



Oaklands Junior School

Learning to think - Thinking to learn

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Y6 SATs

National government tests begin on Monday for Y6. Tests and assessments for other year groups will take place during the following weeks. It can be a stressful time for children and families but we always try to make it as relaxed as possible, while of course encouraging children to do their best. Reading and re-reading tasks carefully is key but also, if there is time, reading and checking their work at the end is most important. As with any tests, it is a snapshot of what has been achieved on that day. Our overall assessment of where children are, we feel, is a more accurate account of what each child can do over a longer period of time, in the normal course of their work.

Note to pupils: In any tests, try to keep calm and use the techniques you have been taught to relax, then try your very best – we cannot ask for more. If you need to revise anything this weekend, that is ok, so long as you do not spend all weekend doing this. Above all, relax, enjoy the weekend and get plenty of sleep, ready for Monday!

If you are proud that you have done your best, then we will be very proud of you too. Good luck to ALL.

School Roof Works

Some of you may be aware that we have experienced several roof leaks this year requiring repeated repairs. The good news is that we are receiving a grant to enable us to have a new roof installed. Consequently, you will see the start of this work with scaffolding being delivered in the week commencing 20th May in readiness for work during half term. This will continue throughout the second half of the summer term and into the holidays and we will inform you if there is any change of access to the school / playground as work commences. There should be minimal disruption to the school as we can continue as normal.

Big Pedal

During the last two weeks of the Spring term, Oaklands Junior School took part in the Big Pedal. This was an initiative to support sustainable travel to school. The best 5 days for each school went towards their final result. In Wokingham, we came third and overall, in the country, we came 215th out of 784 schools in the large schools category. This was a terrific achievement, especially as Year 4 were at Ufton Court for the first week, so could not take a full part. During the best 5 days, we had 2402 sustainable journeys - an impressive 71.72% of the children walked, scooted or cycled to school. Well done!

HPE STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths) Event

On Wednesday 1st May, Year 5 spent the day at the Bracknell offices of Hewlett Packard Enterprise. There they undertook a variety of challenges and experiences including a tour of the offices, pitching to a Dragon's Den to create a robot to change the world, dismantling and rebuilding a computer, a Million Pound Drop quiz answering questions about the internet and HPE, iDEA online challenges and a Marsh Mallow team challenge. The children were described by HPE as being "engaging, well-mannered and respectful - a testament to yourselves and their parents." Well done to all in Year 5 and thank you to our governor, Miss Kapps, for alerting us to this opportunity.

Parental information regarding Measles

There has been a lot in the press recently about a measles outbreak in different locations of the country and we felt it would be wise to share with you the following NHS information:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/measles-outbreak-advice/#>