



# Oaklands Junior School

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## NEWS UPDATE 22nd September 2021

### **Parent Forums**

Thank you to all who attended our separate year group forums over the last two weeks - we hope you found these informative. Our staff teams enjoyed being able to welcome you back into school, whilst sharing information about your child's new year group. Our journey as a Thinking School, recorded by Mr Holland, was also shared as a brief introduction to our Oaklands' Mindset. Miss Davidson's Vodafone Digital Parenting booklets also provided useful information about how to keep our children safe online. If you didn't manage to get one of these booklets, there are still a few available in Reception if you would like one. Our autumn term parents' evenings will take place before half term – details for booking these will be sent out very soon.

*Mrs H. West, Headteacher*

### **Jeans for Genes Day**

Thank you to all for taking part in this worthwhile cause last Friday. We raised a fantastic £228.55

**Congratulations to Jasper W in Y3** for an amazing Personal Challenge that he completed during the summer holiday. His Triathlon involved walking and running to Sandhurst, plus swimming in a friend's pool, which raised a fantastic £200 for our PTA! He proudly received his Personal Challenge badge in assembly on Friday. If anyone else has any ideas for their own Personal Challenge, I am sure the PTA would love to hear from you (and there are still a few badges left to be awarded)!

### **Multi-Skills Sports Club on Mondays After School**

We are very pleased to share with you our newest club that only started this week and will be running for 10 weeks, straight after school, every Monday. There are still places available to book if you are interested! Wayne & Alex from Step-Up Sports are running this unique club which is our very first club that is open to Oaklands Infant and Junior school children. More details can be found in the following link, including how to book:

<https://stepupfoundation.org.uk/school-clubs/>

### **Parent Volunteers**

We would really appreciate any offers of help from parents to listen to readers and/or work with individuals or small groups of children.

If you are able to help, even for just a short amount of time, please contact your child's class teacher.

We usually ask regular helpers to have a DBS check and, due to the ongoing pandemic, it would also be greatly appreciated if you could take a lateral flow test before coming in to help, in order to help keep the school community safer.



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## Roman Day

On Wednesday 15th, Year 4 had a fantastic 'Roman Day'. All of the children came in fantastic costumes (thank you parents!) and the staff enjoyed digging out their costumes too! In the morning, the children designed and decorated shields and then learnt Roman numerals.

In the afternoon, centurions Davidson and Lee 'drilled' their troops, practising Roman army formations such as the testudo and the arrow (using the shields that they had made in the morning). Then, they were unexpectedly attacked by a band of rogue Caledonia warriors (aka Mrs West & Mr Holland) and they got to put their testudo formation into use. Afterwards, the children played some games that were in use in Roman times.

Throughout the day, the staff used all of the activities to teach the children about various aspects of life in Ancient Roman Britain, and we were all impressed with how much they learnt and how enthusiastic they were.

## Beehive October Half Term Holiday Club

Information regarding the above Half Term Holiday Club can be found on our website:

<https://oaklandsjunior-school.org.uk/local-community-information-activities-events/>

## Morrisons "Good to Grow" scheme

We are pleased to announce that Oaklands Junior School will be participating in the Morrisons "Good to Grow" scheme. Here's how it works.

Between 6th September and 24th October 2021 all you need to do is download the MyMorrisons app, head to the **It's Good To Grow** section and select our school to donate your **Grow Tokens** to.

You will get one **Grow Token** for every £10 spent in store or online and you can donate these straight to us via the app or website.

After the collection period ends we'll be able to redeem the **Grow Tokens** against a wide range of gardening equipment for our school.

## Luckley House School

We have been asked to share the following information with you regarding the planned Luckley House School Open Mornings and Taster Day.

The school has received so many bookings for their Open Morning on Sat 2nd October that they have decided to put on a second date and limit visitors depending on the year of entry.

**Open Morning – Saturday 2 October will now be for families looking at 2022 entry only**

**Open Morning – Saturday 6 November will be for families looking at 2023+ entry**



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They are contacting all 2023+ families who have booked to ask if they are able to attend on 6th November instead, but if this is not convenient, they can still attend on 2nd October.

Their **Taster Day** for pupils currently in Year 6 on **Thursday 14th October 2021** is also now full, so they can only take bookings for the session on **Tuesday 2nd November 2021**

Parents can book via their website at [Visiting Luckley | Private Education | Luckley House School](#)".

## **Henley Children's Literary Festival**

There is fun to be had for all ages at the Henley Children's Literary Festival, 2nd to 10th October. We have a wonderful range of family favourite authors and illustrators joining us in Henley, or you can join some virtually from the comfort of your own home.

Stars from the entertainment world include fitness phenomenon Joe Wicks who presents his first children's book Burpee Bears, and much-loved broadcaster Clare Balding brings her inspiring non-fiction book Fall Off, Get Back On, Keep Going. Henley favourite Sir Michael Morpurgo is joined by an actress and cellist for a very special performance of Carnival of Animals. We are also joined by fantastic illustrators Chris Riddell and Rob Biddulph. Other fun children's events include Tom Gates creator Liz Pichon, Rapping Princesses, a writing workshop with Katya Balen, Space Detectives with Dapo Adeola & Mark Powers, Kate Pankhurst's Great Women Scientists, The Pirate Mums, and Serena Patel's Granny Trouble. Younger children will love That's Not My...storytime, Wonderbly story workshop, and even a visit from Elmer the Elephant.

Tickets available at <https://henleyliteraryfestival.co.uk/whats-on/> or phone our Box Office: 01491575948

**Bike to School week is from 27th September to 1st October.**

**Give cycling to school a go this week and find out what fun, freedom and independence it can offer.**

To encourage children to cycle to school and enjoy the experience of cycling with friends, during this week, Years 3-6 will be given the opportunity to use their bikes (or scooters) to cycle along the Daily Mile track. We hope that children will try to cycle to school every day. However, they will be given the opportunity to cycle on the Daily Mile Track if they bring in their bicycles or scooters on the following days:

Year 3: Tuesday 28th September

Year 4: Wednesday 29th September

Year 5: Thursday 30th September

Year 6: Friday 1st October



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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 of Governors.

**Raising a concern,**

[Parents-Carers-and-Visitors-Conduct-Policy-Including-Raising-a-Concern](#)

**Governing Body team,**

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