



School closes 1pm - Thursday 28th March



Return to school - Monday 15th April at 8.50am

Have a good Easter Break

On Thursday we finish for the Easter break and look forward again to the long summer evenings ahead. The children have had a very successful Spring term with lots of positive outcomes and experiences.

I would like to say thank you to you, parents and carers, and all my staff at Oak View for the hard work supporting the children this term. This support and encouragement in their education and wellbeing is fundamental to a child's future and at Oak View we are very proud of ALL our children's achievements.

Have a good two week break and we all look forward to the summer term ahead.

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Great Big Dance Off Competition

On Monday 18th March, this year's dance team once again competed at 'The Great Big Dance Off' regional competition. After months of rehearsals and hard work from the team, I am very proud to say that we placed 3rd again this year which means that we qualified for the finals for the 2nd year in a row! I am elated to share this news with you all and want to say a massive well done to the team who have shown great perseverance, patience and cooperation - listening to a lot of me repeating "5,6,7,8!" and most importantly having fun along the way. We cannot wait to compete again in the finals at Oxford later this year in the summer term. Rehearsals for the final shall continue again after Easter which we shall confirm with you before the holidays.

Thank you for all your support for the team and once again a huge CONGRATULATIONS to our fantastic dancers of the future!





Isabel Hospice book sale

A massive thank you to everyone who supported the Isabel Hospice book sale. We raised a incredible £1074.37 which equates to 39 hours of nursing care. Our children had a lot of fun shopping for books. As you can see from the pictures below, they were really happy with their purchases!

Thank You
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Every year it costs £7 Million to run our Hospice so we can provide vital care to the eastern Hertfordshire community.

 **Isabel** Hospice
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World Book Day

On the 7th of March the whole school celebrated world book day. The school was full with many different characters and was a great opportunity to promote looks of discussion about books. During the afternoon, the children participated in activities closely linked to their year group's chosen book. The activities included many different things from drama to crafts. You can have a look at what they got up to on the new library display board.

Thank you all once again for your support on this day.



Y4 Greek Day

Year 4 had a fantastic day learning about Ancient Greece and to compliment this, many children came to school dressed in Ancient Greek costumes. They used all their prior learning to retell and act out ancient myths and legends. Also, the children learnt about a range of artefacts and they were able to investigate these. As part of the day, the children had to use their knowledge to complete a quiz and also work as a team to complete puzzles. A fun activity was when the children participated in an Ancient Greek Olympic javelin competition. The highlight of the day was trying on all of the different hats and armour.



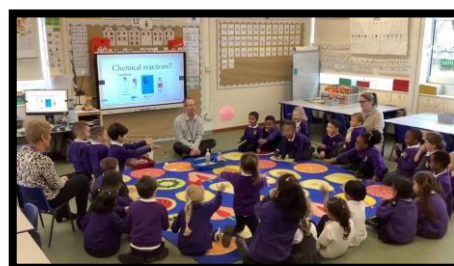


Science week

The 11th of March saw the beginning of British Science Week at Oak View. The theme this year was 'Time' and so we took the children on a journey through time. We began the week with a visit to a mobile planetarium where children from Year 1-6 enjoyed a look at the night sky and its constellations and learnt about the planets. We then took a leap forward to the age when the dinosaurs roamed the Earth. KS2 pupils created some amazing fossil ammonites out of salt dough. By Wednesday we were feeling the cold and our focus was the Ice Age. We considered how ice melts and its effect. Year 1 investigated the effect of salt on ice and Years 2 and 3 tried their hands at making 'ice cream'. Finishing off the week, we have been thinking about the future and inventions. We very much hope the cooker that when you put the ingredients in makes a meal is invented soon. Thank you to all our pupils who have fully embraced the learning this week.



As part of science week, Reception have been learning about space and rockets. Each class had a session with Mr Barnes exploring chemical reactions and how forces are used to make rockets work. The children first saw the reaction when bicarbonate of soda reacted with vinegar - the reaction caused a balloon to inflate along with covering the classroom with foam! The session finished with balloon rockets being launched across the classroom in every direction. During the week, the children made their own bottle rockets filled with water that were launched high up into the sky in the playground. The children had great fun.





