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### Headmistress's Message

What a busy few weeks to end our Autumn term. All of the children, from our youngest in Lower Kindergarten to our oldest in Year 6, have taken part in performances to parents this term. I am so proud of the effort they have put into learning songs, actions and words and we are very lucky to have a talented teaching team guiding the children in these performances.

Alongside these productions, we have found plenty of time to showcase our sporting prowess at Cross Country, Swimming and Football and our mathematicians gained 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Oak-Tree Mental Arithmetic competition and some of our talented writers have taken part in the ISA Comic Strip competition.

I hope you enjoy the photographs and write ups in this newsletter, celebrating so many aspects of our curriculum.

Have a wonderful Christmas

## Awards

Congratulations to all the children who have been presented with either a Values, Good Behaviour or Friendship award since the last newsletter.

Class	Good Behaviour	Friendship
1V	Ruby	Scarlett
1C	Avi	Helena
2S	Noah	Ethan
2Z	Gabby	Emily
3CA	Olivia	Jovan
3CO	Lily	Idrees
4C	Alyssia	Amelia
5Z	Nhi	Jude
6G	Prabhlok	Erin

## Christmas Jumper Day

All our pupils came to school in their amazing jumpers to celebrate Christmas Jumper Day.



## Lower Kindergarten

The children in Lower Kindergarten took part in their first assembly to parents. They performed wonderfully during our performance and sang a variety of songs including 'Wheels on the Bus', 'The Rainbow song' and our class favourite 'Splish Splash'. They also showed their parents good listening skills by following Mrs Rathbone's instructions on playing their shakers fast, slow, quietly and loudly. We are sure you will all agree with us how much the children are growing in confidence. We are extremely proud of them!



## Upper Kindergarten

The Rabbits enjoyed our drop-in session. They were all very excited to show their parents what they have been doing this term in class. We hope you enjoyed looking at their wonderful work!



## Lower Kindergarten Letters to Santa

A few weeks ago, the children in Lower Kindergarten walked up Warren Hill to post their letters to Santa. We eagerly awaited a reply and we are pleased to say that the children have started to receive their letters from Santa!



## Reception Woodpeckers

Thank you to our very helpful Woodpecker prefect, Erin. She helped us make our own potato print Poppies to commemorate Remembrance Day.



## Reception Robins



This week Reception Robins wrote a letter to Father Christmas to ask for different presents including rainbow chocolate and balloons. They carefully addressed their envelope to the North Pole and stuck on a stamp. They were great pedestrians walking on the pavement and holding hands with their partner. Fingers crossed now that the letters get there in time.

## Reception Owls

As part of their topic of Festivals, Owls learned about Hanukkah. After watching a recording about how and why Hanukkah is celebrated they role played the 8 days of the festival with Mrs Potts lighted candles in the Menorah. Afterwards they drew their own candles on a Menorah, deciding whether to draw burning or unlit candles.



## Festive Feet

The Early Years Department took part in their annual Festive Feet Danceathon fundraiser for local charity Haven House.

Kindergarten were sponsored for dancing for 15 minutes whilst Reception danced for 20 minutes.

It was great fun and there were lots of sparkles and tingling bells as everyone danced.

A HUGE thank you in advance for your sponsor money which is due in by **Friday 12 January 2024**.



## Reception Christmas Show

Reception children entertained their parents at their Christmas Concert with a selection of class and year group songs. With only 11 days to rehearse, the staff were impressed with how well the children learned the songs and remembered many of their stage cues.

Woodpeckers performed a fun rap whilst Owls and Robins sang about their respective birds.

Percussion instruments were used by everyone during Jingle Bells where the children had to remember which bits to sing, which bits to play and which bits to do both in!

The concert ended with a fun Christmas Conga off the stage and round the hall!



## Oak-Tree Mental Maths

Congratulations to all our KS2 children for achieving 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Oak-Tree Mental Maths Challenge. We are extremely proud of you all. Well done Oaklands.



