



Oaklands Junior School

Learning to think - Thinking to learn

NEWS UPDATE 6th July 2018

Sports Update

It has been a very busy few weeks for sports at Oaklands Junior, with at least one event taking place every week. The cricket season is in full swing and we have played three interschool matches and attended two all day cricket festivals. Despite the heat our teams have played with great sportsmanship. The results have been mixed but the spirit and commitment has been high from all players and parents that have provided lifts.

Oaklands has been involved in two regional level athletics events, demonstrating the continued success of athletics at the school. On the 27th June, we represented Wokingham at the annual Berkshire Games, held at Marlow Athletics Club. With no shade, it was hot but the children toiled under the midday sun and achieved a number of top 5 placings in the Quad Kids events. Thank you for the vocal support from the parents.

The following day we attended the Wokingham District Athletics competition at Palmer Park Stadium. This competition involved 21 schools across Wokingham. The team of Year 4, 5 and 6 children competed brilliantly and we were involved in several finals. Nathan was the winner in the 600m race, missing the games record by 0.2 of a second! It was a noisy coach trip home!

“Working with animals” Event

Six of our Year 6 pupils who had expressed an interest in working with animals as a career spent an exciting day at Bayer plc in Reading on Tuesday. With the help of very patient puppy Bella, they learned how to listen to a dog's pulse with a stethoscope; they bandaged stuffed animals; examined ticks and fleas under the microscope; looked at live lungworms in test tubes; compared bones from different animals; saw the skull of a horse; looked inside a tortoise's body; compared different animal hearts. They were even provided with a delicious lunch and given a “goody bag” each to take home. “Inspirational” was their view of the day!

New Puffin Crossing Planned for New Wokingham Road

We have heard indirectly that there has been some concern with parents discussing this new crossing on Facebook and apparently upset with the schools for the choice of location. May we just emphasise that this location was not our choice and if there had been a preference, we would have wanted it placed on the other side where our crossing patroller stood previously. If you have any concerns, please take this up with Wokingham Borough Council who have said that there has to be a certain distance between a crossing and a driveway or road, which is why the location is on the other side of Edgcumbe Park as the only viable location.

GroupCare Insurance

Please be advised that the PTA have informed the schools that they have decided not to continue with the current policy and that they will let it lapse with effect from 10/10/2018. This was an additional service offered to parents by the PTA and has nothing to do with the school's insurance. Pupils have always been covered both in school and offsite, on visits etc. and will continue to be so.