Thank you.

This half term ends on Friday 24 May and we are back on Monday 3 June. Please remember to check the website and the downloadable App to keep abreast of all our forthcoming events, including Sports Day and Prize Giving.

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Year 1 Space Projects



This half term the children have been learning all about Space. The children created their own solar systems and researched interesting facts that they presented to the class.

The finished solar systems were amazing, well done children for all your hard work.



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Year 6 PGL Residential Adventure

Year 6 had a wonderful residential adventure at PGL, Liddington. Not only were they challenged on different levels, they also worked on their team building skills. Although it was difficult being away from their families, they experienced how to be courageous and to believe in themselves, gained confidence and built even stronger friendships. The children enjoyed the freedom of being outdoors all day and were, without a doubt, confronted this year with many different seasons in one day. From baking in the sun whilst completing the crate challenge to getting drenched when building their rafts and attempting the trapeze challenge. The children's thinking and problem solving skills were also challenged in various ways. The week's activities included: canoeing, vertical climb, Jacobs Ladder, fencing, the giant swing, zip wire and many more.



PGL was without a doubt a treasured experience that the children will talk about and remember for lifetime!



Friendship-Caring Assembly

On Wednesday 24 April, to mark the first day of the Summer Term, a new pupil from each Year 1 to Year 6 class was presented with the 'Values' badge for their class. Each 'winner' has to have consistently tried hard to demonstrate the school values of Respect, Excellence, Courage, Friendship and Determination. Well done to all these pupils!

Mrs Belej highlighted the 'value' of Friendship, particularly the importance of caring, by reading the story of 'The Rainbow Fish' to the pupils. Everyone was asked to help to identify the characteristics and qualities of a good friend. At the end of the assembly, the pupils were asked to reflect whether they thought that they show these qualities to their friends everyday.



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Bancroft's Swimming Gala

Oaklands participated in the annual Bancroft's Swimming Gala on Wednesday 1 May.

We had one finalist for the Y3/4 25m Breaststroke where Anabella came 4th against swimmers from Gatehouse, Bancrofts and Daiglen in a time of 28.28secs. Well done Annabella!

Other notable strong swims came from Ellie, winning her heat in the Y5/6 backstroke and Alex, also achieving a fantastic 25m butterfly time in the Y5/6 heat. This event was of a particularly high standard and Alex was unlucky not to reach the final.

The relays were extremely exciting with lots of cheering and spirit. A special 'well done' for Alex, Kristina and Olivia, all competing from Y3 for the first time at an inter-schools swimming gala.

Amber and Jeyda in Y5 completed the Oaklands team and delivered good performances too.

Despite missing our usual Y6 pupils due to the PGL residential visit, our young swimmers showed enthusiasm and competitiveness against strong competition from Coopersale Hall, Daiglen, Loyola, Avon House, Forest, Woodford Green Prep and Bancroft's – **Well done Oaklands!**



Fluffy Chicks in Reception



As part of their topic about 'Changes', Reception children took delivery of ten eggs in an incubator. Twelve days later they said a sad goodbye to ten fluffy chicks – four boys and six girls. We are delighted to share with you that the girls have been adopted by a broody hen and are living happily on a farm organised by Miss Lawrence. The video updates have been gratefully received and eagerly watched by the children.



THANK YOU to the OPA for funding this amazing experience that was shared with most children within the school.

Outdoor Fun

Reception Robins enjoyed testing their balancing and climbing skills on the wooden apparatus on the field. They tried to 'follow the leader' on the different levels of the apparatus.



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Reception Artwork

Reception have been learning about different fruits and vegetables and exploring changes as they ripen and decay. The children used Guiseppe Arcimboldo's art work as inspiration to create, draw and paint their own fruit and vegetable faces.

The children's wonderful artwork will be displayed in the Reception corridor, please do come and see it!



Volcanoes Erupt in Year 3!!!

