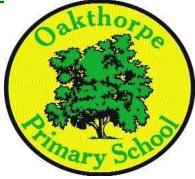


Oakthorpe News



Dear Parents

Once again there have been many exciting events happening both in and out of the classroom.

The choir took part in the Voice in a Million event at the Wembley Arena and sang their hearts out! They were well supported by family and friends who came for the evening performance. Thank you to Ms Triddon for rehearsing with the choir and organising the trip.

Every year the Mayor of Enfield runs a writing competition. We are delighted that



Carlos (5S) has been nominated for an award and will be attending the final at The Latymer School later this month. Good luck Carlos. We are very proud of you!

As you know the school was inspected by OFSTED on 27th/28th March. The last full OFSTED inspection was back in 2008 and although we get less than 24 hours notice we have been anticipating an inspection for some time. The report will be published shortly and will be shared via email and our website (paper copies from the school office). Thank you for those of you who were able to complete the online parent survey.

I wish you all an enjoyable Easter Break and look forward to welcoming the children back to school at 8.50am on Tuesday 23rd April.

Mrs Judith Garrad

Toy Sale



Well done to the School Council who organised and ran a Toy Sale on 2nd April. They have raised over £300 for their chosen charity of the year which is the Nightingale (cancer care) Hospice.

Cake Competition



Congratulations to our winners!

Ava (5N)

Ellie (10)

Maria (5R)

Not only did the cakes look amazing they were delicious to eat!

Mother's Day Yoga

The hall was packed to capacity for our annual Mother's Day event. Mr Oldham led the event which was a fabulous opportunity for mums and their



children to spend some time relaxing and having fun together.



Easter Show

This term it was the turn of Year 4 to delight us with their talents. In a very short amount of time they learnt the script, dances and songs and produced a lively interpretation of The Easter Story. All children had a part to play whether it was individual or as part of a group and every single one of them performed to a very high standard. Thank you to the staff team who produced, directed and costumed the show. The feedback from the audience was amazing and we are proud of each and every one of them.

FOO

Thank you to everyone who has supported and helped with FOO events during the last term. Over £300 was raised from the Happy Bag collection. Well done to classes 3R and 10 who collected the most bags and each win a prize of £25 to purchase something for their classroom.

Cakes sales have also raised funds for the school and we are grateful to those who have donated cakes.

The disco was well attended and a fun way to end the term. There were prizes for dancing and games winners. Altogether the event raised over £800. Thank you FOO!

If you are available to help at any future events please leave your name and contact details with the school office.



Future FOO Events



Happy Bag
Collection—
Thursday 6th June



Family Bingo Night—Saturday 15th June

Summer Fair—Thursday 4th July



Great Fire of London!



Year 2 have worked hard over the last few weeks learning about The Great Fire of London. They have written diary entries and constructed buildings and shops from card and straw. They then experienced first hand (under very strict supervision) how quickly the fire spread throughout Pudding Lane in 1666.



Sport

We have some sporting success to share with you all. We are thrilled that both our girls and boys teams have secured places in the semi-finals of Enfield borough competitions. The boys were victorious against The Raglan Schools and the girls beat St. Paul's. We are eagerly looking forward to supporting both teams in the semi-finals. Thank you to their fabulous hardworking coaches Mr Oldham and Mr Simmonds.

Well done to our netball team too. They were fabulous participants in the Borough Netball Tournament.

We are also looking forward to seeing both our ballet and dance club children perform at the Millfield Theatre in the Enfield Dance Festival later this month. Ms Driscoll has been working with them to prepare.

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Online Safety

PARENTS GUIDE TO ENCOURAGING GOOD TECH HABITS

Manage your child's online habits with these top tips.



1

SET GUIDELINES

It's really important to set guidelines for usage, screen time limits and restricting access to certain sites.

2

CHECK YOUR SETTINGS

All internet providers offer settings which you can alter and change. Make sure these are set appropriately so your child doesn't accidentally access any dangerous sites.

3

HAVE A CHAT!

Whether you're dropping your child off at school or having dinner, talk to your child and see what they find interesting online.

