



The Oaklands Primary News



January 2023

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Welcome to January's newsletter.

We have had a fantastic start to 2023, with new projects in all year groups, exciting trips and special visitors. The children have come back with such a positive and hardworking attitudes and we are so proud and impressed with what they have been producing.

We look forward to what promises to be a great term here at The Oaklands!

Term Dates

Half Term—Mon 20th—Fri 24th Feb
(School closed)

Spring Term 2 starts— Mon 27th Feb

Spring Term ends—Fri 31st March

Easter Holidays—school closed from Mon 3rd until Fri 14th April

Summer Term 1 starts—Mon 17th April

Important Dates

Tues 24th Jan	Year 4—Lion King movement workshop
Fri 27th Jan	Year 5 trip to Leicester Space Centre
Fri 3rd Feb	Number Day—details on page 2
Tues 7th Feb	Yr6 & Reception height and weight checks
Tues 7th Feb	Parent's Evening 3.30—6pm
Wed 8th Feb	Parent's Evening 3.30—6pm
Mon 20th—Fri 24th Feb	Half term—school closed
Tues 28th Feb	Year 2 Curriculum workshop in school
Wed 1st Mar	Year 5 Medieval workshop in school
Thurs 2nd Mar	Year 6 WWII workshop in school
Fri 31st Mar	Spotlight on attendance day
Fri 31st Mar	Last day of term
Mon 3rd—Wed 5th Apr	Year 6 Easter school
Mon 17th April	Summer term starts—all pupils in school



Number Day 2023

Friday 3rd February, we will be celebrating the NSPCC 'Numbers Day' in school!

Pupil will be taking part in a range of maths activities in school throughout this week. This includes TTRS and Numbots competitions, daily maths challenges and a creative coin challenge on the MUGA!

As part of this event, we will be raising money for the NSPCC. We are kindly asking for donations to be brought into school on Friday 3rd February. This can be as much or as little as you are able to donate. All children will take part in an outside activity, using the spare change and donations that have been raised.

Further updates will be posted on Class Dojo

Thank you for your continued support!

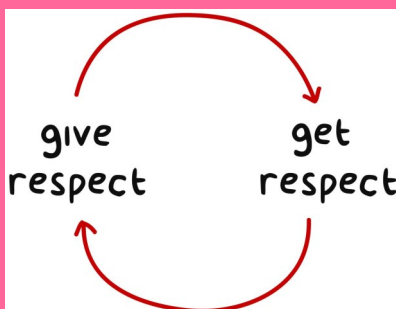


January's Value is

Respect

Respect is treating others as I would want them to treat me;
Nicely and with care.

Respect is looking after the environment and things around me.



POSITIVE AFFIRMATIONS

It has been lovely reading all the positive affirmations pupils are writing about each other and about the staff. We will be sharing some of these in assembly each week.



If your child would like to send an e-card to a member of staff, please visit the site:

<https://thankateacher.co.uk/thank-a-teacher/thank-a-teacher-form/>

And email to the address:

Thankyou@oaklandsprimary.org.uk

More information and instructions can be found on Class Dojo.

Parking

Thank you to all our parents and carers who drive and park safely outside of school.

Unfortunately there is a small number of people who park on the zig zag lines and on the pavement. This is dangerous, makes it unsafe for all and also upsets our local residents.

We have had complaints this week about people parking on the pavement and stopping the bin collectors from accessing bins—this has resulted in residents not having their rubbish collected.

Please be considerate and safe when parking your car. The local police have also been in contact, saying that they will be doing spot checks and issuing fines if necessary.



Park safely
Park legally

Park considerately

Consider walking part of the way to school or share the school run with other parents

... meaning fewer cars at the school entrance

... making it safer for you and your children.



MyMaths.co.uk

We are excited to announce the launch of MyMaths in year 6.

MyMaths is an online platform that can be used both in class and at home.

It provides hundreds of lessons, paired with self-marking homework tasks for practice and to assess understanding of the lesson content.

Tasks are set by the teachers and children are also able to select additional tasks to complete.

We will be rolling MyMaths out across key stage 2 over the next couple of months.

Who to contact in school:

If you wish to discuss anything about your child, please contact the following people:

1st point of call—your child's class teacher

2nd point of call—Your child's phase leader:

Early Years (Nursery and Reception)—Mrs Hargreaves

Years 1, 2 and 3 —Mrs Stock

Year 4, 5 and 6—Mr Cannon

SEND provision and inclusion — Miss Grice

Family Support and Attendance — Miss Carpenter



Get in Touch



Phonics at The Oaklands

Each Newsletter, we will focus on a specific subject being taught at The Oaklands. We hope this will give you all an incite into how what the pupils are learning and how the subject is being developed further at school.

This edition focuses on Phonics. Our subject lead is: Miss Hodgkinson

Here at The Oaklands, Phonics is our priority. We know that children need to be confident readers to succeed which is why we place such emphasis on phonics teaching. Not only do we want our pupils to be confident readers, but we also want them to love reading!



In October 2021, The Oaklands began 'Little Wandle Letters and Sounds' which is a government approved phonics programme. We have already seen the positive impact Little Wandle is having on our learners , and we can't wait to see what is to come! Pupils in Reception and Year 1 currently receive at least 1 main phonics lesson a day and a reading practice session which goes alongside this. We read a phonetically decodable book for a week, and this then gets sent home for children to practice their fluency (speed and confidence) further.



So, what can you do to help?

