



Reminder - School starts at 8.50am



Spring Term 2024

Firstly, I would like to say a BIG thank you for all the gifts and cards given to the staff of Oak View for Christmas. It was a very kind and appreciated gesture. Thank You.

The term has once again started really well, with lots of learning opportunities for the children to experience, as well as external activities for them to enjoy. The Herts cricket coach has expressed how much he is enjoying working at Oak View and the children in Year 4 loved their rock-climbing experience at Rock Up in Watford last week. The Year 6 children spent the day at the University of Herts and came back full of enjoyment and excitement about their experience.

This half term the school value is “Co-Operation” and we are encouraging children to work together, listen to each other, respect different views and have a go at something that is difficult or a challenge to them.

Parents evening is in early March, so please look out for the communication linked to this. We look forward to seeing you all again in school to talk about your child’s progress and successes in class.

Curriculum information

In November, we sent out a parent survey where it was identified that some parents were not aware of the curriculum and what their child would be learning throughout each term.

If you follow the link below and then choose your child’s class, you will be able to see what is planned for them for the coming term. <https://oakview.herts.sch.uk/classes/>

The screenshot shows the 'Classes' page on the Oak View School website. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for Home, Our School, News & Dates, Classes, Staff, Parents, Safeguarding, Curriculum, and Statutory Information. The 'Classes' section is highlighted. Below the navigation, there is a list of classes with their names and the artists they are named after:

- Nursery - Offit Class
- Reception - Lowry and Van Gogh
- Year 1 - Picasso and Seurat
- Year 2 - Monet and Turner
- Year 3 - Rembrandt and Tintin
- Year 4 - Kandinsky and Matisse
- Year 5 - Escher and Klimt
- Year 6 - Mackintosh and Morris

Below this list, there is a section for 'Nursery - Offit Class' with a welcome message: "Welcome to the Nursery. Our teacher is Mrs Stiles and our teaching assistants are Mrs Anagnostou and Mrs Parry. We have a home learning page and a link to our class website, words and pictures, pre-ops, information, and poetry." There is also a small illustration of a steam train.



Open afternoon - Tuesday 13th February

Following on from the success of last year's open afternoons, our next one will be taking place on **Tuesday 13th February between 3.15pm-3.40pm**. Please come along and see what your child has been learning in class.

Attendance

Attendance is such a significant part of a child's success in school and at present there is a national issue regarding children being regularly absent from school. Oak View has a statistic of 22% of pupils who are identified as persistent absentees, due to their attendance being below 90%.

Last week we sent letters to all parents regarding attendance and the impact time off school has on their child's academic progress as well as the social interaction with their peers.

If a child is unwell, has a high temperature, has been sick or has a medical problem, then of course, they are not well enough to be in school. Below we have provided a link to support parents to know when to keep a child off school or when it's ok to send them in.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>



NSPCC Number Day - Friday 2nd February



On Friday 2nd February 2024, in support of the NSPCC, Oak View Primary School will be participating in the Annual Number Day.

An important part of the day is to 'Take up the challenge and Dress up for Digits.' We are asking children to dress as a number or wear an item of clothing with a number on it.

Dressing for cold weather

With the cold weather coming in, please can you ensure that your child has a winter coat, a hat, scarf and gloves with them to keep them warm at break times. There are a number of children who are coming to school without them and who are then complaining of being cold in the playground.





Wellbeing Week Mon 5th - Fri 9th February

We are excitedly planning for Children's Mental Health Week which is 5th-9th February. We will be launching the 5 ways to wellbeing which, if undertaken regularly, can improve wellbeing and enhance quality of life.

FIVE WAYS TO WELLBEING

- LEARN**
KEEP LEARNING
Set yourself a goal. Learn something new. Research something you're interested in. Learn a new word or a random fact. Take up a new hobby.
- NOTICE**
TAKE NOTICE
Take time to be still, reflect, and become aware of your surroundings. Notice what you are thinking and be aware of what's going on in the world around you: the everyday and the unusual. Be curious. Savour your favourite food.
- CONNECT**
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Connect with people around you. Spend time with your friends and family. Make new friends. Use different ways to communicate.
- BE ACTIVE**
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Physical activity helps boost your mood. Go for a walk or a run. Cycle, dance or play a game. Walk to school instead of getting the bus. Go to the park. Try a new activity.
- GIVE**
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Do something nice for a friend. Thank someone. Smile. Volunteer your time. Raise money for charity. Be a good role model. Take action to improve your neighbourhood.



Y6 Big Draw Day at the University of Hertfordshire

On Tuesday 16th January, Year 6 visited the University of Hertfordshire to take part in an art and drama workshop. The children through drama activities explored the painting, 'An Experiment on a Bird in the Air Pump' by Joseph Wright of Derby. Year 6 then 'became the picture' by creating their own props. It was a fantastic day and the children were also taken on a tour of the campus. It was a great experience. Thank you to the University for providing a coach on such a cold day!



Class walkabouts around Hatfield

Year 2 have been walking around Hatfield looking at significant buildings in the local area. They have been learning about the local history of Hatfield.

Year 1 went on a walking trip to Hatfield Town Centre on Friday 12th January as part of their topic "How has shopping changed over the last 100 years?". The children looked at the different types of shops and talked about the things they buy with their family. The Year 1 children were escorted by children from Year 6. It was a really great experience for the children and it was lovely to hear the all the children talking and asking questions. All children enjoyed their walks, despite the cold weather and were very well behaved.



Year 3 Rapid Fire Cricket event

Some children from Year 3 took part in a rapid fire cricket event on Wednesday 17th January at the Hatfield Leisure Centre. They were competing against 4 other local schools. The team worked very hard and managed to score some amazing runs. Congratulations to our team who finished 2nd overall!



Year 4 Rock climbing

Some of our Year 4's had the opportunity to visit Rock Up in Watford for a wellbeing experience. As you can see, they climbed to great heights and thoroughly enjoyed their experience. The rest of Year 4 will be going there over the coming weeks so keep an eye out for the permission form in your inbox!





Important allergy information

Please note that we have some 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.



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Nutella



Shellfish



Nuts

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Appointments during school time

We are seeing an increasing number of children being taken out during the school day to attend appointments. Whilst we understand that some appointments have to be attended and are unavoidable, please try and make your appointments after school has finished.

We will ask for proof of the appointment if you ask to take your child out of school early or bring them in late.

Thank you



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 are still having 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.

School Dinner money - Reminder that dinner money should be paid for in advance. Please make payment on the School Grid website before your child has a meal in school. This also helps to stop large debts accumulating.

Diary Dates

2024

Monday 29 th Jan	Young Voices at the O2
Friday 2 nd Feb	NSPCC Number Day - Dress as a number
Mon 5 th - Fri 9 th Feb	Mental Health Week
Tuesday 13 th Feb	Open Afternoon 3.15pm - 3.40pm
Mon 19 th Feb - Fri 23 rd Feb	Spring half term - School closed
Mon 4 th & Tues 5 th March	Parents Evening
Mon 11 th March	Great Big Dance Off audition at The Gordon Craig Theatre
Fri 15 th March	Inset Day - School closed
Thurs 28 th March	Term ends 1pm
Mon 15 th April	Term starts 8.50am
Mon 6 th May	May Bank Holiday - School Closed
Mon 27 th May - Fri 31 st May	Summer Half Term - School Closed
Fri 19 th July	Term ends 1pm