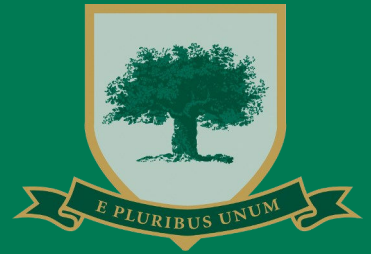


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Headmistress's Message

This half term has been filled with exciting events, not least the host of sporting events that have dominated our calendar. I am very proud of the achievements of all children who have represented Oaklands at these events. We were winners of both the Oak-Tree Swimming Gala and the Spelling Bee this year!

Our Mothers' Day assemblies were delightful and it was wonderful that so many parents came and celebrated with their children. I was extremely impressed with the behaviour and conduct of our Reception pupils when they visited St. Alban's Abbey, their impeccable manners and behaviour were praised by staff of the Abbey.

Children throughout the school entered the Easter Egg Competition with some very inventive and creative designs, and Mrs Christofi was an early Easter Bunny, awarding chocolate prizes.

We still have quite a few events to complete before everyone takes a well earned break at Easter!

Awards

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

Class	Friendship	Good Behaviour	Merit
1V	Eva	Anand	Luca, Anand
1C	Avi	Sanaa	Ivy, Sanaa
2S	Neysha	Rian	Emily T, Abir
2Z	Isabella	Jasmine	Reggie, Henry
3CA	Carmella	Naavya	Presley, Aarin
3CO	Margot	Isabella	Isla, Ella
4C	Jimmy	Oscar	Louis, Emily
5Z	Margot	Soransh	Amari, Arabella
6G	Abigail	Erin	Hannah, Lucy

Oaklands' Swimming Gala

Congratulations to Willow House who won the Oaklands Swimming Gala yesterday. Well done to all the Year 4 to Year 6 children who represented their houses.



ISA London North Tag-Rugby

On Thursday 29 February, Oaklands took 2 teams along to the ISA London North Tag-Rugby Championships at Woodford Wells Sports Club. We were accompanied by very cold and wet weather but this didn't dampen our amazing pupils' efforts on the day. The A team managed to finish 2nd in their group, winning two and drawing their other group match. The B team won 1 match and drew 2 so they also qualified 2nd in their group, resulting in both our teams progressing to the Quarter Finals.

In the QF's, both teams played outstanding tag-rugby, but were very unlucky to lose 9-7, and 3-2 in very close contests! Lots of highlights on show, with terrific tries, tremendous tackling and superb sportsmanship throughout.

Very well done to all our amazing pupils who can be proud of their efforts!



Bees

As part of our KS2 Eco Learning assembly Mr Hibbard kindly brought along some examples of the friendly insects they use to control the pests and diseases within the crops they grow as well as some examples of the bee hives used for pollination and a few plants in their growth substrate. The pupils were very excited to see the living bee hives.

A huge thank you to Mr Hibbard.



Oak-Tree Swimming Gala

On Monday 26 February, Oaklands School took part in the annual Years 4-6 Oak-Tree Swimming Gala at Loughton Leisure Centre.

Everyone was amazing and the pupils can be very proud of their efforts, with lots of close races witnessed throughout!

Oaklands came out on top, showcasing the wonderful talent we have in our school.

Final results were;

1st - Oaklands - 168 points

2nd - Coopersale Hall - 134 points

3rd - Braeside - 112 points

4th - Normanhurst - 64 points



Lower Kindergarten Mothers Day Assembly

The children in Lower Kindergarten took part in their Mother's Day Assembly. They performed a variety of songs to their parents including 'It's Mother's Day, The Gruffalo and I'm a Little Penguin'. The children did so well to remember all the words and actions to the songs and were very excited to give their mummies a card and flowers. They showed great confidence and we are extremely proud of all of them!



Upper Kindergarten Mothers Day Assembly

Upper Kindergarten performed amazingly during our Mother's Day Assembly. They all sang beautifully and spoke with confidence. They gave their mummies their hand-made card and daffodils at the end of our assembly. We hope you all enjoyed the show as much as we did!



