

Oakthorpe News



Dear Parents

It's incredible to think that we are now half way through the school year. Thank you for your continued support.

This half term got off to a memorable start with the visit of Richard Whitehead. We are grateful to his sponsors BP who funded the visit. Richard is a Paralympic ambassador who won medals in London 2012 and Tokyo 2016. Our KS2 children were hooked on his every word during an assembly where he spoke about his sporting achievements. He was an inspirational speaker who challenged us all to *Be The Best We Can Be!* We were incredibly fortunate to have heard him speak and have the opportunity to hold one of his medals!



Hopefully you will have been able to visit school before half term and see the amazing art exhibitions in each classroom. There are a few photo highlights on page 2 of this newsletter. We have very talented children and creative staff who we are very proud of! They all contributed to a wonderful week of activity and creativity.

Parent/Teacher consultation meetings are being held on 12th and 14th March so please be on the lookout for letters which will be sent home at the beginning of next week. This will be a valuable opportunity to talk to the class teacher about the progress that your child is making. We will also be giving out a parent survey which we would encourage you to complete as your views are very important to us. Thank you.

Mrs Judith Garrad

KS 1 Playground

We are pleased that the refurbishments to the KS1 playground are now complete. We want to say a huge **THANK YOU** to **FOO** for their generous donation which has paid for the new equipment. The children have begun to enjoy it during play and lunch times.



HERE'S THE IMPACT OF READING 20 MINUTES PER DAY!

A student who reads A student who reads A student who reads

20:00

minutes per day

will be exposed to
1.8 MILLION
words per year
and scores in
90th PERCENTILE
on standardized tests

5:00

minutes per day

will be exposed to
282,000
words per year
and scores in
50th PERCENTILE
on standardized tests

1:00

minute per day

will be exposed to
8,000
words per year
and scores in
10th PERCENTILE
on standardized tests

Art Week



Our classrooms and corridors are once again bursting with some amazing art work.

The children were taken on an artistic journey around the world as each year group focused on a particular country or continent. The children had opportunity to study the art of many famous and lesser known artists and were inspired to create their own work using a wide range of materials.

We are grateful to Mrs Noakes who organised the week. We had many fun activities during the week including assemblies, visitors and a quiz.



Yr 5 Trip

Year 5 Visit the National Portrait Gallery.

Report by Laila, 5N

After travelling on the bus and tube, we reached the National Portrait Gallery. During the day we became portrait detectives and with the help of our tour guide, Ian, we looked for clues. We looked at different artists and how they portray the same person. For example: we looked at King George V, who was painted in his 50's but the artist portrayed him as a young and powerful man. Ian also showed us another portrait of the same king where he looked plump and ugly. It was painted this way because the artist disliked him. After eating our packed lunch on the steps of the gallery we took our journey home. We enjoyed becoming portrait detectives for the day because it gave us the opportunity to look at the portraits in detail.

Sport

Well done to our boys team who qualified for the final stage of the Premier League Schools Tournament. After competitive heats across the borough they were one of a few teams who met at Spurs Training Ground for the final stage. We are proud to say that on the day they reached the final but sadly lost, 1-2 to Raglan Primary School. Second place out of over 80 schools is a fantastic achievement!

We are thrilled that our team of year 3/4 boys won the Enfield Primary Schools Active Soccer Tournament. We are now the proud holders of a fantastic trophy.



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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%.

6G	97.01%
6T	96.99%
3H	96.72%
1NS	96.62%

Online Safety

It seems that hardly a week passes by without some thing concerning in regards to Social Media or Gaming hitting the headlines. Before half term, online safety workshops were held in school and once again children were spoken to about the importance of keeping safe online. This week we have begun to hear about Momo. It appears that there are contrasting opinions regarding whether it is true or in fact a hoax being spread around social media . However it is certainly something we need to be aware of and prepared to respond to if our children are worried or concerned.



There are many useful guides for both parents and children available online. One useful website is <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/>

Tile Kiln Lane



I am disappointed to say that a number of parents who drop off of their children are continuing to stop on the zig-zags. This is not only illegal but is highly dangerous. Please respect the safety of pedestrians and especially children who may not be seen between parked cars. Thank You

Value for March

Thoughtfulness

Thoughtfulness means including and valuing each other.

Diary of Events

Swimming Lessons Begin	Year 4	Friday 1 st March
Year 6 Gang Workshop	Year 6	Monday 4 th March
World Book Day	Whole School	Thursday 7 th March
Parents' Evening	Parents	Tuesday 12 th March
Parents' Evening	Parents	Thursday 14 th March
Red Nose Day	Whole School	Friday 15 th March
Voice in a Million	Selected Children	Thursday 21 st March
Story Cafe	Reception	Friday 22 nd March
Happy School Bag Collection	Whole School	Wednesday 27 th March
Yoga and Muffins for Mums	Whole School	Friday 29 th March

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