



Oaklands Junior School

Learning to think - Thinking to learn

NEWS UPDATE 16th March 2018

Y6 SATs 2018

With government tests fast approaching (week commencing Monday 14th May), we would like to reassure parents and their children that these are just a snapshot of what children achieve in their time at Oaklands Junior School and sometimes, through anxiety, illness, family circumstances, lack of sleep or myriad other reasons, children do not always achieve as well as hoped for or expected. Please reassure your child, as we will, that this is not the end of the world and although we are judged as a school on these results in 'league tables' when they are published later in the year, we would like children to approach these tests as calmly as possible, knowing that they have worked hard and tried their best.

Our results for the last academic year were not as good as we would have liked, as can be the case when targets are aspirational or when the government change tests so that there is no longer any additional challenge (as previously in Level 6 papers) for the most able to achieve even greater progress. We still have writing as a focus for improvement and to this end, we introduced many new measures at the beginning of this academic year. GPS (Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling) can make all the difference to working at expected standard when every mark counts, so this has been a greater focus for all year groups this year. As a school, we have moderated writing through termly SLT book monitoring, regular staff moderation in staff meetings and with other schools. A cluster staff meeting also enabled us to look more widely across our local schools, sharing examples of writing, with standards achieved. We are confident that the measures we have in place will improve our writing in the long term and produce independent writers who are well equipped for their future.

Wokingham Without Parish Council - The Big Tidy Up

Saturday 24th March 10am

Starting at Wokingham Without Parish Office, Pinewood Centre, Old Wokingham Road

Please come along and lend a hand to help improve our local environment and raise awareness of the amount of waste and litter in the area. It would be great to get families involved in the Litter Pick which is supported by C.R.O.W. (Crowthorne Reduce Our Waste). Please remember to wear gloves, strong footwear and suitable clothing. Safety vests and litter pickers will be provided. Just turn up on the day or for further details, please contact The Parish Office.

telephone: 01344 771425 email: admin@wokinghamwithout-pc.gov.uk

website: www.wokingham.gov.uk/litterpick

TerraCycle – Raising Funds for our PTA whilst Recycling

A couple of our Oaklands parents (one infant and one junior) who are part of a new group recently developed in the village called C.R.O.W. are keen to encourage all of us to reduce waste through recycling. They have discovered a scheme that will raise funds for our schools through the collection of biscuit wrappers. There will be a collection point in both the infants and the juniors, so please do send all your wrappers in to our school collections.

Terracycle is an innovative recycling company that has become a global leader in recycling typically hard to recycle waste. Every year, countless pieces of Cracker and Biscuit Wrappers end up in landfills across the UK. They are working with TerraCycle to put an end to this enormous loss of resources. Please see the poster shortly to be displayed in the playground.

The Cracker and Biscuit Wrappers Recycling Programme allows us to recycle your wrappers and prevent them from ending up in landfill. Not only are you helping the environment, but the waste you recycle with us will also add to PTA funds and help fund our schools.