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Headmistress's Message

What a busy start to Spring term 2023 at Oaklands!

Everyone returned to school refreshed and ready to learn.

We have all made and shared our New Year resolutions, which ties in extremely well with the PSHE topic of, 'Dreams and Goals' this term.

Rev. McDonald from St. Mary's in Loughton led one of our assemblies and talked about Christianity and read from the Bible.

EYFS had a visit from Police Sergeant Smedley and enjoyed trying on uniforms and learning about road safety.

We have also introduced a mindfulness club at lunchtimes in the science room that many of our pupils have already enjoyed.

We still have many exciting things to come this half term including the Forest School Swimming Gala and the Oak-Tree Tag Rugby Tournament. We are also very excited about the House Cross Country competition. Finally, our school choir will be competing at the Stratford Music Festival and we wish them the very best of luck.

Mrs Copeman

KS1 and KS2 Certificates and Awards

Since the last newsletter, the following pupils have been presented with either a **Merit Certificate**, **Good Behaviour** or **Friendship Certificate**. Well done everyone!

Class	Merit Certificate	Good Behaviour	Friendship
1C	Fred, Harleen	Gabby	Omi
1V	Abir, Emily	Abir	Aliyah
2S	Ameena, Idrees	Idrees	Harper
2Z	Freya, Priam	Arthur	Teddy
3C	Evie, Bryony	Rufus	Eddie
3D	Thiaan, Libby	Isla	Amelia
4C	Alex, Annabelle	Kais	Anais
5Z	Tasnim, Lucy	Tasnim	Ayianna
6G	Anastasia, Sienna	George	Ava

Good Behaviour & Friendship

Well done to all the children who received a 'Good Behaviour' or 'Friendship' Certificate this month. Thank you for being excellent role-models. Keep it up.



Values

Congratulations to the children in KS1 and KS2 who received a Values Badge. Thank you to all these children who are striving to uphold all our school values. We are very proud of you.



Welcome Back Assembly

In our first assembly we had the opportunity to share some of our New Year's Resolutions and we were all excited about this term. We are aiming to work hard, never give up and celebrate each other's achievements.

Sycamore House

Congratulations to Sycamore House who won the House Cup last term.

We are very proud of you!



Sports Assembly

During the last assembly of 2022, pupils from Oaklands celebrated their sporting achievements. Congratulations to Holly for winning the House Indoor Athletics competition. We also announced the results of the recent ISA Sports Hall Athletics Competition with Oaklands achieving some outstanding scores.

Well done to all our amazing pupils who performed amazingly well throughout the day! Special mention to Annabelle, Kais, Lina and Abi who scooped individual awards too.

The results were;

U9 Girls Competition - Oaklands: 1st place
U9 Boys Competition - Oaklands: 1st place
U11 Girls Competition - Oaklands: 3rd place
U11 Boys Competition - Oaklands: 8th place



Lower Kindergarten

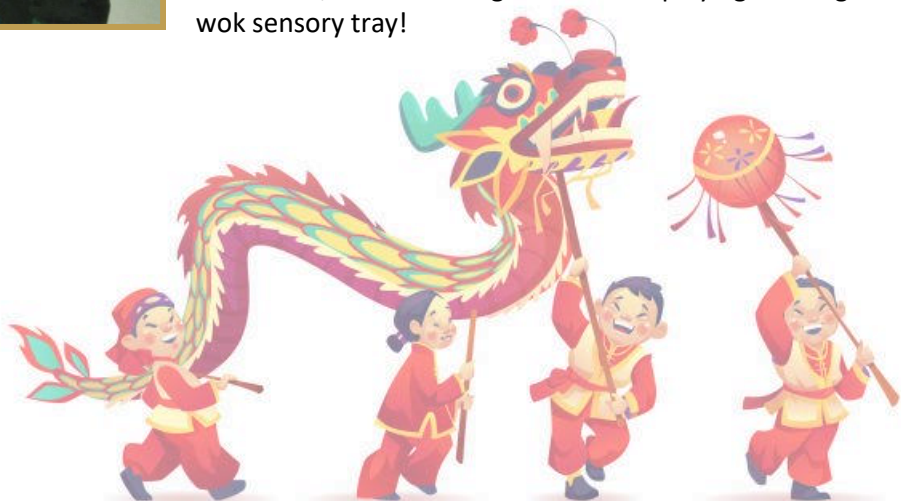
The children in Lower Kindergarten have been keen to get back into their daily routine after the Christmas break. We are delighted to see our new children settle into their new classroom and routine. Their new friends have been showing them how to explore their new environment and outside play area. Our older children have also helped reinforce our classroom rules to our new children.



The children in Lower Kindergarten have been learning all about the season 'Winter'. They made some delicious 'Rice Krispie Snowballs', mixing melted white chocolate and rice krispies together. They have also been on a winter walk, looking for signs of winter. The children found lots of ice and frost on the ground and even found an icy puddle near the school field. They spoke about how the sun helps the ice to melt, what clothes we need to wear on cold walks and what noise our feet make as we walk on ice.



