



End of Term

I can't believe that we only have 1 week left of the Spring Term before we finish for the Easter holiday. Once again we have included so much into the last 12 weeks, but especially this half term. The newsletter today really showcases all the extra activities pupils have had the opportunity to experience and learn from. I would like to say a MASSIVE thank you to all of the staff who have provided these opportunities. Their time and effort has resulted in some amazing outcomes.

Please remember that next week school finishes at 1pm on Friday 1st April.

I wish you all a happy break and hope you get to enjoy the spring sunshine and the children enjoy their Easter Eggs. **The children return back to school on Wednesday 20th April.**

Meet the Parent Governors

I enrolled as a school governor at the start of this academic school year. Collectively we make up a strong team where we specialise in specific areas such as safeguarding, curriculum and health and safety. Claire and I are both parent governors. We also have governors from the Hertfordshire local authority, the local church and Anthony who is our chair with lots of experience in being a governor. The school representatives on the governing body are Mr Richardson, the Headteacher, Mrs Young (SENCO and Safeguarding) and Mrs O'Shaughnessy, Business Manager.

Our focus so far has been a lot around pupil premium, the school curriculum, tests, performance, and school policies, always looking at ways at which we can improve.

We meet regularly to discuss various topics within the school, such as teacher, student and academic performance, budget, school policies, safeguarding and lots more. We've all undergone and are currently undergoing extensive training sessions that help us to be the best governors that we can possibly be and provide the best support to Oak View Primary School and its teachers, parents, and students. If ever you wish to ask us anything at all, please do get in touch.

Kind regards
Natalie Lawson & Claire Hunt

Safeguarding

Safeguarding pupils and families at Oak View is a large part of our community work. If a child, or family, have concerns or worries about their own environment, or that of others, then we have staff trained to offer support. The school can also signpost families to other agencies or teams with professional support.

Mrs Young, Mr Richardson, Miss Hall and Mrs Wombwell are all trained DSL's (Designated Safeguarding Leads) for Oak View.

Scooters / Bikes

Please can I ask that that all children and adults do not ride scooters or bikes on the school grounds, especially in the school car park. The car park is still in use at the end of the day with staff and visitors leaving and I presently have a concern over children's safety with others riding without due care and especially without wearing helmets.



After School Clubs

After Easter we will be running a number of after school clubs for the children. The clubs will run for 10 weeks starting from the w/c 26th April. There are a limited number of spaces so it will be on a first come, first served basis. Your child may only take part in 1 after school club. The clubs will be released via e-mail at 5pm on Mon 28th March so please check your inbox. You will be contacted if your child is offered a place. If you are unsuccessful, there will be a waiting list so please call the office to register your interest.

Year 1 - Movement to Music - Wednesday

Year 2 - Kick rounders - Wednesday

Year 3 - Art & Science - Wednesday

Year 3 - New Sports - Monday

Year 4 - Turbo Cricket - Thursday

Year 4,5 & 6 - Dance - Tuesday

Year 4 & 5 - Football - Thursday



Healthy Me



Last week I talked to the children about the impact of sugar and the range of ways it can affect our bodies.

Child tooth decay levels are very high, there are increased numbers of adults with diabetes and rising figures in child obesity.

We cannot take sugar away from our diets and those treats we all enjoy will usually have sugar in them but, please can we ask that you consider what type of snacks you give to your children in their lunch boxes or for break times. Chocolate cereal bars, crisps, etc., can all be replaced with fruit, yogurts or vegetable sticks.

A child in primary school should be having no more than 20g of sugar a day. This equals 6 sugar cubes.



From the Office

Nursery Application for September 2022

If your child was born between 1st September 2018 - 31st August 2019 and you have not already applied for a Nursery place for September 2022, please apply here <https://form.jotform.com/220402892115346>

Change to Lunch Menu

A new lunch menu will be sent out next week. Please make yourself familiar with it as HCL have introduced a meat free day each week.



Great Big Dance off

What now seems like a lifetime ago, a Year 5 and 6 dance team was put together in November to compete in the regional finals of The Great Big Dance Off competition. A national dance competition for schools across the UK.

