



OAKDALE POST

S U M M E R O N E E D I T I O N



Building Project:

This week saw the commencement of the exciting building project. After 48 weeks the school will have six new classrooms situated in a two storey building, redesigned outdoor learning environments, new staffing areas and a wet room. Already the tree house and pond have been removed, ready for relocation and the contactors have set up their base in the car park. This is an exciting time of change for the school and we appreciate your support through this period of change.

Arrival at School:

The school day does not begin until 8.50am and the pupils are not supervised by staff until 8.40am. Ideally pupils should not enter the school site until 8.40am, unless they are attending breakfast club although the gates to the playground will be open from 8.30pm.

Pupils attending breakfast club should not be on site until 7.45am. This is more important now as the contractors have vehicular access around the site during this time so it will be unsafe.

Lunch and Play Arrangements:

The whole school are currently undergoing new arrangements at lunch and play time. Each year group are allocated to a particular zone, either the field, Year 7 playground, Year 5 playground or the Courts and Cricket Net area on a weekly basis—this is having a positive impact on the quality of play.

Welcome to the “Oakdale Post”—keeping you up to date with recent events, successes and news!

Thank you to all parents/carers for their continued support this term and the school wishes all families a well deserved and restful half term. Hopefully the weather will be kind and we will all enjoy some sunshine! Please remember Monday 3rd June is a training day and pupils return to school at 8.50 am on Tuesday 4th June 2013.

I am sure you can see from this edition of the Oakdale Post the school continues to provide a vast array of educational experiences for all the pupils, both throughout the school day and through extra curricular activities. Both staff and pupils alike are looking forward to the Arts Week next half term, there are numerous activities planned to enhance cultural, geographical and artistic understanding. Photographs of the work produced will be available in the next edition.

Congratulations and well done to all Year 6 pupils for their hard work and dedication throughout this important year, particularly during the week of the statutory tests. They tried their best and the school is proud of their efforts.

The age of transfer is nearly here. Many staff have already visited and undergone intense liaison with both our feeder and secondary schools to ensure this transition is as smooth as possible. A huge amount of work, led by Miss Knowles, has been undertaken to develop a curriculum suitable for a Junior School. Staff are very enthused and inspired by this.

The additional challenge of the building project commenced this week but all parties are being patient and things are running smoothly. The relocation of the library to the foyer area has been a success; the pupils are still able to utilise this facility and reading is being promoted across the school.

Thank you for your continued support and enjoy a restful half term break.

Miss J Horlock (Acting Deputy Headteacher)

YEAR 7 AUTHOR VISIT:

This term approximately 40 Year 7 pupils got the opportunity to meet the successful author, Michael Grant—luckily we were two of them! He is the author of the “Gone” science fiction series. Before we went we did not know what to expect. When we arrived I was astonished about his life; we were surprised to know that a famous author like him was once a homeless person. He told us everything about how he got to the standard he is now. We were really inspired by his work and it has made us better readers and taught us never to give up. He also signed our books. Overall it was an amazing experience and I would definitely go again.

By Ellie Mae Marks and Marley Glavin

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday 22nd June

12.30pm —3.30pm

**FRIENDS OF OAKDALE
SOUTH ROAD MIDDLE
SCHOOL SUMMER FAYRE.**



Entertainment, bouncy castle, cream teas, ice cream van, penalty shoot out competition, prizes to be won and guaranteed fun for all the family!



MOVIE NIGHT

Movie night, last week was again a huge success with nearly 130 pupils enjoying "Rise of the Guardians" whilst munching on squash and popcorn. Thank you to the Friends Association

Musical Talent!

I have been playing the guitar since July last year. I enjoy rock music although I play a variety of styles. I have performed live music several times on Hospital Radio Bedside, this has included playing on their live broadcast last Christmas in the Dolphin Centre. This year I have entered two talent competitions with a song I wrote myself called "Mixed Messages." The first competition was called "Talent call" which is a south coast talent competition. The prize is £1000 plus the chance to perform in their showcase. So far, I have auditioned in the under sixteen's category and progressed to the live heats therefore I have the opportunity to perform at the

main stage in the O2 academy in Bournemouth.

The other competition was a national competition called "Britain Does Variety". I auditioned for this several weeks ago, again in the under sixteen's category and progressed to the regional finals. This means I have the opportunity to perform in front of approximately 900 people at the Pier Theatre in Bournemouth. The prizes include money, performance opportunities in London and the chance to perform in front of industry experts.

