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Headmistress's Message

Dear Parents

The end of the academic year is quickly approaching us. Since the last newsletter, we have enjoyed a number of events in school such as the Year 2 Music concert, a Harp presentation by Mrs Bartels to Reception and KS1, Reception and Year 5 Road Safety Workshop and the superb Summer Fete last Saturday. Three year groups have visited venues in the local area: Year 6 attended the 'Crucial Crew' experience at Debden, Year 1 visited Chigwell Synagogue and Year 2 went to Waltham Abbey Gardens. Pupils in Year 5 travelled to Brentwood School for a 'taster morning' and returned to Oaklands full of enthusiasm about life in secondary school.

Please take the time to read all about these events and many more in this newsletter.

We still have events to look forward to including the Year 5/6 production of 'Let the Games Begin' at Lopping Hall, Loughton, the Year 6 Leavers' assembly and Mini Fete and our annual Celebration of Year and Prize Giving afternoon on Wednesday 3 July.

Remember to check the website and APP for more details about these forthcoming events.

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Year 2 Music Concert



On the first week back after half term we were treated to the Year 2 instrumental pupils' Concert held in the School Hall. Everyone played extremely well, conquering the nerves of their first public performance, and delighted proud mums and dads. We heard recorder,



piano, guitar, and violin and it was encouraging to see so many pupils playing. **Thank you to everyone who listens and encourages these young musicians.**



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1RF 'Voices in the Park'

This week 1RF used role play to act out the story of 'Voices in the Park' by Anthony Browne. The children changed the pitch, tone and volume of their voices to really show how the characters were different. The Mum character was definitely the scariest role but everyone had a lot of fun pretending to be her!



Reception Life Cycles

In class for the past few weeks, Reception have been learning about life cycles. Here is Reception Robin's display of their art and a song they composed about the lifecycle of a hen.



Acting in Reception Robin Class

Reception Robins Class have enjoyed acting out their stories on the class 'stage'. Here Kasie is being a red crab in Isabella's story!



Year 6 Research



Year 6 have been working extremely hard this term. They have been looking at Biographies and Auto-biographies.

Year 6 had to do their own research and then wrote a Biography on the life of Daniel Radcliffe (Harry Potter) or Roald Dahl.

They did a brilliant job. Please feel free to come and look at their Biographies that are currently displayed in their class! Well done Year 6.

You made Miss Dee very proud!



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Year 5 Road Safety

On Wednesday 5 June, Year 5 children participated in an interesting workshop on road safety. A video clip was shown to illustrate the risks on the road and it explored pedestrian, cycling and passenger behaviour. The children identified the dangers and made suggestions on how to avoid them; a list of good road safety habits was then created. Many children also enthusiastically shared their own experiences with their peers. Following this, the children were taken off the school premises and taken on a short walk where suitable crossing places were discussed as well as the dangers of parked cars and driveways. Interestingly, Warren Hill had several dangers for the children to discuss! This was a very worthwhile workshop that reminded the children how to keep themselves safe.

Y6 Humanities



Year 6 have been looking at different settlement patterns, zones and maps.

The pupils made their own 3D representation of the different zones we find such as villages, towns, large cities, metropolis, conurbation and lastly a megalopolis. They worked very



hard on these models and could clearly explain in their own words the size of each zone's population. Super work Year 6!

Magical Music



On Thursday 13 June, Reception and KS1 children experienced the magical music of a real harp! Mrs Bartels, who teaches recorder at Oaklands, is a professional harpist and came to play and demonstrate the instrument.

The children were amazed by the size and sound of the harp and all had a go at playing a 'glissando' – running their finger along the many strings to make the familiar harp "swooshing" sound. The Reception children were particularly entranced as they have been reading Jack & the Beanstalk and wondered if Mrs Bartels' harp would sing like Giant's Golden Harp!





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Awards

Class	Good Behaviour	Friendship	Merit Certificate
1R	Gisele	Aaryani	Anaya, Isabelle
1Z	Alicia	Lina	Maxwell, Jessica
2C	Avani	Woody	Jack, George
2S	Sarah	William	Arjun, Anastasia
3C	India	Dylan	India, Zayan
3L	Samrit	Cleo	Samrit, Cleo
4C	Oliver	Kaylan	Jamie, Kaylan
5G	Alex	Phoebe	Chloe, Luke
5Z	Maya	Aminah	Poppy, Octavia
6J	Tristan	Emmy	Zaamin, Emmy

Since half term, the following pupils have been presented with either a Merit, Good Behaviour or Friendship certificate.