After many hours of after school rehearsals and intense practice, the children gave an incredible performance at the Gordon Craig Theatre, Stevenage, in front of an audience of over 300 people!

I am extremely proud of how hard the children worked and their perseverance and dedication to the team. Whilst we didn't place top 2 (in what was an intense competition!), it was a great moment for the school and for the children and they should be extremely proud of themselves.

We look forward to competing again next year, with even more routines and an even bigger performance, bringing further opportunities for dance within school!

Mr Franklin





Lives not Knives - Years 5 & 6

On Friday 18th March, Year 5 and Year 6 pupils attended a very informative session with the CYP Gangs & School Team from Hertfordshire Constabulary. Their mission is to educate all Year 5 and Year 6 pupils in Welwyn and Hatfield about the dangers of knife crime through their 'Lives Not Knives' campaign.

PC Arnott spoke about gang culture, knife crime and how to stay safe online. It was a very interactive afternoon and the children had many thoughtful questions to ask, and comments to share. Here are some of our children's reflections on the session:

'I thought it would be scary but the police officers were really good with how they shared the information.'

'I learnt a lot about how to stay safe when I'm a bit older.'

'It was really good and we could ask any questions that we wanted to.'

'Carrying a knife isn't cool and it could get you into lots of trouble!'

'That's unsafe you or someone else may get hurt'





Red Nose Day 2022

On Friday 18th March, a river of red queued outside on the street and flowed merrily through the playground and into school. The sun was shining, and everyone was happy.

Thank you to everyone who searched for something red to wear for the day. There were lots of jokes being told in our school and children looking for misplaced red noses!

We had a great assembly for each key stage. The older children took part in a Kazoo quiz with much laughter.

Once again, the children, parents and staff of Oak View have all been so generous. This year we have raised £310.11.

Thank you very much for your contributions.





Greek Day

Year 4 participated in a Greek workshop and we learned a lot about Greek Myths and Legends. We did a scavenger hunt about different Greek Facts and learned about the constellations and what the Greek believed. We also learned about the Ancient Greeks’ impact on our lives today.



RAF Hendon

Some of our Year 6 students had the opportunity to visit RAF Hendon and take part in an engineering exercise to build part of a wing. They were also taught how to use and send messages using Morse Code. They later had a chance to explore the museum. A fab day was had by all.





Rock Steady Concert

This week, our brilliant Rocksteady Bands performed in an assembly to showcase what they have learnt so far. They did an incredible job, collaborating with their bandmates to perform for the first time in front of an audience. Each band played their instruments with confidence and skill, the audience were captivated.

"I think they did very well and they were very confident to go up there and perform." *Aisha Year 3*

"They were awesome! Their instruments looked very cool." *Iacob Year 3*

"It was really cool, it was so much fun playing different instruments" *Maya Year 4*

It was an amazing experience and the instruments were loud but magnificent!" *Deren Year 4*

Well done to all the children who took part!

Miss Risley





Bikeability

Our Year 5 & 6 have been learning about road safety this week by taking part in a Bikeability course run by Hertfordshire Cycling. By the end of the course, the children would have learnt how to ride safely and have good control of their bikes as well as learning how to ride on roads and use signals in accordance with the Highway Code. It's great that they have learnt an important life skill.



Diary Dates

Fri 1 st Apr	Term ends 1pm
Tues 19 th Apr	Inset Day (School closed)
Weds 20 th Apr	Term starts
Mon 2 nd May	May Day Bank Holiday (School closed)
Weds 4 th May	Class Photographs
Thurs 5 th May	Choir to Young Voices at The O2
Mon 9 th May	Y6 SATs Week
Fri 27 th May	Queens Platinum Jubilee additional Bank Holiday (School closed)
Mon 30 th May - Fri 3 rd Jun	Summer Half Term
Mon 20 th Jun	Inset Day (School closed)
Weds 22 nd Jun	District Sports Competition
Fri 22 nd Jul	Term ends 1pm

Autumn Term 2022

Thurs 1 st Sept	Inset Day (School closed)
Fri 2 nd Sept	Inset Day (School closed)
Mon 5 th Sept	Term starts