Please read with you child as often as you can! If your child sees that you love reading or enjoy sharing books, they will begin to love it too! All children take home 2 books, 1 is their phonics book and one is a free choice book. Children should read their phonics book to you as they have been reading it all week at school. Discuss the book with your child—did they enjoy it? Why or why not? It's O.K to not enjoy a book, and it's important you have a conversation as to why. Their free choice book is a book to be shared together, maybe as a bedtime story or instead of watching the TV for 10 minutes. You should read this book to them, look at the pictures, talk about what happens, ask them why they chose this book. If children love reading, they are more likely to be better readers – let's help our Oaklands children be the best readers they can be!

Our books—please help us look after them

Over the last year, we have spent thousands of pounds on new phonic books, to ensure the highest quality for our children. Unfortunately, some of these books come back from home in a poor condition. Please can you ensure books are taken care of when at home, so that we don't need to replace them. This means we can spend money on others things, such as

Reception to Year 6

Attendance Spotlight Competition

On Friday 17th February we will be running an 'Attendance Spotlight' competition. All children in school, on time, that day will be automatically entered into a prize draw. It is as simple as that!

There will be a goodie bag up for grabs in EVERY CLASS and the winner will be selected randomly from our raffle of names. Every goodie bag will contain some sweet treats, creative stationery and sporty equipment!

What do I need to do and how can I win?

Simply turn up to school no later than 8.45am on Friday 17th February. You will be entered into the draw and the winners will be announced in the morning.



Attendance update

It's great to see everyone working so hard to achieve or beat our 96% target. We can only do this if we all work together!

Our whole school attendance for this term so far is:

92%

Our whole school attendance for the year to date is:

90.4%

Attendance Ladder



Class attendance

(This term so far)

Nursery	89%
Rec Wrens	82%
Rec Robins	83%
★ Year 1 Puffins	96%
Year 1 Swallows	94%
Year 2 Swans	87%
★ Year 2 Owls	96%
★ Year 3 Herons	96%
Year 3 Kingfishers	94%
Year 4 Harriers	94%
Year 4 Buzzards	90%
★ Year 5 Falcons	96%
Year 5 Hawks	95%
★ Year 5 Kites	97%
Year 6 Eagles	93%
Year 6 Osprey	94%

Nursery

The Nursery children have had a wonderful start to the new year. We are having lots of fun in our new project 'Build It Up'. The children have been learning all about different buildings in the local area and their features. Our parents in Nursery very kindly sent in pictures of their own house for the children to recreate in the construction zone. We have been reading 'The Three Little Pigs', they have loved pretending to be the Big Bad Wolf and blowing each other's houses down.

Reception

This half-term the children are enjoying developing their repertoire of Traditional Tales through our new Project Once Upon A Time. Together we have enjoyed using Now Press Play to listen to our key story Jack and the Beanstalk using headphones and acting out the story. We have been exploring the composition of numbers by adding two smaller numbers together to make a bigger number, for example two add three equals five. The children continue to make fantastic progress with their writing through applying their new phonic knowledge, most recently we have made wanted posters to capture the giant. Well done Reception!

Year 1

The children in Year 1 have had a great time with BIG MATHS these last two weeks. Taking their learning outside the classroom as they explored place value in new ways. In project, year 1 have started their project called Bright Lights, Big City, where we are learning about the countries that make the United Kingdom and the Capital Cities of each country. We are also learning about human and physical features and where we find them in our local environment.,

Year 2

Our project is Wriggle and Crawl. We were very excited to be visited by The Animal Man who brought a variety of animals for us to learn about. We have also been on a minibeast hunt exploring different microhabitats around our school, shaking trees and looking under logs. In our Writing lessons, we have been reading the story 'The Boy Who Lost His Bumble' where a boy befriends a colony of bees but suddenly, they leave. Within class, we have created 'Save the Bees' posters, and will be composing a letter begging the bees to return. We are enjoying learning about different celebrations, such as Chinese New Year, and have learnt an amazing dance called 'The Dragon Dance'.

Year 3

In Year 3, we have been focusing on the different types of sentences in our writing. Using pictures as a stimulus, we wrote different sentence types of our own. In maths, we have had a big focus on Reasoning and Problem Solving !

In project, we are so excited to be learning about the different layers of the Earth, what volcanoes are and what causes them to erupt, different types of rock, their names and how they are formed.

Year 4

Since returning after the break, Year 4 have been ploughing ahead with a huge amount of great work! Our focus in maths has been Exploring Decimals and Fractions and the children have learnt how to convert between both! It has been a joy to see the confidence in the children's maths skills and vocabulary. We have also been immersed in our new project—I am a Warrior, where we are learning all about the Ancient Romans. We had a fantastic workshop at the start of term, where we learnt lots of new skills and gained loads of knowledge. Keep it up Year 4!

Year 5

Year 5 have started this year with the amazing project of 'Stargazers', where we are exploring Space, our Solar System, Planets and so much more.

As well as this, in writing, Year 5 have discovered mystical, magical and mythological creatures on planet 'Pandora' and we are creating non-chronological reports.

Finally, it's multiplication and division in Maths - so everyone please practice your times tables on TT Rockstars at home!

Keep up the hard work so far Year 5, let's make this year great!

Year 6

Year 6 have made a fantastic start to the new year and have been working exceptionally hard. We have been enjoying our new project: Revolution. We were amazed by our workshop from The Past Presents, which taught us what life was like for people during the Victorian era. We have also begun to learn about Queen Victoria herself and her time on the throne. In Reading, we have been reading "Street Child" – a novel set in Victorian times about Jim Jarvis, who is sent to the dreaded workhouse! Finally, we have been setting goals in RHE, playing Cricket in PE with Warwickshire County Cricket Club and learning about internet safety in Computing.