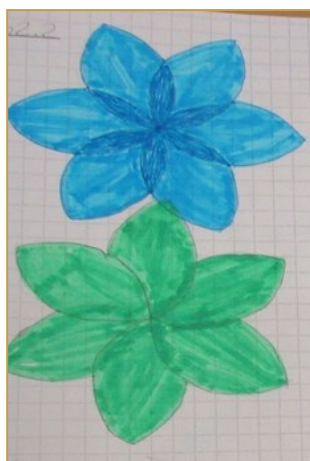


Year 3 have been studying 'Volcanoes' as their Humanities topic this half term. For one of their homework tasks the pupils created and built some amazing volcanoes! In a recent lesson, they decided it was time to make the volcanoes erupt!

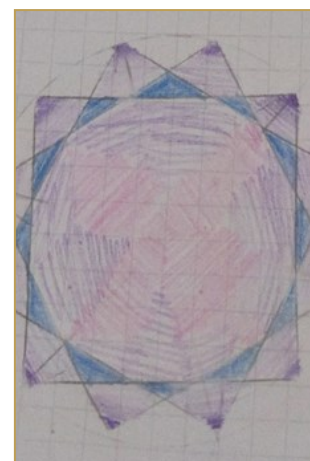


Year 6 Geometry

Pupils in Year 6 have been very busy drawing various patterns by following instructions on how to use a compass. They had to solve problems related to finding the radius, working out the diameter and drawing complicated patterns.



They all enjoyed this challenge and persevered with their work to help prepare themselves for the end of year Maths exam.



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Lower Kindergarten Visit to Ashlyn's Farm



On Wednesday 8 May, Lower Kindergarten had an exciting and albeit very wet visit to Ashlyn's Farm. They started the morning seeing some of the animals, including goats, rabbits, chickens, snakes and of course the children's favourite, the big spider!

The bad weather cut the tour of the farm short, so the children decided to go and explore the soft play area. After having lots of fun with their friends, they finished with a well-deserved picnic lunch together. A big thank you to all the Mummies and Daddies that were able to join us.



Upper Kindergarten Trip to Paradise Park

Upper Kindergarten had a wonderful day at Paradise Wildlife Park. They saw a variety of animals whilst walking round the zoo. The meerkats and zebras were a big hit with the children. During the visit to the dinosaurs in the new 'World of Dinosaurs' land, the children enjoyed learning the differences between a carnivore and herbivore dinosaur. They got to touch a REAL dinosaur tooth and loved listening to them roar loudly.



All the children were really well behaved and a great day was had by all.



Smoothie Making in Woodpecker Class



This month Reception Woodpeckers have been busy making fruit smoothies to promote their knowledge and understanding of fresh/ripe fruits and the health benefits. Firstly, the children designed their own fruit smoothies which included writing a list of ingredients and thinking of a creative name for their smoothie.

They have also been exploring halving and subtraction in Maths which was incorporated into the activity. Therefore, when making their fruit smoothies the children carefully cut the fruits they needed into halves and filled their cup half full with milk or juice before taking away from the plate and putting it into the mixer.



The children said it was a fun Maths lesson and a very tasty snack!

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Year 1 Learning Outside

1RF love learning outside! This term Year 1 experimented with recording time. They timed lots of different physical activities and wrote down how close they were to their predictions.



2C Maths

In Maths this term, 2C have been learning all about position, direction and right angle turns. The class read and followed directions, then had a go at writing their own directions for how to follow a route.

"The tricky part is not confusing clockwise and anti-clockwise" said Henry.



Finally, they got to put all their skills to the test as they mapped out and programmed routes for the Beebots to follow. They did not always go where the children wanted them to!



Year 3 Adverts

Year 3 have recently been exploring persuasive language. They have recently designed their own adverts to showcase new and exciting products that they dreamt up in class.

"Have you ever wanted to freeze someone who was annoying you?" was the rhetorical question posed by Xavier. ***"Well, now you can,"*** he beamed, ***"with the new Freeze Remote. Who wouldn't want one of these?"***



"Fancy having your own real-life spy camera?" ***"Who wouldn't?"*** At least that's what Samrit and India thought. Thankfully for Libby, her friends were only using their imagination.