The children in Lower Kindergarten have been learning about the Lunar New Year. They participated in a variety of fun and engaging activities, including a pop-up restaurant, a food tasting session and playing in the giant wok sensory tray!



Upper Kindergarten

Upper Kindergarten had a visit from a police officer this month! Sergeant Smedley spoke to the children about road safety, stranger danger and what a police officer's job is. All the children had the opportunity to try on some mini police uniforms and some children got to see what it is like to wear handcuffs!



The children in Upper Kindergarten have really enjoyed learning about the Lunar New Year. They made their own Chinese Lanterns by carefully cutting along some lines and adding glue to make the paper 3D. Finally, they sprinkled on red and gold glitter and sequins.

To help with physical development the children used a thin paintbrush and black paint to trace over the word 'Hello' in Chinese.

Our pop-up Chinese restaurant was a huge success, with all the children participating in role play! Everyone was also able to try some new foods during our 'Chinese food tasting session'. The children tried noodles, rice, spring rolls and prawn crackers. Most of the children said it all tasted very yummy!



Reception Woodpeckers

Mysterious eggs were found at Wild Woods over the Christmas Holiday. Mrs Copeman came to the Woodpecker classroom to share her findings. As a class we investigated what animals lay eggs and what possibly could be inside the eggs. We wonder if they will hatch soon!

Watch this space!

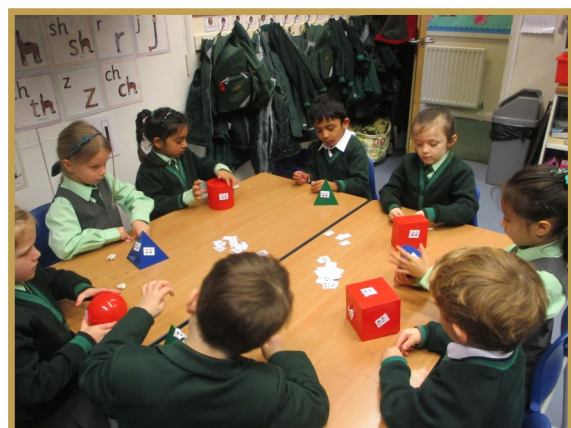


Reception Owls

Owls have been exploring the properties of 3D shapes. Each pupil was given a different shape and were challenged with putting eyes on the surfaces they believed were faces. Once they had finished, each child shared their shape with the class and received feedback from the other children about whether they agreed with where the eyes had been placed. After a while the children evaluated what they had done and made any changes they now thought necessary.

By the end of the session, Owls understood that curved surfaces did not need eyes as they were not classed as a face.

Well done Owls for grasping a tricky concept.



Reception Robins

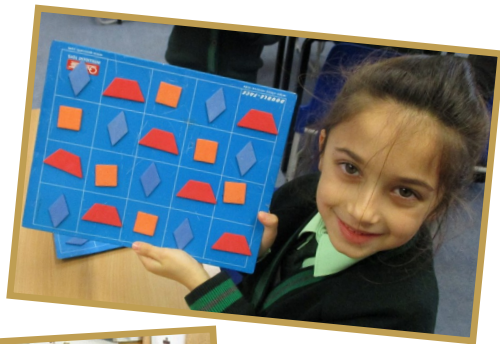
We have been sharing our holiday news in Robin Class on the first day back! It sounds like the children got up to lots of exciting things over the holidays!



PE

In PE, Reception have been having fun playing parachute games to help with balance, mobility and hand-eye coordination.





1C Perfect Patterns

1C had a perfect pattern making session on Friday. We have been exploring repeating patterns and learning to identify what would come next in the pattern. The children had a choice of equipment they could choose including beads, 2D shapes, numbers, cubes, pegs, etc. and started by creating their own colour patterns. Their next challenge was to have two rules in their pattern using colour and shape. Their final challenge was to create a pattern with three rules including shape, colour and size.

The children had great fun explaining the rules of their pattern to their friends and trying to complete each other's patterns.



1V Repeating Patterns

Year 1 used a range of manipulatives in mathematics to create their very own repeating patterns. They were able to mix colours, shapes and objects and make it as simple or complicated as they wished.



3PR Parking

Well done to 4C who collected the most tokens this for walking to school or for parking in the school car park. Thank you to all our parents as well for supporting us. Remember: Care, Consideration and Caution. Let's see who will be receiving the 3PR cup next week.



Year 2S Chinese New Year

2S have been learning about Chinese New Year and listened carefully to a story about Bo and Evie's celebration. The children then went onto sequence the story and write about it in their own words.



Year 2Z Winter Art

2Z were inspired by the winter season and created their own winterscapes in Art. They discussed the different types of weather that you may see across the different seasons and were able to identify what the trees would look like in winter. 2Z were able to use this knowledge to create the branches in their paintings. Well done, 2Z!