Well done everyone!

Garden Room Return to Mellows Care Home



Garden Room's visit to Mellows Care Home was once again a great success. The children all sang beautifully and shared their holiday pictures with some of the residents.



Both the staff and residents commented on how well dressed and behaved the children were and how they look forward to seeing us again.

Flying High!



3LC took to the air on Monday with kites they had made in class.

The weather has been mixed of late but when the sun appeared and we could see the trees on the field dancing in the wind, we knew it was the perfect time to launch the



kites we had constructed.

The kites - featherweight and reinforced at key points - were a work of art in themselves. In the future we plan to make more examples to our own individual designs. As you can see, we had a lot of fun flying high!



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Year 6 Crucial Crew

On the 14 June, the Year 6 pupils attended the annual Crucial Crew day at Debden House in Loughton. The morning was filled with exciting workshops and the children learnt a great deal during these sessions. Some topics that were addressed were related to fire safety and how to prevent fires. They were tested on their road safety knowledge and took part in practical examples on how to look for blind spots and where to cross the road safely. Serious issues regarding social media and internet safety were addressed, as well as the dangers linked to online chat rooms, drugs, alcohol and gangs. Finally, they were taught how to identify good and bad relationships and were advised on ways to deal with social matters that may arise in the future. The pupils had a wonderful time and were buzzing with their new knowledge and awareness on their way back to school.



OPA Summer Fete



The weather was kind to us on Saturday 15 June for our annual Summer Fete. It was lovely to see so many parents and pupils enjoying the variety of different inflatables, stalls, food and drink.

Many thanks to the OPA Committee and all the parent helpers who worked so hard behind the scenes and also gave up their valuable time to make the fete such an enjoyable school event.



Year 4 Tudors

Year 4 have been busy learning about the Tudors. After researching the artist Hans Holbein the children painted their own portraits of the Tudor kings and queens in his style.



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Reception Woodpeckers Maths

Reception Woodpeckers have been busy measuring classroom objects using cubes; they recorded the length or height of the objects by counting the amount of cubes used. The children were using language such as taller, longer and shorter throughout to compare the lengths and heights of the different objects.

Some children were even beginning to estimate by using their recordings and understanding of the concept.



Reception Fathers' Day Wild Woods Session

The Reception children had great fun taking part in a Wild Woods session with their daddies. They all had the chance to explore a range of activities set out in the school's woodland area. Some of the



activities included den building, mud painting and minibeast hunting.



The children and daddies also had the opportunity to find characters from Traditional Tales hidden in the woods which links in with our topic this half term.

The session was concluded with a hot chocolate and marshmallows for all, whilst reading some Traditional Tales around the log circle.

Kite-Tastic Afternoon!



For their DT topic, Year 3 have been researching kites. They have designed their own Guatemalan kite and now have made their own kites from a set list of equipment and using a set of instructions.

This month, they had the chance to go outside and use the perfect kite flying weather conditions to test them out!



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Lower Kindergarten Farm Paintings

Recently in Lower Kindergarten, the children have been learning about the Farm. The children have learnt the names of the baby animals and enjoyed playing in the farm sensory trays. To end the topic, the children were asked to paint a picture of their favourite farm animal. The children looked at a picture to help guide them and we discussed what colours they would need to use.

As you can see the children did a fantastic job of painting a variety of animals including Goats, Sheep, Pigs and a Horse.



Carnival Masks

Year 6 was given the challenge to produce a carnival mask and they were all very successful. They each designed a fantastic mask that could be wore at carnival festivals. Each child had to select and explore appropriate materials, make informed decisions about their designs and successfully construct their masks. Not only did they enjoy this task, they also gained and developed new art skills.

These beautiful masks are on display in the Year 6 class so feel free to stop and appreciate the work that went into these fantastic pieces.



Year 1 Visit to Waltham Abbey Gardens

Year 2 visited Waltham Abbey Gardens to enjoy a day learning about insects and their different habitats. They took part in bug hunting and pond dipping and were lucky enough to catch a tadpole or two.



Year 5 Taster Day at Brentwood School

On 24 May, Year 5 had the opportunity to attend a Taster Day at Brentwood School. The pupils were bowled over by the sheer size and ample facilities that the School has to offer.

After hearing lots of interesting information about the school, pupils then took part in a chemistry lesson which involved testing materials and a Design Technology session during which they melted plastic to construct their own key rings.

A memorable highlight was definitely the lunch! There was a world of choices from the myriad of different cuisines at each counter. Everyone left feeling well and truly satisfied and perhaps a few pounds heavier!