



Oaklands Junior School

Learning to think - Thinking to learn

NEWS UPDATE February 2022

Dear Parents & Carers,

We hope you all had a good, restful half term with your families, despite the extreme weather conditions we faced at the end of last week! Luckily we returned to school with just a few remnants of the storms e.g. perspex panels dislodged from our greenhouse and some tree debris in the woodland area so we were relatively unscathed, unlike many of our families with fencing now needing to be replaced or other storm damage. Many schools in Wokingham had to close on Friday to keep everyone safe and we were very thankful that we did not need to do this!

As you will be aware, Government guidance has changed this week regarding Covid. From Thursday 24th February, the Government will remove the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test. Adults and children who test positive will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days, and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days.

Daisy Trophy (a silver circular plate in a purple carry bag)

Congratulations to Edwin in 5H who received this award from Miss Hanks in a whole school assembly at the end of last term. Well deserved Edwin!

This is a treasured award presented each half term in memory of Daisy Rogers who attended Oaklands Juniors some years ago. A special book is displayed near Reception containing the names of all the recipients, along with the words said by each teacher in a whole school assembly. A card containing these words, written in beautiful calligraphy, is then presented in a later assembly for the children to keep. Mrs Rogers will be coming into school (as she always does to meet Daisy Trophy recipients) and Edwin will then sign this book in Reception.

Pride Award

We also have a special whole school assembly once each term, when teachers share reasons for a particular child in their class deserving this award. We try to make this a surprise for the children but they generally guess when they see their parents in this assembly, as teachers always phone to invite parents to share this with us. A photograph of the group is taken at the end and each child is then invited back during a lunchtime to choose a book from the Scholastic range in recognition of their achievements. Many congratulations to: Harriet G (3M); Leo (3JG); Nathan (4L); Jamie C (4D); Mia (5H); Ben (5N); Albie (6A) and Charlotte D (6B). Brilliant presentation and attitude to learning came through very strongly - we are extremely proud of you all!

Mrs H. West, Headteacher



Oaklands Junior School

Learning to think - Thinking to learn

Dates for your diary

Please find below a list of important dates in the school diary for your attention.

- 28th February: Year 6 RAF War Museum trip
- 3rd March: World Book Day
- 9th – 11th March: Year 4 Ufton Court trip
- 14th – 18th March: Science Week
- 18th March: Red Nose Day
- **Parents' Evenings** will be on Monday 21st and Wednesday 23rd March face-to-face in school with an opportunity to see the children's books; an extra date will also be offered as a virtual meeting on Teams if you would prefer – these may be different for each class/year group and further details will follow.
- 25th March: Year 3 Butser Ancient Farm trip
- 21st March – 3rd April: Big Walk and Wheel

Helping your child make progress in maths (with Maths Whizz)

On Thursday 3rd March at 5pm, Mr Lee and Matt Jones from Maths Whizz will be hosting a short on-line meeting about how to help your child make more progress using Maths Whizz and how you as a parent can access information about your child's strengths and areas of development.

The link for the meeting is: https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ODQwNDc4MjYtOGFmYS00ZjlyLTkwMWYtODc1Yjk4ZGFkZTYz%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22tid%22%3a%22d660e54a-0c6c-455f-8143-66fcfc96b910%22%2c%22oid%22%3a%220f4a0753-69b3-4564-94ed-b44a9be4c996%22%7d

We are hoping to record the meeting and put it onto our website shortly afterwards.

Carnival

The PTA are starting to think about the Oaklands Schools' procession entry (either on a float or walking) in the upcoming Crowthorne Carnival "Monarchy, Music and Mayhem" on July 2nd.

They will need lots of parent helpers and support in order for this to be a success (and hopefully win the Schools category 😊)

A WhatsApp committee group is being put together and there will be a meeting on 22nd March. If you are interested, please contact the PTA directly via email oaklandschoolspta@gmail.com so they can add you to the group.

Helping your child at home



Oaklands Junior School

Learning to think - Thinking to learn

If you would like some ideas on how to help your child at home, please remember that there are lots of resources on our website: <https://oaklandsjunior-school.org.uk/helping-your-child-at-home-2/>

There are also lots of fun activities and games to help your child and keep them amused during weekends and holidays, such as:

https://www.transum.org/Software/Fun_Maths/Holiday.asp

or <https://www.theschoolrun.com/9-fun-writing-projects-boost-literacy-skills>

Science Week 14th – 18th March

On the 14th -18th March we are going to be running a science week. One of the activities that we wish to do involves jars. If you have any empty jars that you could donate to this then that would be fantastic and will mean that more children could take part in the activity. The jars need to be cleaned, have the labels removed and have a lid. We will not be able to return the jars to you so please do not donate something you would like returned. We look forward to this exciting week.

Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 8th February was Safer Internet Day with a theme of 'All fun and games?' which proved a very engaging subject for the children. We took part during the week, with a special whole school assembly on the day and lessons and activities within each class to support and enhance children's awareness of the impact and some of the issues linked to children's use of the internet and how they can manage any risks. Our newly appointed Digital Leaders have trialled new resources to support our work.

Although most online experience is positive, many children in our school have reported seeing unpleasant things on the internet. We have emphasized the importance of talking to a trusted adult if they are worried. Nationally, 2 in 5 children have never told anyone of the worst thing that has happened to them online. (LGfL report Hopes and Streams 2018).

Some useful sites offering support for parents can be found here:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2022/advice-for-parents-and-carers>

https://www.internetmatters.org/?gclid=EA%20laIQobChMI3J-Jo5Xx9QIVWOtCh1oeAh0EAAYASAAEgIC7_D_BwE

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Big Walk and Wheel



Oaklands Junior School

Learning to think - Thinking to learn

The annual Big Walk and Wheel (formerly the Big Pedal) is taking place between the 21st of March and 3rd of April 2022.

This is a sustainable travel challenge organised by Sustrans. Every day participating schools compete to see who can get the highest percentage of pupils walking, cycling or scooting to school. There will be daily prize draws for prizes such as classroom equipment and accessories.

Big School Birdwatch

The Birdwatching Club have completed the Big School's Birdwatch and have submitted our results to the RSPB. We were able to spot 7 different species of bird ranging from blue tits to carrion crows. The most common bird this year was the magpie.

Secondary Schools

From time to time the local secondary schools provide us with information on events that are taking place. Any such information can be found on our website using the link below.

<https://oaklandsjunior-school.org.uk/secondary-school-information/>

Local Community Information / Activities & Events

We have a dedicated page on our website providing information on local activities and events that is updated on a regular basis.

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



Oaklands Junior School

Learning to think - Thinking to learn

Contact Us

Headteacher:

Mrs H West

Address:

Oaklands Junior School
Butler Road
Crowthorne
Berkshire
RG45 6QZ

School Office**Telephone:**

01344 773496

Email

admin@oaklands-jun.wokingham.sch.uk

Parent Support Advisor

Nikki Lenon

Telephone:

07748 415 285

Email

nlenon@oaklands-jun.wokingham.sch.uk

Chair of Governors

Charlotte Kieran

Email

chairofgovernors@ojsgovernors.co.uk

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/>