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Headmistress's Message

Dear Parents

This has been another successful year at Oaklands School, despite the enforced school closure for half of the Summer Term. All pupils have made steady progress across the curriculum and achieved impressive academic targets. Some pupils have excelled in sports, some pupils have performed enthusiastically and confidently in expressive arts events and our Year 6 pupils have excelled in their 11+ entrance exams and their roles of responsibility.

Although we were unable to showcase these achievements at our annual 'Celebration of the Year' and 'Prize Giving' events, I am sure that, like me, you are very proud of all them all. Well done!

To those pupils who are leaving, I wish you every success at your new schools and indeed for the future.

Finally, I wish you all a very happy, relaxing summer break. I look forward to welcoming you all back to Oaklands for the new academic year which starts on Thursday 3 September 2020.

Kind regards

Sue Belej

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Year 6 Carnival Masks



Year 6 were given the challenge to produce a carnival mask and headdress in Design and Technology. They all managed to design fantastic masks that could be worn at festivals or plays. Each child had to select and explore appropriate materials, make informed decisions



about their designs and successfully construct their masks and headdresses. Not only did they enjoy this task, they also gained and developed a variety of new skills.

The children are very proud of the work they produced! Well done Year 6. You look amazing!



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Lower Kindergarten Activities

The children in Lower Kindergarten have been very busy participating in a variety of activities. The science activity at the water tray was a huge success! Using a plastic cup, the children were introduced to the concept of capacity. We looked at empty, full and half full. They were then asked to see if they could put the same amount of water in both of their cups.

The children have also been learning about sea creatures, including a blue whale, a dolphin and a jellyfish. They were invited to take part in our 'Who Am I' quiz. The children had to listen to three clues and try to guess the sea creature. All the children did extremely well!



Finally, the children were asked to set the table for some important guests! They had to place the plate, cutlery and cups on the table and then pour some water from the jug. This was a great life skill for the children to learn!

Upper Kindergarten Foxes and Rabbits

Upper Kindergarten Foxes and Rabbits have enjoyed being back in the classroom. In Science, they have been learning about forces and weight, and conducted a rainbow paper experiment. In Art, they used forks to make tulip painting and used toy wheels to make some colourful paintings. They also sequenced their school day, made kites to fly outside and proudly showed off their grass heads, which are growing nicely!





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Reception Owls

Over the summer term, Reception Owls have been getting up to loads of fun at school and at home! At school, they have been enjoying looking for wild flowers outside in the sunshine, taking part in some fun PE lessons and working hard on their numbers back in the classroom. The children at home are also working hard on their letters and numbers, baking and enjoying the weather by taking their learning outside.



Pupils also took part in a Scarecrow competition. Well done to everyone who entered, there were some great scarecrows making it really difficult for the judges to pick a winner!



Reception Robins

Robin Class have been having fun taking part some outdoor learning this half term. They have visited the Wild Woods, where they made butterflies using objects found in the woods, trying very hard to make them symmetrical! They also looked at the life cycle of plants and then planted and watered their own seeds. **Great work Robins!**



Reception Woodpeckers

Reception Woodpeckers have been extremely busy during this half term, and have completed numerous learning activities.

They have made the most of the sunshine with some outdoor learning. Pupils measured one of the big oak trees in the school field, looked at the wild flowers growing, sowed some seeds and played hide and seek as part of their learning about positional language.

Back in the classroom, pupils have been reading 'Three Billy Goats Gruff' and then made their own troll masks and potions. They also explored money, done some small world play and their letter formation practice.

Pupils still at home have also been working very hard. Isaac has explored oil and water and enjoyed all the Billy Goats Gruff activities, whilst Louis worked really hard to recap all mathematical concepts learnt in Reception.

Well done Woodpeckers!



Busy Bumblebees

Since returning to school, Lower Kindergarten Bumblebees have been very busy with their learning. They had fun learning about transport, which included; washing their vehicles in the playground, colour coding traffic lights, colouring in different modes of transport, completing a pairing activity and even sitting in the driver's seat of a vehicle! Pupils also enjoyed learning about the seaside. They solved some ice cream themed maths problems, painted and decorated their own ice cream and sunglasses, packed for a trip to the seaside and played with some sea creatures. **Great work Bumblebees!**



Year 1 Learn About Chanukah



In RE, Year 1 have been learning about the Jewish festival of Chanukah. The children in 1Z completed a comprehension activity on the story of Chanukah and self-assessed their own work with their purple pens.