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Awards

Since the beginning of the Summer Term 2019, the following pupils have been presented with either a Merit, Wow, Good Behaviour or Friendship certificate or the 'Values' badge. **Well done everyone!**

Class	Good Behaviour	Friendship	Values Badge	WOW	Merit Certificate
1R	Zara	Basil	Oliver	Whole Class	Erin, Antonio, Aaryan, Teddy
1Z	Richard	Jessica	Ozlem	Whole Class	Elias, Ethan, Stefan, Abigail
2C	Chanel	Enzo	Reggie	Georgia, Avani	Henry, Ava-Isha x 2, Woody
2S	Anayah	Arjun	Arabella	Anastasia, William	Henry, Betsy, Ronnie, Darcey
3C	-	-	Annabel	Annabel, Kiki	Melveen, Alanna, Sienna, Ethan
3L	-	-	Maja	Samrit, Joah	Cleo, Libby, Olivia, Santiago
4C	Riana	Annabella	Konstantin	Riana, Belle	Jamie, Aanya
5G	Luke	Sofia	Chloe	Sydney, Jack	Phoebe, Jeyda
5Z	Aminah	Charlotte	Inaya	Gwilym, Jayden	Cailan, Sara
6J	Whole class	Afiyah	Babette	Zaamin, Francesca	Francesca, Zaamin x 2, Lillia

KS2 Music Concert

On Monday and Wednesday evenings, 20 and 22 May, we held our annual Music Concert at Oaklands. All pupils from Years 3-6 who learn a musical instrument at school are invited to play in the Concert. So, at 6pm, dressed in their concert finery, the pupils performed solos and duets and trios on the piano, recorder, violin, flute, drum kit, guitar and ukulele.

A few nerves were visible but all played their very best and demonstrated the fruits of diligent practice. Many thanks to our wonderful peripatetic music teachers who guide and instruct the children and well done to mums, dads, grandparents, relatives and friends who listen and encourage each week.



Year 2 English



In English, Year 2 have been learning about the present and past tense.

The children learnt how to use a thesaurus to find the present tense and then write an alternative sentence.





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U7's Football Tournament

On Thursday 9 May, seven of our Year 2 boys took part in the U7's ISA 5-a-side football tournament at Barnet Power League. The pupils were understandably excited and were looking forward to playing against other schools.

After a team-talk about the rules and tactics, they were ready to start their first match. We were in a group with five other schools playing each other on three pitches with another group of six schools playing each other on three other pitches. It was really well organised and the boys all had plenty of game time to help develop their ability and skills.



We managed to win four games and narrowly lost the other one, but finished 2nd in our group by playing some outstanding football. In the quarter finals, we played Lyonsdown School and yet again the boys played superbly winning 6-0! The semi-final awaited us and we were up against Charterhouse Square School who we had lost against in our group game.

Our young troops showed great determination and won the match 2-0, earning themselves a place in the final against Annemount School.

They were up against a very strong school with some very good footballers who just had a bit too much ability for Oaklands. The team scored an unbelievable 39 goals during the tournament. Teddy Sheringham and Darryl Jaanmat were present to award all the schools with medals and a commemorative plaque for their efforts.

Well done to Jack, George, Ben, Ronnie, Nael, Enzo and Henry. You did the school and themselves very proud!!

Reception Trip to Hylands Park

Reception had a wonderful sunny visit to Hylands Park, Chelmsford. They spent part of the day exploring our natural world by taking part in a Forest School session led by Green Earth Learning. The session included hunting for 'chicks' to find out facts about them, which reinforced the pupils' learning about a chick life cycle. They also spent time in the mud kitchen, climbing fallen trees and using tools such as drills to make beaded necklaces and stick men. The session was ended with a tasty treat around a campfire. The children safely toasted marshmallows and watched popcorn being cooked.



The class had the chance during the day to use their physical skills on the huge adventure playground. They had to use their balancing skills on the tyres and strength on the climbing wall.

Lots of fun learning had by all!



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Year 4 & 5 Young Mariners Residential Trip

On 13-15 May, Year 4 and 5, along with their class teachers and Mr Paine, spent 3 days at the Young Mariners Base in Hertfordshire. They had lots of fun trying a number of different outdoor pursuits including canoeing, kayaking, raft-building, stand-up paddle boarding, bell boating, archery and climbing. Everyone had a fantastic time and really challenged themselves to try a new skill.

Many of the activities encouraged team building skills and although everyone was worried about ending up in the chilly lake, when the children (and adults) eventually went in, they were too busy laughing to notice!



