



Oaklands Junior School

Learning to think – Thinking to learn

Summer 1 NEWSLETTER 2014

Half Term 26th-30th May

Are we really already half way through the Summer term? At least we are experiencing some lovely, sunny weather and this will hopefully continue for you, whatever your plans for the holiday!

Mrs. Schuster

From Friday 20th June

Mrs. Schuster will officially be on maternity leave but she has said that she would like to attend some of the Y6 end of term events, if possible. We wish Mrs. Schuster all the best for her maternity leave and we look forward to hearing news of her new baby!

Mrs. Cooper will be returning to Y6 to teach 6S until the end of term.

Field

As you will see, the field is taking on a lovely haze of green as the grass is growing rapidly. We will need to allow this to be well-established before we begin to use it again, so it is unlikely that we will be able to use the field this term for PE or sports clubs. Mr. Hutton is investigating alternatives for our sports day; more details to follow!

Fantastic News!

A big THANK YOU to Mr. Hill who has achieved sponsorship for Oaklands Junior School, for the sum of £5,000 which will enable us to upgrade our WiFi this year! We are very grateful to Mr Hill's very generous colleague, Dave Floyd from Bullit Group Ltd., for his support, without which we would not have been able to do this.

Strictly Showtime!

Congratulations to Loryn D (5H) and Noah H (3P) who are the winners of the Carnival Front Cover Competition. They both have letters to tell them when/where to collect their prize.

May Fair Colouring Competition

World War I Remembrance

Well done to the following children who entered this competition and won!

Congratulations to Kristina G, Alex M, Alistair A, Hannah C and Andrew H.

Sad News

Alison Penstone will be leaving Oaklands Junior School at the end of this term and we will all miss her very much. She has inspired all of us in our Thinking Schools journey and we wish her every success for the future.

Thinking Schools Latest News

THANK YOU to all the parents who attended our Thinking Maps evening on 6th May. We have received a lot of good feedback, saying how really enjoyable this session was, with parents also saying that they will be using these at home.

If you missed this, please look on our website to see more information, including an informative Thinking Schools leaflet.

Important Dates

2nd June Y6 Police Week

9th June Golden Jubilee Curriculum week

13th June 2.00-3.00 Open afternoon

Y6 Bikeability
9th-20th June

Y6 Play 15th July 6.30
Y6 BBQ 16th July 7-9pm

Sports day 8th July

What has been happening in Years 3 & 4?

Year 3

Celts and Romans Watch Out Year 3 Are About!

On the 13th May Year 3 had a fantastic visit to Butser Ancient Farm.

Situated in beautiful Hampshire countryside Butser Farm recreates village life during the early Roman occupation of Britain. The site includes various Celtic round houses and a Roman Villa.

The children learnt why Celtic houses did not have chimneys. They found out that the Celts were warmer than the Romans during a British winter. Don't forget to ask Year 3 about the materials used to make Celtic walls (yuk!).

We all learnt new skills like chalk carving, hazel fencing, mosaic making and we went to the shop!



On Wednesday 21st May it was Roman Day in Year 3. The children learnt Latin and solved Roman numeral problems. In the afternoon we held Chariot Races and had a Roman tasting banquet. The children reclined on comfortable mats in 3H whilst the slaves (the teachers) served them with Roman delicacies. Year 3 agreed that they quite liked being a Roman!

Year 4

Eton College News!

On Thursday 15th May, Year 4 visited Eton College. It is a famous school for boys and is now 500 years old. Henry VI built it and opened Eton College.

Within its grounds, there is a chapel and various places for the children to sleep. The boys eat their meals in the great hall – it is a boarding school.

We enjoyed a lot of activities including looking at their own natural history museum (where we learnt about Tudor exploration and Joseph Banks). We also got to design our own made up plant.

Whilst we were looking around the College we had the opportunity to look at some Tudor artefacts, including Mary Tudor's own 'Books of Hours' (a prayer book) and a seal on a letter that Queen Elizabeth I sent to Eton College hundreds of years ago.

Before we came home, we also had a lovely picnic lunch in the sunshine!

Year four children

What has been happening in Years 5 & 6?

Year 5

Visit to the River Pang

On Friday 16th May the whole of year 5 went to the River Pang. Lucky for us it was a glorious day for the trip. Year 5 all agreed that an excellent time was had by all.



When we arrived we were greeted by their friendly staff and split into four groups. The first two groups were taken on a trailer ride to the river where they looked for creatures and measured the depth and flow using special equipment. Someone even got so excited they fell in!

The other groups went pond dipping and sweep netting where they collected a lot of different species of wildlife.

Ellis L:

It was really good fun, if you go there on a school trip you won't run out of things to do.

Jack C:

There was loads of wildlife of different kinds. We all had endless fun.

Year 6

SATs Week

Year 6 have had the gruelling task of sitting their KS2 SATS recently. They all did the school proud with their positive attitude during this week. It was hard work but they got through it and were rewarded at the end of the week with a trip to Legoland.

Mrs Jones and Mrs Schuster

Legoland!



Our Legoland trip on 16th May was really fun! The day was filled with screaming and laughter! We were all very excited about the rides and the workshops.

In our first workshop we were programming a lion to stand up and roar. Sometimes it was very complicated to put it all together but we did it! After that we went on lots of rides. There were plenty of wet children around!

In our second workshop we were working on gears and pulleys, first with Duplo, then with Lego.

"It was great fun; I want to go there again!" Tom L-D.

"It was epic! I had great fun!" Oliver W.

Further News

Crowthorne Carnival Committee – Help Needed for our Oaklands Float!

The PTA need a parent or group of parents with carpentry skills to help lead the design build of our schools carnival float i.e. those that can use a jig-saw and put the basic design together so that the children can decorate it.

Do any parents have any spare emulsion paint in the following colours White, Yellow, Red and Black that they no longer need and are happy to donate? We also require lots of Silver shiny and or metallic Paper, White tissue Paper/ White packaging, Gold paint/spray, glitter or plastic confetti in Silver, Red, Gold, Black, or White; if anyone has any going spare, we would be very grateful. (All donations can be left by my door, 37 Butler Road if easier than at school). Jane Bradshaw-Williams

Budding Gardeners Competition RHS Wisley

War Garden, designed by Loryn D and Kia P, will be on display at RHS Wisley during half term from **Saturday 24th May until Sunday 1st June**. Oaklands children have free entry but must be accompanied by an adult. We do hope you think our design worthy of your vote. Loryn and Kia plus Louisa, Susie and Tilly have been busy preparing the garden and will set it up at RHS Wisley on Friday 23rd May.

Outdoor Learning evening for Parents

May I thank all who came to the Outdoor Learning evening for being such good sports. You helped make the evening fun. I hope you also found it informative.
Margaret Moores

Weekend Help Needed!

If you are available for an hour or two on Saturday mornings or Sunday afternoons after half term, to help with school jobs such as minor painting, gardening, weeding, fence painting, woodland tidying, window cleaning etc. we would love to hear from you. Please contact the school office with your name and time available – we urgently need your help!

To keep up to date on the latest news from the **FACT family of schools**, including activities, parenting courses and much more follow this link or visit www.factfamilyofschools.co.uk



Did you know?

Our PTA give freely of their time and commitment, working extremely hard throughout the year to fundraise for much needed resources that support both Infants and Juniors. **EVERY TERM both schools receive £1200 that goes towards funding a Teaching Assistant!**

THANK YOU to ALL members of our PTA!