Well done 1Z!



Merit Certificates

During the second half of the Summer Term, the following pupils were awarded a merit certificate.

Class	Names
Y1F	Scarlett, Aaryan, Arriana, Ashika, Emilia, Esra, Siana, Jude
Y1Z	Rufus, Annabelle, Archie, Anais, James D, Denzel, Kaitlyn, Kartar
Y2C	Teddy, Isabelle, Surya, Gisele, Aaryan, Basil, Zara
Y2S	Julia, Elias, Millie, Maxwell, Lina, Richard, Jessica, Siddharth, Ayianna
Y3C	Anay, Enzo, Anastasia, Arjun, Chanel, Darcey, Gabriella, George
Y4C	Dylan, Sienna, Jusleen, Tyran
Y4Z	Joah, Maya, Samrit, Libby, Cleo
Y5C	Ava, Maya, Jamie, Riana, Natalia, Sophia, William
Y6G	Sydney, Alex, Poppy S, Freya Sofia, Luke
Y6J	Cailan, Artie, Ellie, Maya, Waiz, Charlotte, Jayden, Sara

Congratulations everyone!

Zoom Assemblies

During the Summer Term, whether the children were at home, or since half term, back in their classroom, all of the weekly assemblies were presented by Mrs Belej via Zoom.

The first assembly was based on the word 'Inspirational' and Mrs Belej used Captain Tom Moore and Florence Nightingale as two brilliant examples of inspirational people. The following Monday, Mrs Belej helped the children to celebrate and discuss the importance of 'Earth Day' and how we should all care for the world.

On 4 May, Mrs Belej used 'Star Wars Day' and the well-known phrase 'May the force be with you!' to talk to the children about being strong to face different challenges. The significance of 'VE Day' was the theme on May 11, closely followed with an assembly about four 'Famous People' which included Margot Fonteyn, Andy Murray, Queen Victoria and David Beckham.

After the half term holiday, Mrs Belej concentrated on 'Happiness' by sharing with the children the contents of her 'ultimate box of happiness'. The children were asked to think carefully about what makes them happy, how to ensure their friends are happy and how happiness comes from within them. 'Being a Good Friend' and 'Acts of Kindness' finished the assembly programme for the term.



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Time with 1F

1F have been learning all about time and have been using time vocabulary such as 'earlier' and 'later' to describe different events during the day. Pupils have loved using their clocks to challenge each other!



1Z Scavenger Hunt

1Z made the most of the beautiful weather by going on a scavenger hunt on the field. They had a checklist of things that they might find on the field and had to tick off as many as they could. Some of them were a little challenging for this time of year, but pupils persevered and found almost all of the things on their list!



Year 2 Art



Year 2 have been learning about the Spanish artist Joan Miro and created a piece of work in his style.

Aaryan made this picture using tissue squares and felt tips and called it: "The Music of Ducks".

Millie made this picture using the same technique and called it 'The Robin'.



Virtual Tour

We are very excited present a Virtual Tour of Oaklands School! The online tour gives a great insight into the grounds, rooms and facilities at Oaklands. Take a look [here](#).





Year 3 Mosaics and Erupting Volcanoes



Year 3 researched Roman Mosaics during home learning and on their return to school they produced their own in the form of coasters using ceramic tesserae, in much the same way as Romans would have thousands of years ago.



The intricate designs took a great deal of patience to create and the grout that was used will hopefully ensure that the mosaics stand the test of time.



Home learning also afforded an opportunity to explore the different types of volcanoes that exist around the world,



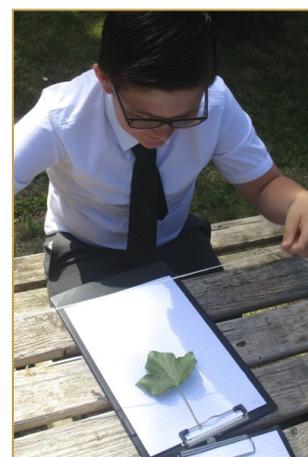
why it is they form and how they function.

Some members of Year 3 chose to construct their own 3D volcano models which they erupted on their return to school. You will be pleased to hear that we took all necessary precautions and no children or animals were harmed by lava!