## Children in Need

Well done to all our pupils that dressed up to raise money for Children in Need. Everyone looked amazing and had a great day. We raised an amazing £228.40!



## ISA London North Cross Country Championships

The Years 4-6 Cross Country team made the long journey to Abbot's Hill School in Hemel Hempstead for the annual ISA London North Cross-Country Championships.

They all completed the gruelling course and came away with a big smile and a big cookie for their efforts!

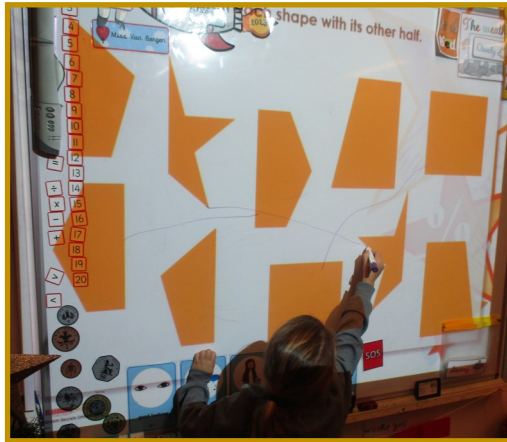
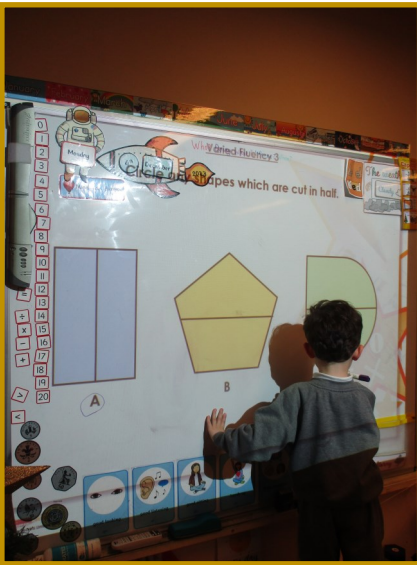
A special mention to Jimmy who finished 8th overall and Lucy who came in 4th to qualify for the ISA National Cross-Country Championships in March.

Well done to all our amazing pupils!!



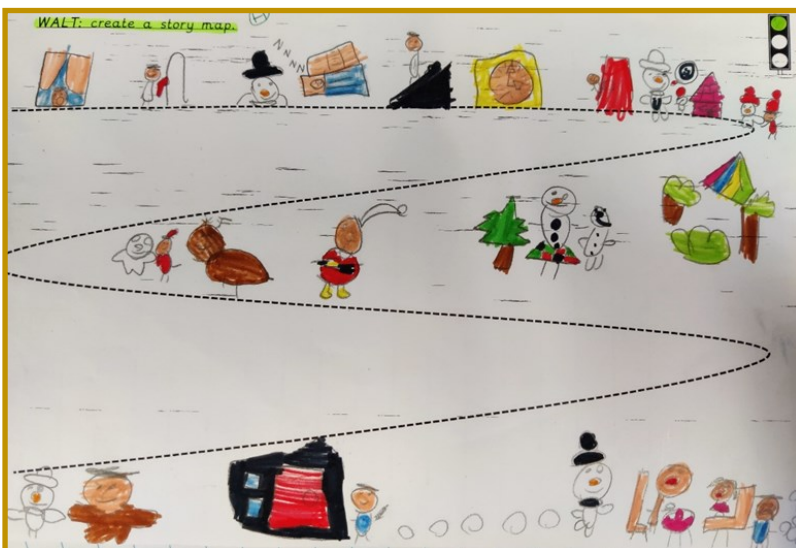
## Year 1V

Year 1 have been learning how to halve shapes and amounts in Mathematics this week. They understand that when we half, both parts need to be the same or equal for it to be fair.



## Year 1C

1C have been reading *The Snowman* to get us in the festive mood. We read the story and watched the film, then acted out the story in groups. There were lots of differences between the book and the film with extra parts in the film and no speaking! The film uses music to show different emotions but we had to use our facial expressions, or some of us used a narrator.