Year 3 and 6 wellbeing Paralympic Roadshow

On Friday 1st March, we were lucky enough to be visited by Paralympian, Vanessa Wallace. She came in and gave an inspirational talk to our Year 3 and 6 children. The children listened well and were in awe of what she had to say. She kindly brought in her Gold, Silver and Bronze Olympic medals which the children were allowed to hold. After her talk, she taught the children how to playing sitting volleyball. We are so grateful to her for taking the time to come to our school.



As part of the Paralympic Roadshow, we also had Herts Disability Sports Foundation visit to teach the children wheelchair basketball. As you can see from the children's faces, they all had a great time learning how to play. A huge thank to them for giving Years 3 and 6 this experience.





Girls U11 Football tournament with Watford FC

The girls were very lucky and given the opportunity to play at Watford FC training ground on Tuesday 27th February. There were 32 schools playing in four pools and the top teams went on to the semi-final then the finals. We played very well as a team and sadly didn't make it to the semi-finals. During our day, we participated in a Primary Stars PSHE session in their media suite.

There were a few Watford football players wandering around and we had the opportunity to have a photo with Francisco Sierralta, Mattie Pollock and Giorgi Chakuetadze.

We had a fantastic day and the girls really enjoyed the experience.



Indoor athletics

On Thursday 29th February we participated in the qualifying round of the Indoor Athletics event held at Hatfield Leisure Centre, with a team of 18 children from years 4,5 and 6. Each child took part in 4 events, two track and two field. There were some amazing jumps, throws and running throughout the morning and we came 2nd in the qualifying stage. We then had the agonising wait to see if we had made it to the finals but sadly, we missed out this time. Well done for your fantastic effort!





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School meal price increase

From April 1st, school meals will be increasing from £3.15 to £3.30 per day (£16.50 per week). Please continue to use School Grid to order meals for your child. Please also make sure that payments are made in advance.

If you have any trouble logging in, please contact the office.

<https://schoolgrid.co.uk/products/menu-grid/>

Thank you

Oak View Book Exchange

Oak View's Book Exchange has been a great success and we are so grateful for the many donations that we have received. We have a lot of books for our younger children but it would be great if some of our older children could also take part by sending in some of their preowned books too.

If you have any books at home, that are in good condition, which you are happy to donate, please bring them to the school office.

Many thanks





Important allergy information

Despite our reminders and posters around school, we are still seeing children bringing in nuts or nut based products into school.

We have children and adults in school who have life threatening allergies.

Please do not include nuts or nut based products (i.e Nutella, peanut butter) and shellfish for either lunch or snack time.

Please make sure you check labels for hidden ingredients.

Thank you for your co-operation.



Peanut butter



Nutella



Nuts



Shellfish

Easter Holiday Vouchers

Following the announcement from the Chancellor in the March Budget of an extension to the Household Support Fund, Herts County Council are giving a £30 voucher for Easter.

Every child and young person that is entitled to benefit-related free school meals will receive a **£30 food voucher** for the upcoming Easter 2024 holiday period. You will receive the voucher at towards the end of next week.



From the Office

Attendance - If your child is going to be absent from school, please tell the school office before 9.30am. If we do not hear from you, the absence may be noted as unauthorised.

Lateness - We still have a number of late arrivals in the mornings. Please try to get your child in school by 8.50am and collect at 3.10pm KS1 & 3.15pm KS2.

Communication - Please make sure that all of your contact details are up to date and we have the correct ones on your child's records. It is important so we can keep you up to date.

Diary Dates

2024

Thurs 28th March
Mon 15th April
Mon 6th May
Fri 24th May
Mon 27th May - Fri 31st May
Fri 19th July

Term ends 1pm
Term starts 8.50am
May Bank Holiday - School Closed
Break for Half Term - Closes normal time
Summer Half Term - School Closed
Term ends 1pm