By Calvin Glen (7RH)

Congratulations Calvin and we wish you all the best in you bid to stardom!!!

YEAR 6 SATS: As the highly anticipated SATS approached tension was growing especially as the expectations were so high. But with the help of all the Year 6 teachers (and not forgetting Miss Horlock and Mrs Bissell) the SATS were no longer feared. Mainly because these heroes had planned a special breakfast for all the Year 6 pupils, which consisted of brioche, croissants, fruit and toast, YUMMY!!!! Pupils arrived at 8.30am to munch on their feast which Miss Horlock had lovingly prepared an hour before the children arrived. This breakfast ran continuously through the week, day after day making sure the children were relaxed, calm and prepared for their testing day. This could not have happened without Miss Horlock and her helpers! So a HUGE THANK YOU!!!! By Yazmin Marchbank



Reggio Emilia Approach:

After the Easter holidays two members of staff, Mr George and Miss Tollerfield and a governor/ chair of the Friends Association, Mrs Allen visited a number of schools in Italy to learn more about the Reggio Emilia approach to teaching and learning. This approach is renowned worldwide and focuses on a child initiated approach to learning, ensures the environment is utilised as an additional teacher, enhances nature and focuses on the learning process rather than the end product. On their return, the staff were very motivated, enthused and are starting to implement some of the strategies at Oakdale. Lets hear what some of 6TO have to say:

As you may know 6TO have been having a few changes to do with the Italian environment. We have decided to implement aspects of the Reggio approach to teaching which includes creating a stimulating classroom environment which is functional and aesthetic.

This classroom contains some new things like a working wall where you can present your work to other pupils. There are also some twigs that are very helpful to show us things that there are all around the world. We have them on a nature table which other pupils can bring things in to display.

I think the changes are amazing and I hope they continue to do it until the room is looking very different and adventurous. This shows that you can completely change a boring classroom into something completely different within a few weeks.

My friends and I have formed a group and in our spare time are gathering some ideas to take this classroom forward.

By Caitlin Martin (6TO)



YEAR 6 ACTIVITIES WEEK:

On Monday 20th May 6AB and 6BL went litter picking in the school car park and by the river next to the field. We showed ourselves to be responsible citizens and helped out the community by making the school cleaner and litter free. As a reward, the children and parent helpers got tea, squash and scones. 6BL made the fantastic scones earlier in the day. Mrs Hewitt, Mrs Black and Mrs Bissell buttered them for everyone to enjoy.

By Kyle Marshall (6AB)

MONKEYS CAUSE MAYHEM:

On Monday our class, 6KN, went with their monkey mad teacher, Miss Knowles to Monkey World. We visited the park so we could learn about the monkeys' cruel upbringings. This trip was also fun and relaxing. There were Marmosets to Golden Cheeked Gibbons, Orang-utans to Lemurs and even an almighty gaggle of Year 6's. We arrived at the park at 10.00am via minibus and as we entered through the gates we were welcomed by the Golden Cheeked Gibbons and their calls to us (which sounded like a fire alarm). We walked past the "walk of thanks" to explore enclosures surrounding us—of course we visited Bryan's first (he is our adopted class chimpanzee). Momentarily he put on a show including somersaults, vigorously banging on the glass (it was frightening and made everyone jump!), clapping happily and nodding his head. Of course this set the cameras off—SNAP. I got an amazing photo of Bryan mid somersault! Next we hurriedly walked off and visited the Woolly Monkeys with their soft fur. Just when you thought they were about to fall they grabbed the rope with their phenomenal, prehensile tail, then they would urinate on the glass to mark their territory. Moving on, we approached the Capuchins who were super small and ...thieves. Unfortunately they were very quick, agile and not the most photogenic. Orang-utans are the funniest of all monkeys and apes sometimes, as they like to frolic about, sneakily steal each others belongings and jump about, but not today. We were all amazed at the momentous amount of weight Oshine has lost but she still waddles about like a toddler. We witnessed the sneaky Silvestre bite an elder orang-utan in an out of hand play fight. Overall I learnt a lot and had an awesome day.

By Yazmin Marchbank and Sophie Waylen

Sports News—At Oakdale South Road Middle School we value our competitive nature and fair sportsmanship:

Sailing Success:

Congratulations to Max Grinnall who during the Easter holidays attended Rockley Water Sports Club and completed his RYA Stages 1 and 2 which means he now has a basic qualification in sailing. He has also been presented with a log book and two certificates to prove his skill and hopes to progress further and attain his level three and four in the summer holiday. Well done Max!