St Mary's Church Visit

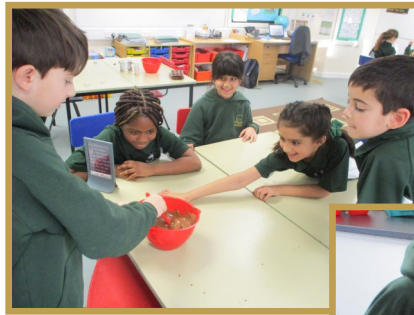
Vicar Malcolm Macdonald from St Mary's Church in Loughton came to talk to the children about Christianity. Over the weekend, they celebrated World Religion Day. The focus was on Christianity and he spoke to the children about the importance of the Bible. Thank you Malcolm for the inspiring message.



Year 3 chocolate making

Last term, Year 3 were busy designing and creating packages for chocolate as part of their D&T unit of work. Upon returning to school, all of the children were very excited to find out that they would be completing their topic learning by making their very own chocolate!

Year 3 had lots of fun melting the chocolate and adding a variety of toppings. The only thing left to do is... taste the chocolate!



Mindful Colouring

At Oaklands, we are giving our Key stage 1 and Key stage 2 children the choice to join a mindful colouring session during lunch time. While listening to calm music, this activity provides the children with an opportunity to reflect on their day and get rid of any anxiety. It can also be seen as a technique of stress relief in a healthy way. Some of our children simply enjoy a moment of quite time where they can express themselves in a creative way.

Year 4C Ancient Greece

Year 4 have started the topic of Ancient Greece. Within their Art, they are looking at the designs, patterns and colours that you would see on a traditional piece of Greek pottery. We had a go at replicating these designs in our sketch books. Can you recognise any of the patterns, events or objects in our designs?



Year 5Z Maths Challenge

Year 5 have been busy working on a range of different Maths challenges involving time and measurement. The problem-solving activities help children apply their mathematical knowledge and skill. The children are gradually developing a sense of solving real-life problems and applying mathematics to real world situations. It is also being used for a deeper understanding of mathematical concepts within the Year 5 curriculum.



Y6 St Edmunds Taster Day

Year 6 have just started their new topic for this term on South America. They were tasked with researching five interesting facts as part of their holiday homework. They identified the countries and territories of South America as well as the capital cities. They used their map skills to annotate South American maps. In future lessons, we will be looking at: physical features such as rivers and mountains; human geography such as population and exports as well as cultural aspects such as foods, traditional costumes, languages and festivals.



Oak-Tree Maths Challenge

The first Group event of the year was a huge success! Select pupils from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 from all four schools in the Oak-Tree Group came together at Braeside School for a competitive Maths Challenge. After settling in and enjoying a few refreshments, it was time for the tournament to start. Year 3 kicked off the proceedings, with three pupils representing their school. They only had a few minutes to complete a mental maths challenge, before clearing the stage to make room for Year 4. Once all of the year groups had their turn, the judges set about marking the papers. It was then time for the second stage of the challenge. In this round, the children's teamwork was put to the test, as they had to work together to complete a series of tricky problems.

After the scores from both stages were added up, it was announced that Coopersale Hall pupils were the overall champions! We can't wait to hold another Maths Challenge next year.



Christmas Jumper Day

We are pleased to tell you that we raised £182.60 for Crisis with our Christmas Jumper day! Well done!!



Festive Feet

With our Festive Feet, Lower Kindergarten, Upper Kindergarten and Reception have raised an amazing £796.75 for Haven House. Well done and thank you to everyone that donated



Oaklands Astro Courts Get Professional Makeover

The Oaklands School grounds saw a flurry of activity over the Christmas holidays as our playground got a makeover. The old turf has been ripped up to make way for bright new MUGA pitch to take its place.

After laying out the huge rolls of turf, the team covered the area in sand and painted on the court markings, ready for our pupils to use in their PE lessons.



Oaklands School



**OPEN
DAY**

**Thursday 9 March
2023 - 9.15am**

Headteacher's Speech at 9.30am

EARLY YEARS | INFANTS | JUNIORS



Football Skills

Year 2 show their dribbling and shooting skills during Games! They are loving using the new pitch and learning new techniques.



Gymnastics

Year 1 were practicing their jumps, concentrating on their take offs, shape in flight and their landings during PE.

Oak-Tree Indoor Athletics Tournament

All four Oak-Tree Schools got together this term to take part in a Junior Oak-Tree Athletics Tournament. As usual, the event took place in the spacious Peter May Centre, which meant there was plenty of room for activities. On one side of the hall were the 'track' events, which the girls tackled first. Pupils were involved in competitive races such as shuttle relays and obstacles. On the other side of the hall, the boys got started with the 'field' events. The circuit of activities included standing long jump, vertical jump, speed bounce, chest push and javelin.

Once everyone had had a turn at each activity, the girls and boys swapped places. Everyone had a great time, cheering each other on and working together to score as many points as they could for their school. It was a very close competition, and we will announce the results as soon as they are added up!