Reception St Alban's Cathedral Visit

Reception children had a wonderful trip to St Alban's Cathedral on 27th February. The children were very excited to travel in a double decker coach to St Albans to start their busy day. Once there, they took a tour of the cathedral to look at the beautiful stained glass windows and learn about some of the stories they were showing. The children then made their own stained glass window and used a light box to show them at their best. They then took another tour to look at shapes in the cathedral environment and spotted 2D shapes on the ceilings and walls and especially on the elaborate tiled floors. They then made a crayon rubbing of different tiles. The children had another workshop where they used non standard measurements using their arm spans, feet and hands to measure pillars and floor slabs. Then they used a balloon and thread to measure the height of the cathedral ceiling and had a go using a measuring wheel. Lastly, the packed lunch was a highlight of a fantastic day out, of course!



Reception Mothers Day Fun

Reception children were delighted to invite their mummies to join them for some quality 1:1 time with them in celebration of Mother's Day.

During each session a variety of different activities such as drawing, sticking, colouring, reading stories, doing puzzles or building with construction toys were on offer. There were also yummy treats available for all to share.

Thank you for joining us and we hope you enjoyed yourselves; we know the children certainly did!



Year 1V

In English, Year 1 have produced some brilliant work based on 'The Tin Forest' story. This week, we reused and recycled rubbish and created our very own tin forest. The children absolutely loved it and worked very well in small teams.



Year 1C

1C had a marvellous Maths week learning all about Mass. We estimated and ordered objects from lightest to heaviest.

The children were quick to see that the scales went down when the object was heavier and up when the object was lighter.

Then they learnt how to balance objects on the scales and counted how many cubes each item weighed. We had fun weighing all the 'small world' animals and estimating which ones would be heavier than others.

Finally, we learnt about grams and kilograms and we could even read the scales to record how much things



Year 2Z 'Biscuit Bears'

2Z had lots of fun designing and baking their own 'Biscuit Bear' from the story 'Biscuit Bear' by Mini Grey. The children worked as a successful team weighing out the ingredients, rolling the dough and using the special bear shaped cutter to create Biscuit Bear. Well done, 2Z!



Year 2S St Mary's Church

Year 2 visited St Marys Church for an interactive Easter talk. The children were taught about the Easter story, were able to explore the church and were given hot cross buns to eat.



Year 3CA

3CA are currently reading and learning about 'The Firework-Makers Daughter' by Philip Pullman. They are investigating the characters in the book and learning all about the character descriptions.



Year 3CO

In Year 3, we have been thinking about and making different types of volcanoes inspired by different artists, such as Andy Warhol, Margaret Godfrey and Nick Rowland. In this session, Year 3 were looking at Margaret Godfrey and how she created volcano art using tissue paper and layering to create depth and darkness.



World Book Day

The whole school thoroughly enjoyed dressing up for World Book Day. The different costumes proved a huge talking point about favourite books and characters, which in turn helped to promote our 'School Wide', love of reading.



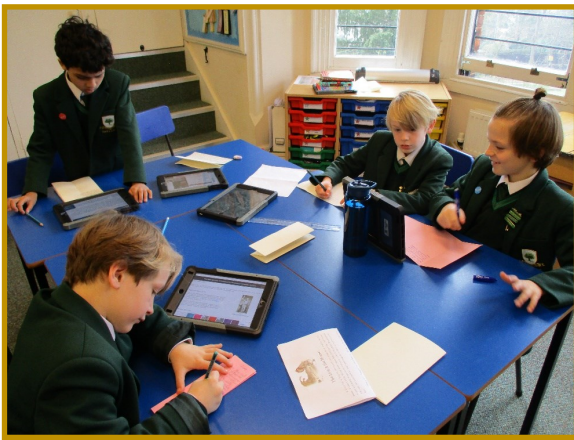
Y4 Ancient Greece

Year 4 are currently in the process of researching the gods and goddesses of Ancient Greece as they near the end of their current topic.