Summer Sports Club:

Currently 140 children are attending the after school summer sports club on a Tuesday, 3.30—4.30pm. They are developing their skills in a number of areas from tennis to rounders, athletics to cricket! Even when the rain pours fun is still had by all! Indoor activities included yoga, skipping, circus skills and team games.

Tennis Club:

Last week saw the start of the after school tennis club for approximately 14 pupils run by Brian MacFadden.

QUAD KIDS ATHLETICS:

On Wednesday 15th May some Year 6 pupils went to an athletics competition at Broadstone. They competed in five events: a 75m sprint, relay, throwing the howler, a 600m run and the standing long jump. All athletes competed well and supported each other. Jake Hible completed the 600m race in under two minutes—well done! When the final result was announced the Oakdale team finished third out of a total of seven schools. Well done to everyone who participated.

Poole Minithon:

Approximately 70 pupils will be representing the school on Sunday 2nd June by participating in the minithons in Poole Park to raise money for local charities. Good luck to all and exceptional performances will be reported in the next the Oakdale Post.

CHAMPION ON THE STAFF:

On Saturday 18th May Mrs Cottee competed in the Longbow Championships at her archery club. At the end of the longer distance shoot, she was one point ahead. She managed to increase her lead to take the trophy and the gold medal, along with the title of Ladies Longbow Champion.

This coming Sunday she will be competing in a completely different event; playing baritone in a Championship section brass band at the English Masters Contest in Kettering.



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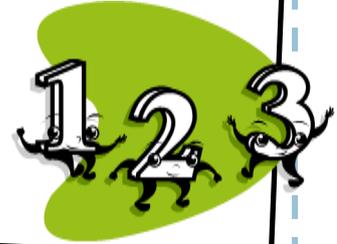
The school welcomes parent helpers and volunteers to assist the pupils in their learning—if you could offer any help within the school day please contact the school office and speak to Mrs Bissell or Miss Horlock



If you have any suggestions for items to be included in future publications or your child has achieved an award outside of school in gymnastics, football, judo, brownies, painting — the list is endless—please email the school office for my attention and I will endeavour to include it.

Thank you for your continued support

Miss Horlock



Attendance:

Good attendance at school is a legal requirement and also ensures pupils make progress. As a school we encourage regular attendance through a number of strategies. At the end of the Spring term a large number of pupils received their bronze certificate for 100% attendance for a term and 52 pupils a silver certificate for full attendance since September. We also award the best attending class of the week in each assembly and they are presented with the prestigious “attendance star.” A huge congratulations to 4EW who were awarded this star most frequently last term. As a class they voted on an appropriate reward.



WEDNESDAY 29th MAY:

1.00—4.00pm

GRAND OPENING OF STANLEY GREEN PARK :

Free activities include:

Face painting, bouncy castle, sports coaches and an ice cream van.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 3rd June: Additional Staff Training Day

Tuesday 4th—Friday 7th: Year 6 Science week

6th June: Year 5 Carey Camp Parents meeting @3.45pm

7th June: Hit the Surf @ Sandbanks
Week beginning 10th June: Year 6 Science testing

10th/ 11th June: Hit the Surf @ Sandbanks

12th June: New Intake Meeting
Year 2: 6.30pm Year 3: 7.30pm

12th June: Year 6 and 7 class and sport photographs

13th June: Poole Town Sports

14th June: Sports Morning for Year 4 Sept 2013

Week commencing 17th June: Year 4 Moors Valley trip

21st June: Sports Morning for Year 3 Sept 2013

22nd June: Community Day (reserve date 29th June)

24th—28th June: Year 5 Carey Camp residential and activities week

25th and 26th June: Year 5 Carey Camp day visits

25th June: Year 6 Life Education Bus visit

25th June: Year 7 Life Saving Day

26th June: Year 4 Life Education Bus visit

27th June: Year 6 Height, Weights and Measures check

Week beginning 1st July: Year 7 testing

2nd July: Sports Day

3rd July: Year 5 BSO concert @ Lighthouse

4th/ 5th July: Transfer Days

Week commencing 8th July: Year 7 Activities Week

8th July: Year 7 Town Sports

15th July: End of Year report to parents

17th July: Leavers Party Years 6 and 7/ Disco

19th July: “End of a Middle School Era” celebration

Wednesday 24th July:

9.00: Year 7 Leavers assembly

11.00: Year 6 Leavers assembly

Wednesday 24th July: End of term for all pupils