



Oaklands Junior School

Learning to think - Thinking to learn

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Important information on Water Safety

Please see information on our website:

<https://oaklandsjunior-school.org.uk/info/water-safety/>

Sports Day

Congratulations to this year's Athletic Sports Champions – Blue House!

Despite the threatening weather, we managed to run Sports Day on Tuesday 18th June. The morning was a great success thanks to the organisational skills of Mrs Alexander, the willingness of the staff and volunteers to help out in any way possible and the children for taking on the **challenge** of competing and **enjoying** the event – key branches of the Oaklands Mindset.

Thank you to all the parents who braved the elements to support not only their children but all children as they competed. Cheering is a named element in our **communication** branch and there was certainly plenty of it on the day. Thank you also for being so understanding with the picnic arrangements. It was not ideal to have to eat indoors, but it worked well due to everyone making the best of the situation.

Visitors and Trips

Despite the end of term drawing ever nearer, classes are still managing to follow a rich and varied curriculum which includes a whole gamut of trips out of school. In the past few weeks, we have sent Year 3 to Butser Farm, Year 4 have had a visit from Rabbi Zvi. Year 5 have been canoeing at Wellington College as well as doing a study day at the River Pang while Year 6 have been to Waitrose in Bracknell to learn about healthy eating. These trips are in addition to the many sporting events children attend. Furthermore, all classes have been scheduled to have a session in the wonderfully equipped gym at Pinewood – a fantastic opportunity to have expert coaching in a purpose-built facility. These opportunities only happen due to the generosity of providers, voluntary help from parents and the commitment of staff to plan and organise each trip. We are lucky to have such a supportive school and community.

Governors' Day

Tuesday 11th June was Governors' Day in school. The school Governors spent the morning in classes, joining in with lessons, having lunch with the School Council and experiencing what it is that makes Oaklands a special place to teach and learn. The afternoon was spent in a meeting of the full Governing body, which was very productive. The interest, support and commitment of the Governors helps the school develop and ensures we are all working towards a shared goal – continual improvement.

District sports

This year's District Sports was held on Friday 30th June. Oaklands sent a full team that competed well. Particular mention must be made of the Year 4 Girls' relay team, who managed to win their event having already won the same event at Luckley House earlier in the week.



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SIO visit

On Thursday 20th June, we were visited by Mr Mathieson, our School Improvement Officer from Wokingham Borough Council. As usual, the visit proved very useful, and there was much that was praised about the school. Mr Mathieson provided feedback on the effectiveness of the learning environment and we shall be looking to implement his suggestions in the next academic year.

New Year 3 Teacher

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Miss J Green, who will be joining us from September. Miss Green will be job sharing with Mrs Jones in Year 3.

Sports Fixtures

Oaklands continues to enter teams in a wide variety of sporting competitions, even as we near the end of the school year. In addition to the headline event of the District Sports, we have also sent teams to the Wokingham Schools' Cricket Festival; while a team has competed in the cricket league, we sent a team to a swimming gala on Friday 5th July, netball fixtures are still being played and a team of athletes competed in the games at Luckley House. Without a dedicated staff and the help of parents in transporting children to and from events we would not be able to fit in so much – thank you to everyone that has helped in any way with sports events this year.

National Memory Challenge

Every year we enter the National Memory Challenge for Year 6 pupils. This year saw two outstanding achievements. Both James and Patrick qualified for the National final, held at London Zoo, and found themselves in a stiff competition for places. James did brilliantly to place sixth, while Patrick won the competition outright. A great achievement, when competing against so many other schools – well done!

SEND Resources

To help us set up our new SEND workspace, we would be grateful for donations of the following resources, in good working order:

A simple dolls house with basic furniture
Family figures & pets (e.g. Playmobil)
Farm animals & fences (plastic figures)
Wild animals
Jenga, Uno, draughts, chess, Connect 4, Junior Scrabble, word games, simple board games
Construction toys, e.g. Lego, foam bricks,
Soldiers

If you have any of the above, please bring them to 3JM after school Wednesdays – Fridays or to Reception from September. Thank you.