4

HELP THEM COMMUNICATE

Chatting to their friends is a great way to share experiences and dangers that their peers may have come across.



5

ENCOURAGE A MULTI-SCREEN BAN

It may be a good idea to start the initiative where your child can only watch one screen at a time so they understand limits.

6

PRIVACY IS IMPORTANT

Social media and the internet can be a minefield when choosing what is appropriate to upload and share. It's important for your child to understand the risks of posting private data, images and videos.

7

THINK BEFORE YOU CLICK

Emphasise the phrase 'think before you click' to your child. It's important that they understand the dangers of the internet.

8

LEAD BY EXAMPLE

It's essential to be a good role model for your child. Make sure you are not spending too much time looking at different screens

How much time does your child spend online or watching TV?

Please see above for a very informative and concise guide for parents to support them in encouraging good technical habits. Although this guide is one that is intended for older students and one we have seen in circulation around Secondary Schools we feel that the advice does apply to younger children.

We looked for some recent research regarding the amount of time children are spending online and found a number of research studies including <https://www.ofcom.org.uk/about-ofcom/latest/media/media-releases/2019/why-children-spend-time-online>.

This research provides some worrying statistics : 94% of 8-11 year olds watch TV for nearly 13hrs a week and 93% who go online for around 13.5hrs per week. That's over a whole day in total!

We encourage you to read the leaflet above and use it as a starting point for discussion and action with your child if you feel it is necessary.

9 in 10

Habits

children under 10 go online ¹

86%

Interests

of 7-11's use some form of online communication ²

31%

Concerns

of 7-11's said mean comments stop them enjoying time online ³

Source :<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/6-10/>

Attendance



Well done to the classes whose attendance is close to or above our target of 97%. Our overall attendance so far this year is 96.28%.

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| 4R | 97.94% |
| 3Y | 97.76% |
| 6L | 97.60% |
| 6G | 97.13% |

Complaints

We have experienced a rise in the number of complaints from both parents and local residents about inconsiderate driving and parking. The most concerning part of the issues raised are that some of these incidents have included reports of offensive behaviour. I am concerned that children are not only at risk from dangerous driving and parking but that they are witnessing adults using offensive language and displaying aggressive behaviour. The message is simple and one that I'm sure you will agree with: please speak to each other with respect and courtesy and above all remember that we all want our children to be safe in the area around school.

Please be aware that it is residents only parking in Cherry Blossom Close and that anyone parking there may be at risk of receiving a penalty notice.

Safety

Sadly there has been much in the news about recent events in the Edmonton area. All schools have received frequent updates throughout this time and today (5.4.10) received the following message from Detective Chief Superintendent Helen Millichap, North Area BCU Commander Metropolitan Police Service:

"I am writing to let you know that we have charged one individual with the five stabbings that occurred in Edmonton between Saturday and Tuesday of last week. There has been extensive media coverage of these horrific incidents and three of the people injured remain in hospital.

Until we could with confidence connect this individual to all these offences, we had maintained the stance that the public should remain alert. We are now in a position to confirm that he has been charged and remains in custody. We can provide reassurance to the public that we are not looking for anyone else."

Value for April: Kindness



Diary of Events

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| Break up for Easter | Whole School | Friday 5th April |
| Easter Holidays | | |
| Start of the Summer Term | Whole School | Tuesday 23rd April |
| Governing Body Meeting | Governors | Thursday 25th April |
| Tolmers Camp Meeting at 9am | Parents | Monday 29th April |
| Millfield Theatre Dance Festival | Mixed Yr Groups | Tuesday 30th April |
| Bank Holiday—No School | Whole School | Monday 6th May |
| Year 6 SATS | Year 6 | Monday 13th May—Thursday 16th |
| Kingswood Meeting at 9am and 4:30pm | Parents | Monday 20th May |
| Tolmers Camp | Yr 5 | Wednesday 22nd May |

We look forward to seeing all our families at school events. If for any reason you or a member of your family require special arrangements, please contact the school office and we will do our best to meet your needs.