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Headmistress's Message

It is hard to believe this is the final newsletter of the year! We have had so many wonderful events this year that the children have thoroughly enjoyed.

We enjoyed a lovely afternoon celebrating the achievements of all of our pupils during the Celebration of the Year and Speech Day & Prize Giving. The school play, Pirates of the Curry Bean, was a huge success and showed just how talented our pupils really are.

I wish all of our leavers in Year 6 the very best of luck in this next stage of their lives.

Have a wonderful Summer break, and I look forward to seeing you in September.

Mrs Gretchen Copeman

Upper Kindergarten

Upper Kindergarten had the most wonderful day at Paradise Wildlife Park. They saw lots of animals including lions, tigers, sun bears and meerkats. After lunch it was time to visit the dinosaurs. The children could not believe how big they were. The last dinosaur gave us all a little bit of a fright when it squirted water at us as we walked past. Finally the children had a play in the sand pit, digging and looking for dinosaur bones. We were all very proud of how the children behaved during the trip, they listened to their teachers and followed the instructions given. Well done Upper Kindergarten!



Reception by the Sea

Owls had the most amazing adventure at Oaklands on Sea. They went paddling, made sand angels, played on the beach, went fishing and sold ice-creams to each other. The perfect way to spend a sunny afternoon.



Year 5 Team Work

Year 5 have completed a packed term full of Maths, English, Reasoning and plenty of assessment tests. The children have developed their problem-solving skills by working in groups to solve a wide range of challenges. Grasping the idea of different approaches to a problem has helped pupils appreciate their peers' point of view and has taught them to listen to other children who may have a better way of reaching a solution. The children have also shown excellent team work in drama and music rehearsals in preparation for their fantastic performance of Pirates of the Curry Bean which was a great success. Well done Year 5!



Year 6 Houses of Parliament

On Thursday 22 June, Year 6 travelled on the tube to the Houses of Parliament. After going through tough security measures, we met our guide and then entered the grandiose building where the architecture was stunning. We learnt about Westminster Hall where Henry VIII used to play indoor tennis. More recently, it has been used for the lying-in-state of Queen Elizabeth II. We were taken up to the public gallery of the House of Commons where we were able to see a debate on rebuilding Ukraine. After that, we participated in a workshop which entailed a fun quiz all about Parliament and then a debating session on whether we should have homework or not! The children had a thoroughly enjoyable day out.



Reception Hylands Park

After a delayed start due to torrential rain and the threat of thunder storms, Reception were finally able to set off on their trip to Hylands Park. They spent their time exploring a variety of Forest School activities which included mud stencilling, puppet tv, mud kitchen, bubble wand making, spider noughts and crosses and bug hunting. After lunch there was a special treat of toasted marshmallows on the camp fire. After they were heated for a short time, everyone had to count to 20 to allow the marshmallows to cool before eating them. Everyone agreed that they were delicious.



Waltham Abbey Gardens

Year 2 had a fantastic time exploring different microhabitats on their trip to Waltham Abbey Gardens. They also enjoyed pond dipping and searching for mini beasts in the water. Year 2 were very sensible despite the 27 degree heat! Well done, Year 2!



Water Day!

The Year 6's signed off their last week at Oaklands in style by taking part in fun water activities throughout Monday afternoon!

There was water relays, spray and catch, water cannons and of course the ultimate slip and slide which they loved!



Early Years Sports Day

All the children from Lower Kindergarten, Upper Kindergarten, and Reception took part in plenty of fun, exciting races with their parents and teachers cheering them on. There was bean bag and bat races, obstacle races and running races to keep them busy for the morning! The parents showed their competitive side too, taking part in many parent races. Well done children!



KS1 Sports Day

What amazing talented pupils we have in KS1. The boys and girls from Years 1 and 2 took part in running, hurdles, tennis racket and ball and obstacle races throughout the morning. There were some very close finishes with all 4 Houses adding to the overall total. Well done everyone!



KS2 Sports Day

KS2 pupils had fun in the sun, showing great competitiveness as well as team spirit to try and score points for their House teams! There were many heats and finals of which we saw some fantastic close races! The day ended with a Year 3 to 6 relay with all the children taking part! Congratulations to Willow for winning the Sports Day Cup!



House Football

Years 3 to 6 show off their skills in the house football competition!

Tuesday morning brought about the last Oaklands House Competition of the year, and it was a great event played with competitiveness and sportsmanship.

Every house team managed to win a point and score goals which was fantastic to see. Well done to all the pupils!

The final results were:

Year 3 and 4 competition:

1st – Willow and Sycamore – 6 points (4 goals scored, 4 goals conceded)

2nd – Holly and Beech – 3 points (5 goals scored, 5 goals conceded)

Year 5 and 6 competition:

1st – Willow – 9 points (18 goals scored, 0 conceded)

2nd – Beech – 4 points (5 goals scored, 6 goals conceded)

3rd – Holly – 4 points (1 goal scored, 2 goals conceded)

4th – Sycamore – 0 points (1 goal scored, 16 goals conceded)



Summer fun on the playground

During lunch, pupils are provided with a variety of activities to keep them busy. They love playing with their friends, solving puzzles, building towers, constructing different shapes, colouring, drawing on the easels and reading for pleasure. Summer is without a doubt our favourite time of the year.



Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Oaklands Year 6 class of 2022-2023 had a special Leavers' Assembly during the last week of term as a final (and emotional!) trip down memory lane. Parents and staff enjoyed a range of songs, the sharing of memories and the presentation of certificates. All children received a special hoodie at the end of the assembly and gathered on the lawn to throw their graduation hats.



Celebration of the year and Prize Giving

What wonderful events to celebrate the achievements of our children from Lower Kindergarten to Year 6. The children in EYFS enjoyed sharing their songs and memories from the past year and Years 1 to 6 amazed us with their songs and performances. It was fantastic to come together and award prizes and certificates for individual pupils who have made significant achievements throughout the year.

Early Years



Infants & Juniors



Pirates of the Curry Bean!

This term we enjoyed an incredible show from our talented pupils. Pirates of the Curry Bean was a hilarious production, with a cast that could have been mistaken for professionals. Our pupils all learned their many lines perfectly, sang confidently, and remembered every dance step.

With colourful characters, sparkling songs, and a witty script as sharp as a cutlass, this show had everyone laughing and tapping along to the music.

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!