The children have discovered that the Ancient Greeks had numerous gods, and that there are many stories and myths connected to them. Greek mythology includes the stories and tales about the Greek gods, goddesses, and heroes. It is also the religion of Ancient Greece, as the Greeks built temples and offered sacrifices to their major gods.

The Titans were the first or elder gods. There were twelve of them including the parents of Zeus, Cronus and Rhea. They ruled during what was called the golden age until they were overthrown by their children, led by Zeus.

The twelve Olympian gods were the major gods of the Greeks and lived on Mount Olympus.



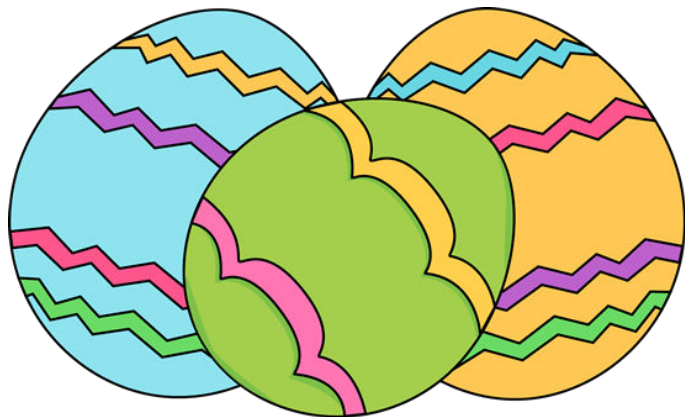
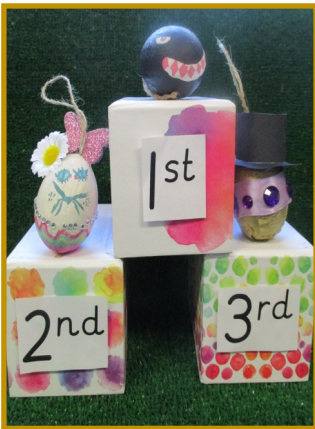
Oak-Tree Spelling Bee

A massive congratulations to Oaklands for winning the Oak-Tree Spelling Bee competition yesterday. Well done to everyone who took part, there were some incredibly tricky words to spell!



Easter Egg Competition

Well done to everyone who took part in the competition – every single entry was...C R A C K I N G!



Bancrofts School Performance of Peter And The Wolf

On Thursday 7th March, Year 6 went to Bancroft's school to watch their performance of Peter and the Wolf.

Everyone enjoyed it as it gave an insight of what the members of the orchestra sound like alone and together. There were some rather interesting instruments that not many of us had seen before but they all sounded lovely. The PowerPoint provided pictures to help understand the story and it's meaning. It was wonderful to hear older, more accomplished musicians perform and showcase their talents.



Y5 River Lee Country Park Visit

Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed their Geography field trip to the River Lee Country Park. They were able to consolidate their learning by examining the natural features of the meandering river. The children had a great opportunity to observe and record both river features and birdlife within their natural habitat. They completed some detailed field sketches and used fair testing skills to measure flow rates. They recorded their findings using labelled diagrams and tables. The children developed their geographical skills using fieldwork to observe and measure the human and physical features in the local area by a range of methods.

The children particularly enjoyed bird watching and made the most of the good weather whilst exploring the outdoors.



ISA U10 North London Netball

Oaklands took an eager team of girls to the ISA U10 London North Netball Rally at Akeley Wood School in Bedford on Friday 8 March.

Greeted by lovely sunshine, the girls slowly but surely got into the groove throughout the day. Every game that went by, they improved and their passing, and movement was excellent according to Mrs Davey who took the team!

Well done to all the girls!



ISA U10 North London Football Rally

Oaklands took a team of boys to the ISA U10 London North Football Rally at Akeley Wood School in Bedford on Friday 8 March. In a field of very strong schools, they can be very proud of their efforts. We saw lots of quality goals scored, excellent sportsmanship and a very happy mini-bus full of children singing on the way back home!