Year 6 Maths



In Maths, Year 6 have been focussing on practical maths activities. They applied the knowledge and skills they had learned in the classroom to outside by working out the area and perimeter of leaves that they had found around the school, which was certainly easier said than done! **Well done Year 6.**





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Year 6 - 'Be A Teacher week'

Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed 'Be a Teacher Week'. Pupils were given the opportunity to teach a lesson of their choice for thirty minutes, with the teachers acting as the students! A variety of lessons were presented including: PSHE, Science, PE and even learning how to animate using iPads. There was also plenty of Art lessons. Pupils learned about a fashion designer called Oscar De La Renta and had to design their own formal outfit. They then had a Zoom lesson where they discovered the work of Antoni Gaudi and finished the week with some fantastic artwork called 'The Four Seasons'.



Not only was this a fun-filled experience; the children learned a lot from each other and even discovered some amazing talents they did not know about their friends. This occasion was a perfect platform for the children to present their ideas, speak in front of a group and build their self-confidence as well as leadership skills. This was truly a delightful learning experience the children will never forget. **Well done Year 6!**





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Race to Tokyo Challenge

At the beginning of the summer term, MrPaine set everyone at Oaklands School the Race to Tokyo Challenge. Tokyo is an impressive 8,092 miles away from the school and we have loved seeing Oaklands families getting involved by walking, running, cycling and even roller skating! At the end of Week 4, we had made it to Kazakhstan having collected 3,410 miles from everyone's fantastic efforts. **Thank you for your help and support in helping us try to get to Japan.**



Reception Woodpeckers Race to Tokyo Challenge



Reception Woodpeckers really enjoyed racing around the school field to add some miles to the race to Tokyo challenge! Jimmy was so determined, he said he did 23 laps! The children ran/ walked (and rested!) for a total of 30 minutes. **Well done Woodpeckers!**





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Year 4 Geography



4C and 4Z have been working very hard in Geography this term, improving their atlas skills and showing a good understanding of key concepts in map learning. Pupils were set the challenge of trying to locate and identify the countries and capital cities of



the world. Using a fast and efficient method, some of the children were delighted when they managed to locate all of them! The children also had to study the maps carefully to prepare a once in a life time holiday for their family. They used the atlas key and scale to plan for an amazing adventure in the future. **Great work Year 4!**

Year 5 Maths

Year 5 have been learning about Bodmas in Maths. They made a song and dance about it to help them with their work. At break time, they did a flashmob to show of their mathematical and dancing skills. **Well done Year 5!**



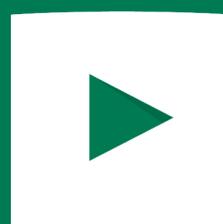
Year 6 Park Keys



The Year 6 children embraced the outdoor life whilst designing their own park using a key. They then combined their map skills with maths by working out the equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages.



Getting Social



Live Lessons with BBC Ten Pieces

Year 5 were lucky enough to enjoy a private Zoom call from the BBC, where they got to 'meet' members of the BBC Ten Pieces orchestra and have a go at making some music themselves. The pupils had a lot of fun in the session, hearing some music played by the violinist just for them and joining him with some drumming and vocal elements.

You can watch some highlights of the event [HERE](#).



Year 6 Mini Fete



On Monday 6 July, the Year 6 children were challenged to be entrepreneurs for the day and manage their own stall at Monday's mini-fete. They did a fantastic job in planning their stall, designing posters and marketing their stalls. On the day, they provided an array of fun activities for the children which included: Guess the Pet, Find the Treasure, Magic tricks, How many Sweeties in the Jar and the Best Dancer - to name but a few.



The school was invited to support Year 6 and they all had a very busy but productive day. Thank you to everyone who supported the children to make it such a spectacular day.



The pupils raised a huge £536.71 which will be donated to the NHS.





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Year 6 Leavers Assembly

The Year 6 children celebrated the end of their journey at Oaklands by hosting a fantastic Leavers Assembly to all their parents, family members and staff on Tuesday 7 July at 5:30pm. They were given the opportunity to share memories of their time at Oaklands, as well as performing two scenes from their production 'Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies'. There were many tears and lots of laughter, but we are sure that all the Year 6 children will leave Oaklands School with lots of wonderful memories. **We will miss them. Good luck to the 'Class of 2020'!**



Wishing you all an enjoyable Summer Break.