



# Oaklands Junior School

*Learning to think - Thinking to learn*

## NEWS UPDATE 17<sup>th</sup> October 2019



### **Lithuanian Visitors in School**

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October, we welcomed ten Lithuanian teachers in school, accompanied by Mr Richard Cummins (CEO of Thinking Schools International). The visit was arranged by Thinking Schools International in order to share the philosophy of the approach and explain the details of our Thinking Schools programme. The visit went so well that Mr Cummins has already stated that he would like to bring more groups to Oaklands Junior School in the future as he was most impressed with the use of thinking tools and the development of thinking skills throughout the school.

### **Osmington Bay**

The annual Year 6 residential at Osmington Bay once again ran smoothly. The children had a fantastic time, and many of the staff managed to explore their limits – especially on the giant swing! Thank-you to all the children for making it a memorable week and to the staff. Without their willingness to spend a week away from homes and families, it would not be possible for us to run such exhilarating and rewarding trips.



### **Louis Taylor Road Safety Roadshow**

On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October, Years 3 and 4 enjoyed an entertaining and informative road safety presentation. A puppet, some magic and a village street scene gave the children clear messages about what to do to stay safe around traffic.

### **Bike to School Week**

To mark this week, children had the opportunity to cycle on the new Daily Mile Track. Despite initial postponement due to atrocious weather, a huge proportion of children from every year group were able to enjoy the experience and benefits of cycling.

### **School Dates/Half Term**

School finishes at the usual time of 3.20pm on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October.

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October is a staff training INSET day.

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November is the first day back in school after half term.

2020/2021 Term Dates are now on the website – click [here](#) and then click the arrow to the second page

*Wishing you and your families a very happy half term, with hopefully ☺ some dry spells / sunshine! ☺*



# Oaklands Junior School

*Learning to think - Thinking to learn*

## **Sky Studios and Visitors in school**

On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October, a group of year 5 children visited Sky Studios in London to make a news report about Space. Prior to the trip, they were sorted in to 4 teams, chose their roles and decided on a topic: Should billions of pounds be spent on Space travel? Once they arrived at Sky, the children split off in to their studio groups and began writing their scripts, deciding on back drops and choosing costumes. They then rehearsed and received feedback from the producers and directors. Once they were happy with the footage, which had been filmed by the camera operator, the editing team selected and cropped the clips. Finally, the footage was pulled together to make an exciting and informative news report. What an inspiring and enjoyable day out!

## **Who do I contact?**

It makes sense if you want to talk about something that concerns your child, whether it is personal or just some clarification needed about the curriculum, procedures, behaviour etc. Please do contact your child's class teacher or teaching assistant in the first instance. These are the people who will know most about your child and their year group and are with them daily. Next point of contact should be the phase leader (Mr Lee for the lower school or Mr Holland for the upper school).

## **Dangerous Parking & Wokingham to Issue Penalty Charge Notices**

PLEASE visit the link to check changes to parking enforcement in Wokingham Borough as they now have powers to issue fines: <http://www.wokingham.gov.uk/parking-road-works-and-transport/parking-and-permits/parking-enforcement/>

Please ensure you park safely when dropping off or picking up, as we have again had some very inconsiderate parking across people's driveways and on double yellow lines with cars even mounting the pavement when children are leaving school! Thank you to the vigilant parents who have already reported these issues to us, the Police and Wokingham. Patrols will be in the area – please keep our children & community safe!

## **Crowthorne Trails**

These fabulous, low cost, all weather outdoor activities provide an entertaining way for the whole family, young and old, to explore the Crowthorne area.

The Crowthorne Autumn Scarecrow Trail takes place Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October to Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2019. There will be over 50 'Children's character' themed scarecrows for explorers to locate on residential roads, Crowthorne High Street and at the Pinewood centre. The best displays will win a prize.

Explorers can purchase a map from Pinewood cafe and Co-op on Crowthorne High St, revealing the location of each display, and visit as many as they wish by foot, cycle or scooter. The displays will be available for viewing from 9am till dusk for the duration of the trail. Return the map to the vendor to receive a yummy edible treat!

For more information, please like their Facebook page