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### Headmistress's Message

What a busy year we have had and the last few weeks have been no different. A wonderful year-end with lots of trips, visits and of course Sports Day. I hope you all enjoyed Prize Giving as much as we did and that you take away, just how much all of the children at Oaklands have learnt this year.

I wish you all a wonderful Summer break and look forward to welcoming you all back in September.



## Year 4,5 & 6 production of Ali Baba & the Bongo Bandits

we enjoyed an incredible show from our talented pupils, Ali Baba & the Bongo Bandits. Our pupils all learned their many lines perfectly, sang confidently, and remembered every dance step.

With colourful characters and sparkling songs 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!





## Year 4,5 & 6 production of Ali Baba & the Bongo Bandits Continued





## Year 6 Warner Bros Studios, Harry Potter

Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed visiting the Harry Potter studios recently. They had a fantastic day learning about the making of the Harry Potter films. It was lovely to see all the sets, props and costumes close up, so that they could really appreciate all the finer details that went into making them. The children participated in various challenges along the way and managed to find most of the golden snitches! They particularly enjoyed the Forbidden Forest, the dragon in Gringotts Bank, Diagon Alley and the dining hall. Year 6 returned to school inspired and wrote a narrative about creating our own spell to solve a problem.





## Year 2 British Library Visit

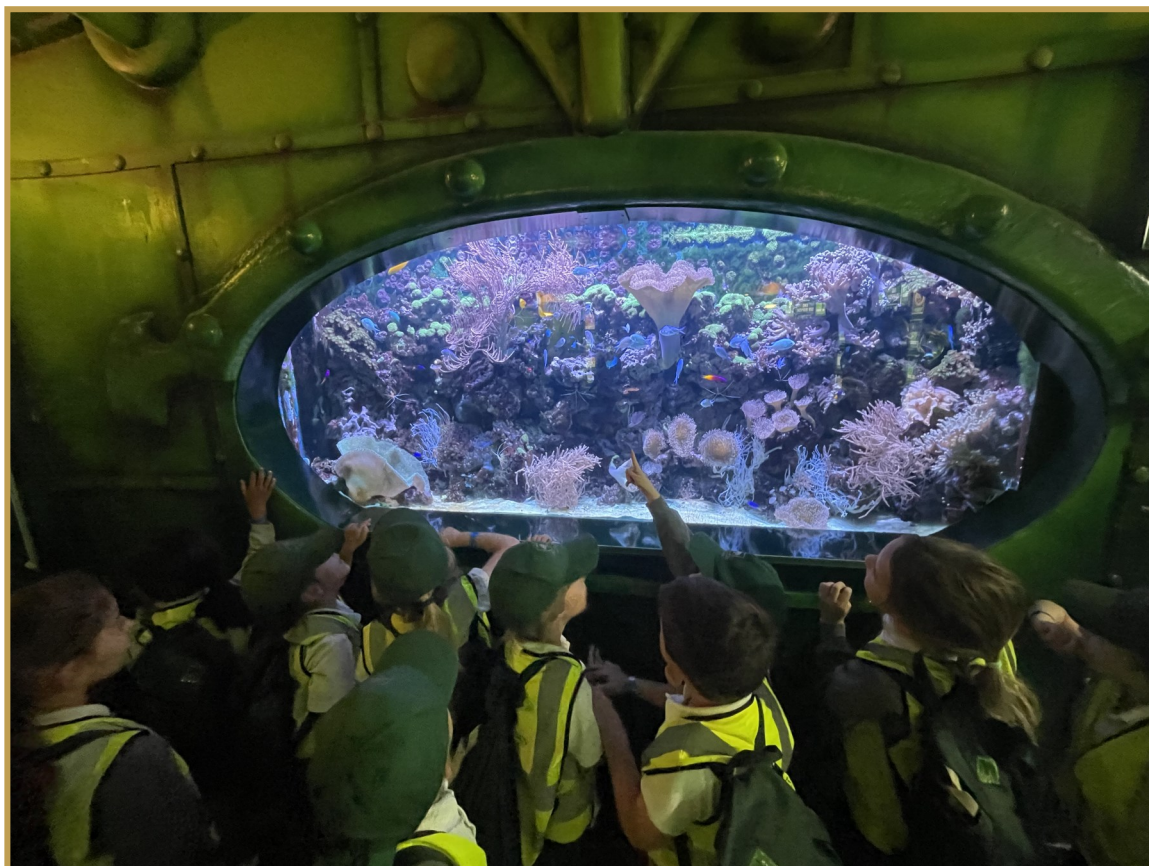
Year 2 visited The British Library, we travelled by train which, the children were all very excited about. The children took part in a drama workshop and visited the library museum.