## KS1 Christmas Nativity

All the pupils in KS1 have been working hard in rehearsals to put on a great performance for the parents. The nativity was brilliant and well done to all our KS1 pupils!



## KS1 Disco

All our KS1 pupils enjoyed wearing their party clothes and going to the Christmas Disco



## Year 2Z

2Z have been enjoying reading the story 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' in their English lessons. They are creating an Art piece inspired by the setting in the story using recycled materials and paints.



## ISA Comic Strip Competition

Oaklands pupils took part in a comic strip competition this term. The winners will be entered into the ISA Comic Strip Competition in January. Well done to all who entered

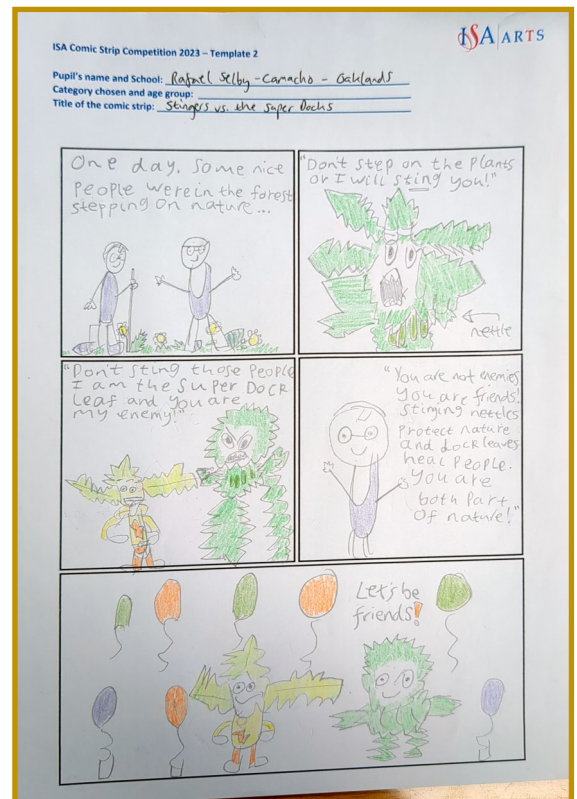
Reception – Everley

Year 2 – Rafael

Year 3 – Sienna

Year 5 – Sian

Year 6 – Alicia



## Year 2 Florence Nightingale Workshop

Year 2 were joined by Braeside school to enjoy a wonderful Florence Nightingale workshop. Florence was able to transport the children back in time and hear all about her life and how she became a nurse.



## Year 3CA

Year 3 have been looking at different types of angles, whether they are right angle, less than or more than a given right angle. The children then went outside to test their knowledge, but also giving each other strict and careful instructions to follow, making patterns along the way. They were then told to work out whether the pattern they made consisted of right angles or had other angles included. A lot of fun was had doing this activity!



## Year 3CO

Year 3 enjoyed learning all about the festival of Diwali. They had fun creating their own diya lamps made out of clay which they later painted. 3CO found that it was quite tricky at first to shape the clay but by persevering they got the hang of it in the end! They also created a collaborative Rangoli pattern using real coloured sand! 3CO think that Diwali is a really fun festival to celebrate and lots of children were able to spot similarities between the festival of Diwali and other festivals/ events that are celebrated by other people.



