



# Oaklands Junior School

*Learning to think - Thinking to learn*

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### **Research Project for Reading University Students**

For those who were kind enough to take part in the anxiety research project for the Reading University students, this is part of their feedback:

*The teachers were important in giving an alternative insight to the questionnaires, and identified a number of themes which we wouldn't have discovered had we just collected data from the children and parents.*

Many thanks to all the parents and their children who agreed to take part, without whom, this important research could not have taken place.

### **Year 5 Maths Challenge at Luckley House**

We have some very exciting news. This week we had two paired teams competing against many other schools (48 teams in total). Amongst these schools, quite a few were private AND we gained 1<sup>st</sup> place (157 points) and 7<sup>th</sup> place (125 points) with our two teams. Well done to Patrick, Charlie, Chloe and Kelvin for competing against some very strong opposition. We are very proud of you!

### **Tesco Bags of Help Scheme**

We have recently been notified that we have been awarded up to £4,000 towards our all weather, outdoor gym equipment that the school council organised last year. All the children voted for the equipment that they would like during a PE Thinking Day. We are half way towards the total cost for this and it is hoped that we can have the equipment installed this summer holiday!

THANK YOU to all parents, friends and families who voted for us!

### **Asthma UK Fundraising**

WELL DONE to all the children, families and staff who donated to our fundraising on Thursday which raised £250. This was all due to a Y3 boy who wrote a letter to Mrs West, wanting to do some fundraising, as he had heard about a local boy at his football club who had severe asthma and suffered a brain injury. He had some good ideas of how to fundraise and we chose the option for everyone to wear a sports T-shirt for the day, for a donation of £1 or more to this good cause.

### **Lyme Disease Information**

At this time of year ticks become very prevalent and there can be a risk of catching Lyme Disease from the bite of an infected tick. Ticks can be as small as a poppy seed and have a painless bite, so they are often missed. With children playing outside please bear this in mind. More information can be found at

<http://www.lymediseaseuk.com>

### **Text Messages Reminder**

Please note that text messages are **only** sent out if we need to notify you quickly or urgently about something e.g. school closure or last minute cancellation of a club or sports match. For a list of dates of forthcoming events please always check the website: <http://oaklandsjunior-school.org.uk>