## Year 1 visit the Southend Sealife Centre

This term, Year 1 visited Sealife Adventure and the Southend Railway. In Science, we have been studying animals and in Humanities, we have been looking at features of a Seaside. The children thoroughly enjoyed all aspects of the trip and well extremely well behaved, partially when eating their lunch on the beach. They made some beautiful sandcastles and had fun looking for lots of shells. It was a real success.





## Year 1 Southend Visit Continued





## Sports Day

Oaklands children had a fantastic time taking part in Sports Day this year. The day was filled with sunshine and team spirit as the children took part in a range of races, such as racket and ball races and hurdles to fun obstacle courses.

The parent races were very entertaining to watch, we definitely have some competitive parents at the school!

Well done to everyone who took part.





## Early Years Celebration of the Year

We had a lovely afternoon celebrating the Early Years' achievements throughout the year. The children shared all their favourite memories with the audience, with Kindergarten and Reception entertaining us with some fun songs and dance moves.

Songs included 'Red Sails', 'Grumpy Pirate', and 'Too Many Toffees'. The children enjoyed singing and acting out the music.

The celebration ended with Mrs. Copeman presenting a variety of certificates to the children for their achievements throughout the year, and congratulating them all for their accomplishments during their time in Early Years.



## Speech Day & Prize Giving 2024

Our annual Speech Day and Prize Giving took place in a marquee on the field which was full to the brim with pupils, staff, family, and friends.

The guest speaker this year was Tony Miller, MBE, who is the Director of Whitechapel Mission. Mr. Miller presented the awards to our pupils for their achievements throughout the year before explaining the essential support the Whitechapel Mission gives to countless individuals who are homeless and vulnerable.

Oaklands were very proud of the pupils who were elected to give reports of their year, which included class highlights and charity reports. We also enjoyed a performance from our fabulous Orchestra and Year 5 & 6 gave us a lively rendition of two songs from their production of Ali Baba & the Bongo Bandits.





## West Essex School Sports Cricket Competition

10 pupils from Years 5 and 6 took part in the West Essex Schools Sports Partnership Dynamos Cricket Competition at Loughton Cricket Club. They batted, bowled and fielded excellently throughout the day, managing to win 3 out of their 6 games in the process. Well done to the children involved.





## Annual House Football Competition

All of the pupils from Year 3 took part in the annual House Football Competition, with glorious sunshine to help them play throughout the morning! They played some great football, with all children working their socks off in the heat. Great sportsmanship was seen throughout, with handshakes and pats on the back for their teammates.

In a very close competition, the final results were;

1<sup>st</sup> – Willow – 7points

2<sup>nd</sup> – Sycamore and Beech – 4points

3<sup>rd</sup> – Holly – 1 point





## West Essex School Sports Tennis Finals

Our unbelievable tennis team, who won the West Essex Schools Sports Partnership event back in April, were back representing that region in the Essex Regional Tennis Finals at Harlow Tennis Club. Greeted by glorious sunshine, they rose to the challenge, playing some great competitive tennis against some real tough opponents.

In the end, they managed to finish a remarkable 2<sup>nd</sup> place, meaning they are the runners up in the county of Essex, which is not a bad feat at all. Mr Paine is very proud of them all, as they should be. A massive congratulations to Jimmy, Raffy, Mila, Bryony, Presley, Arthur, Poppy and Ella.



## Oak-Tree Quadkids Athletics Tournament

Tuesday 25 June brought about the last Oak-Tree event of the calendar year, in what has been a very successful time, not only for Oaklands but for all the Oak-Tree Schools. It is great to give the children a platform like Ashton Playing Fields to showcase their athletic ability! On a very hot day, all the children performed amazingly well, taking part in the javelin, long jump, 400M, 60/80M sprint and the relay.

The final results were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Oaklands 449 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Coopersale Hall 405 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Normanhurst 348 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Braeside 262 points

A huge well done to our amazing team: Rabani, Poppy, Presley, Lennox, Mila, Jemima, Jimmy, Oscar, Annabelle, Winnie, Denzel, Ethan, Lucy, Abi, Prabhlok and Sammy!





## Lower Kindergarten visit to Old McDonalds Farm

It was lovely to see so many parents and carers join us for the Family Fun Day at Old McDonalds Farm. The children had a wonderful time seeing lots of animals including pigs, chickens, sheep and goats. They were all very excited to stroke Snowy the rabbit, some tiny hedgehogs and a pony called Josh. They enjoyed playing in the soft play and other play areas and going on lots of fun rides! Everyone was extremely proud of how the children behaved, they waited patiently for their turn and played so nicely with one another.