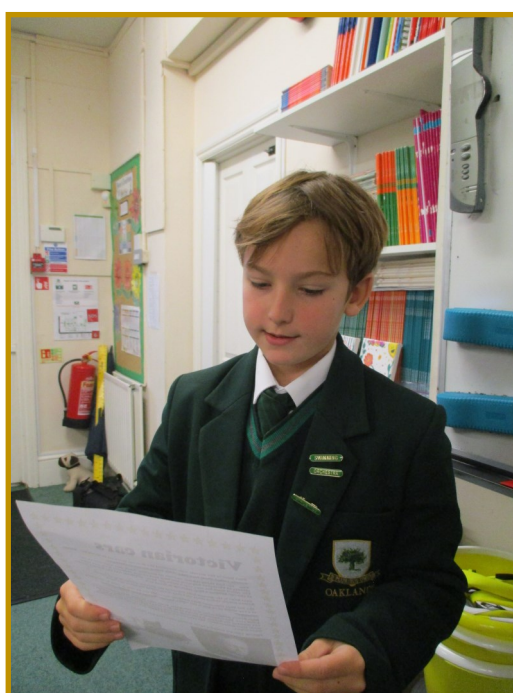
## Year 4 Teamwork

Year 4 recently enjoyed a maths workshop which afforded the children an opportunity to work in small teams to solve a number of challenges. Though timing was deliberately tight, the children showed great determination and worked hard to support one another. The children were only allowed to make observations in a certain way and share their discoveries without other teams listening in. The children had great fun applying their skills. We are especially proud of the way in which they 'thought on their feet.' Not only that, it is clear how resilient they have become since the beginning of the year.



## Year 5Z

The pupils in Year 5 have enjoyed studying the Victorians this term. They have travelled back in time with their Victorian passports to research different areas including nineteenth century art, architecture, education, literature and the electoral system. The children also worked hard on Victorian inventions and were confident, well-articulated and enthusiastic when making knowledge-based presentations to the class. This process helps pupils to build confidence and develop communication skills whilst exploring a topic of interest to them.



## KS2 Carol Service Arrangements

Well done to all our children in KS2 who helped with our Advent Calendar Carol Service arrangements. You were all amazing. Merry Christmas from Year 3 to Year 6.



## U11 Oaklands Girls' Football

Oaklands carry on their winning streak!!

The U11 Oaklands Girls' Football team played at the ISA London North Girls Football Tournament at St. John's Senior School in Enfield. We played our group games on the magnificent Anfield Pitch and played 4, won 2, drew 1 and lost 1. That meant we finished 3rd in the group, qualifying for the Plate knockout stages. We played Snaresbrook prep and won 3-0! Onto the semi finals, and we played our nearest friendly rivals, Braeside and got the winning goal in the last 5 seconds to progress to the final!

We played St James' in a very close final but came away victorious with a 2-0 win!!!!

Well done to the amazing girls Lucy, Abi, Erin, Hannah, Annabelle, Winnie, Isabella and Siana!!!



## Christmas Grotto



## U11 Oak-Tree Indoor Athletics

Oaklands School took 16 eager boys and girls from Years 5 and 6 to the annual U11 Oak-Tree Indoor Athletics competition at the Peter May centre in Walthamstow on Tuesday 28 November. The children took part in fun, exhilarating races in the track events, and also tested their athletic prowess in the field events. Oaklands School seem to be very strong with this event and once again, we were able to take the trophy home, with the children rewarded with their efforts with a medal, smoothie and a snack!! Well done to our team!

Results were:

### BOYS

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Oaklands – 2606 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Normanhurst – 2491 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Coopersale – 2323 points

### GIRLS

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Oaklands – 2419 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Normanhurst – 2232 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Coopersale – 2023 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Braeside – 1807 points



## Year 6G

Christmas is fast approaching, and in fine Oaklands tradition the Year 6 have been busy making post boxes for all the classes. The children were all so excited to receive them in their classrooms.



## ISA National Swim Finals

On Friday 1 December, Sammy, Ethan and Jude represented London North region at the ISA National Swim Finals at the London Aquatic Centre Olympic Pool in Queen Elizabeth Park. In a pool of very talented swimmers, they all performed magnificently, conquering their nerves to swim their races! A great achievement and a memory they can cherish! A huge well done from everyone at Oaklands!



## Year 6G Christmas Party

Year 6 enjoyed their Christmas Party at Gods Own Pizza in Loughton. Everyone had a lovely time!

