



Oaklands Junior School

Learning to think - Thinking to learn

NEWS UPDATE – 28th May 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all keeping well and are looking forward to the forthcoming half term break with more of the brilliant sunshine and warmth we are experiencing today. It is certainly much warmer today and feels like summer is finally arriving!

We have had a very busy academic and fun-filled half term with many day trips taking place or planned and booked for the next half term in all year groups to enhance our curriculum and replace as much as we can of what has been lost this year. Our Y6s had a full day of challenges at Oakwood earlier this week and I was lucky enough to be able to spend the day with them. I was absolutely amazed and very proud of the way our young people challenged themselves to achieve their very best with excellent teamwork, showing great maturity in their thinking, resilience and care for others in their team – a real credit to Oaklands Juniors.

As we approach half term, just a reminder that if you believe a member of your household is suffering from Covid symptoms then please do take a test and let us know if your child has a positive result, along with the date, their name and class to assist with contact tracing.

- **Up to and including Sunday 30th May**, if a pupil tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms **within 48 hours** of being in school, **please contact the school immediately**, via our email ojscovid@oaklands-jun.wokingham.sch.uk as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.

- **Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19)** having developed symptoms **more than 48 hours** since being in school, the school should not be contacted. Parents, carers and staff should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

A review of recent positive cases in Wokingham has prompted our local authority to request that we remind you that when a member of the household is symptomatic or has tested positive for Covid-19, **the entire household must self-isolate**. This includes those who have received one or more doses of the Covid-19 vaccine. Full government guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus infection can be found [here](#).

Have a safe and happy half term and we look forward to welcoming you all back in school at the current staggered year group times on Monday 7th June for the start of our Aspirations Week. Thank you to all our parent community volunteers who have kindly agreed to be speakers that week, enabling our children to explore different jobs, hobbies and aspirations.

Kind regards,

Mrs. Hazel West,
Headteacher



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Aspirations Week Reminder

We just wanted to send out a few reminders regarding our exciting Aspirations' week after half term. The children are invited to dress up on Monday 7th June as the job/ career they wish to do in the future. It will be a great way of starting conversations about different careers and jobs and will start off our week in a brilliant way.

Please see the balloon vehicle challenge activity we are inviting the children to take part in as part of Aspirations week after half term. We would like as many children to take part as possible. They can work in pairs in their class or create a family 'team' effort. If siblings are working together then it can only be raced in one year group.

Thank you as always for your support in making these special weeks work so well. The children get so much from them.

Kind regards

Paula Jones and Hannah Noad

Balloon Vehicle Challenge

Challenge: Create a balloon propelled vehicle



It must be able to travel at least 2 metres.

It can only have one balloon per vehicle.

It can be a family effort.

It must be made from scratch.

There will be two competitions

1. The vehicle that can travel the furthest.
2. The fastest vehicle over a set distance.

Bring your finished vehicle in to your class on Monday 7th June. Heats will occur during the week and the final will be held on 11th Friday.



Rainbow Cake

THANK YOU to Cucina for the lovely rainbow cake that they provided at lunchtime today for every child in the school, regardless of whether they had a school dinner or not. All our children with allergies were given an alternative (having notified Cucina before today so they were prepared). Such a wonderful surprise for the children and lots of lovely comments, saying how good this was! A lovely end to this half term.



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Oaklands PTA Challenge



OAKLANDS PERSONAL CHALLENGE 2021

May 31st - July 9th

Set yourself a challenge to raise money for your school.
Collect your sponsorship form from your teacher.

You could learn to ride a new craft.



Maybe help keep your local area litter free?



Or focus on achieving something in your favourite sport?



Perhaps you could help out at home?



Maybe learn to ride a bike?





OAKLANDS PERSONAL CHALLENGE 2021

May 31st - July 9th

What do I need to do?
Choose a challenge to help raise money for Oaklands infants and junior schools. You can collect your sponsorship form from your teacher.

How do we raise the money?
All you need to do is tell your family and friends what your chosen challenge will be and ask them for sponsorship. Then once the challenge is complete, simply hand in the sponsorship money and form to your school.

What challenge could I choose?
You can choose anything you like. It could be simply helping out at home such cleaning out the rabbits hutch for a month. Perhaps something sporty like learning how to hula hoop or how to ride a bike. Or it could be something more creative like learning a new craft such as crochet or macrame.

What do I get for achieving my challenge?
To reward all your hard work, all the money raised will go to school equipment which you will get to benefit from. You'll also have learnt a new skill and will feel really proud of yourself for achieving it. We'll also give you an Oaklands Personal Challenge badge to say well done.

Why are we doing a challenge?
The schools need our help to pay for new equipment and towards staff. Plus, it's always good to give yourself a challenge and it's fun to learn a new skill and feel a sense of achievement.



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Oaklands Junior School Governing Body

The Governing Body is ambitious for all children and infused with a passion for education and a commitment to continuous school improvement that enables outstanding outcomes. We oversee financial performance, challenge, support, and focus on the strategic direction of Oaklands Junior school.

If you want to raise a concern, please speak with your class teacher in the first instance.

We welcome your feedback if you wish to contact the Governors, please email Charlotte.Kieran-chair@governors.co.uk.

Raising a concern,

<https://oaklandsjunior-school.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/OJS-Parents-Carers-and-Visitors-Conduct-Policy-Including-Raising-a-Concern.pdf>

Governing Body team,

<https://oaklandsjunior-school.org.uk/governors/governorprofiles/>