



# Oaklands Junior School

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## NEWS UPDATE 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019

### **Mental Health Week**

A huge THANK YOU to our PTA for funding our Relax Kids Workshops with a donation of £300. This allowed every class to have a workshop, learning ways that they could calm themselves down when feeling worried or anxious. This was very well received and we hope that children will remember to use these skills when needed. Alison from Relax Kids also led a parent and child workshop after school.

During the week, there were several more parent sessions, one from a sleep doctor and another about supporting emotional wellbeing. Parents who attended these sessions found these very useful. Please see the presentations on our website if you were not able to attend.

Finally, the week ended with a non-uniform day of 'wear a colour that makes you happy'. The school was looking very colourful and children talked about their colour and how it made them feel. All in all, we feel it was a fantastic week with skills for life being learnt by all.

**Safer Internet Day** took place on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February. On that day, the Digital Leaders led an assembly to the whole school. This was based around the theme of consent and encouraged children to think about the safest and most appropriate response to a range of different e-safety scenarios. Well done Bethan, Emma, Frejya, Lily and Yicheng. Please note that there are some very useful resources for parents at <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2019/education-packs/activities-parents-and-carers>

### **The Big Bang@Winchester Science Centre**

This week a group of 20 pupils from Y6 visited this STEM event with two members of staff and a governor. We would like to thank Mr Whitfield for volunteering to help accompany us. There were interactive table-top activities delivered by local industry and academic partner, STEM Ambassadors on hand to talk careers, a short planetarium show and all the wonderful exhibits based at the Science Centre. We would like to thank our very supportive PTA for funding the minibus to enable us to attend this event.

### **Hair Bands and Bows**

May we politely remind you to revisit our dress code. Some children are again wearing hair bands and very large bows that are not of school colours. Unless it is a non-school uniform day, please keep these for the weekends and holidays. School bows should also be of a moderate size. The children have already been reminded about this twice now this year and we would appreciate your support. Children not wearing correct colours or wearing bows that are too large, will be asked to remove them and put them in their bags to take home. Thank you.



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### **Active Travel**

Oaklands Junior School is committed to encouraging active and sustainable travel to school. We have recently started on our journey to achieve Modeshift STARS Bronze accreditation.

Modeshift STARS is an initiative to increase walking, scooting and biking to school and reduce the number of car journeys.

As part of this, we are taking part the Big Pedal later on in the term. Watch this space for other events and activities.

### **Club Assembly**

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February, several groups of children used an assembly to showcase clubs that they attend and encouraged others to participate.

Demonstrations were carried out by Magic Club, Dance Club, Gymnastic Club and Judo Club. The Powerpoint used in the assembly will, once finally approved by the experts at Coding Club, be added to the website where children and parents can peruse the wide range of clubs available at Oaklands Junior School and perhaps find one in which to become involved.

Many clubs are run by teachers in their own time and are free for children to attend.

If you would like any further information on any of the clubs offered in school, please contact the school office.

### **School Closed 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019 – Combined Borough and Parish Elections**

Please note that the school will be used as a polling station and therefore closed.

All staff would like to wish you a very happy Half term break and we will see you all back in school on

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February,**

refreshed and ready for the second half of this spring term.