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KS1 & KS2 Multi-Cultural Curriculum Day



Y1 Spain

1Z learnt all about Spain on curriculum day. They talked about the Spanish royal family, traditional foods and famous landmarks in Spain. The children learnt all about the Spanish tradition of carnival and created their own masks inspired by the costumes they saw when looking at Sitges Carnival. The children were also able to give flamenco dancing a try, as well as experimenting with castanets!



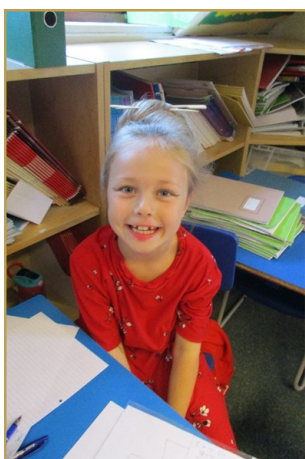
Y2 Cyprus



2C learnt all about the island of Cyprus. They learnt about the geography and climate, a little about the history of Cyprus and lots about the culture of the island. They children can say 'Good Morning', 'Good Day', 'Goodnight', 'Okay' and 'Thank you' in Greek. They discovered what Greek Cypriots enjoy eating and had a go at making a lovely healthy Greek salad complete with olive oil, lemon juice, feta and olives.



Year 2 learnt that Cyprus is the birthplace of Aphrodite – the Goddess of Love and had a go at creating a mosaic of Aphrodite's Rock. Finally, they learnt a Greek dance and got to perform it in front of Key Stage 1 children in their assembly!



Y3CA China

Nin Hao! During Curriculum Day, Y3CA decided to look at and become residents of China by reading, writing and scribing numbers and their names in Mandarin, and also creating a mini fact-file on China itself. In the afternoon, they looked at a masterclass, then drew Chinese mythical dragons! Xiexie.





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KS1 & KS2 Multi-Cultural Curriculum Day

Y4 Japan

Year 4 focussed on Japan. They learnt how to write their name in one of the Japanese alphabets and then practised their calligraphy skills to write it down on the page. The children investigated a new way to multiply numbers that is used in Japan. One of the most interesting parts of the Japanese culture is the large variety of festivals that are held throughout the year. Year 4 held their own festival, Bon Odori. They danced a special Bon Odori dance, containing the famous 'washing machine' move and sung songs in Japanese. The children played festivals games including

Senbon hiki, Super ball Sukui and yo-yo Tsuru. In the afternoon the children made their own samuri shuri-ken, a Japanese throwing star, using their origami skills. Everyone had a fantastic day.



Y5G Australia

For Curriculum day, 5G have been learning about Australia. They have used their ICT skills to research various aspects of Australian life and then they chose their own method to present their findings. They looked at Australian currency and ran their own currency exchange. They also investigated the reasons why people emigrated to Australia. In addition, they identified places of interest, capital cities, states and territories on a map and designed their own holiday brochure. Finally, they studied Aboriginal art and made their own batik using the dot paintings as inspiration.



Y5Z Canada

5Z had a wonderful time learning about Canada on Curriculum Day. They had a good understanding of the physical and human geography of the country and explored the history and culture of the First Nations people in depth. The children looked at the characteristic features of Native American art and produced their own artwork using a similar style with oil pastels. They looked at the qualities associated with animals in First Nation stories and selected one to study. The children learnt a lot about life in Canada and were keen to share their knowledge with others towards the end of the day.



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KS1 & KS2 Multi-Cultural Curriculum Day

Y6 South Africa

Year 6 represented South Africa on 'Cultural Diversity Day'. They painted their own Bushveld Sunset silhouettes, made a very tasty South African dessert called a 'Peppermint Crisp Tart' and listened to different African instruments and music. They ended the day with playing a stone game while singing a song in Xhosa.

This was a fun filled day with lots of laughter and discovery of new cultural knowledge.



Year 1 Play

Both Year 1 classes took us on an adventure back in time during their performances on the last week of term. With the help of creative props and costumes, the children showed us how much fun could be had without modern technologies such as iPads. There was singing, dancing and a lot of lines to learn, but everyone did a great job. Well done Year 1!



Enjoy half term!