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Everybody at Oak Farm enjoyed World Book Day. There were some great costumes on display and the children enjoyed taking part in a range of book related activities, including fairy tale raps, retelling stories using puppets, writing their own Mr. Men stories and creating some great art work in the style of different illustrators. All children were given a World Book Day token at the end of the day which they can exchange for one of the £1 world book day books or use as payment towards any book of their choice.

Year 5 recently took a space-themed trip to the Science Museum. They were amazed to see the tiny capsule that Valentina Tereshkova (the first woman in space) had travelled in; they saw a real piece of the moon and watched an amazing film all about stars in the IMAX cinema. 5L continued the space theme with an informative class assembly, including inflatable planets and Tim Peake showing us what life is like with no gravity.

Year 4 enjoyed their trip to Verulamium (St. Albans), where they had the opportunity to look at Roman artefacts, including some human skeletons, and visit the remains of a Roman amphitheatre. The children also dressed up in Roman clothing during an interactive session where they looked at, and handled, some interesting items that could have been bought at a Roman market. The children had a really enjoyable time and learnt lots of interesting facts about the Romans.

Year 6 took part in the 'Junior Citizen' scheme at Hillingdon Fire Station, participating in various safety-related sessions, including fire safety, road safety, safe travel on the Underground and 'Stranger Danger'. The children will have learnt lots of valuable life-skills which will stand them in good stead as they become increasingly independent.



Thank You

Thanks to all those who supported the Sport Relief coffee morning in the learning zone. There were some fantastic cakes donated and it was great to see parents relaxed and able to have a chat after the school run. We raised a fantastic £142.71 which will be sent off to Sport Relief with the money raised today by the children's fun run.

Attendance

Well done to 3K who, once again, have won the attendance award, with the best attendance for last week.



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Each week in assembly, teachers announce the 'Star of the week' for their class. These awards celebrate the successes and efforts of the children and encourage all pupils to work hard and demonstrate a positive attitude within school.

Congratulations to the following award winners for the last three weeks:

3S: Katie, Shameer and Caitlin

5L: Dylan, Naina and Tsehay

3K: Phoebe, Jaipreet and Jaiden

5D: Barney, Urmeet and Bethany

3H: Olivia, Warrick and Akaisha

5M: Isabel, Matthew and Jack

4A: Callum, Millie and Katie

6M: Wiktor, Alejandra and Chloe B

4KR: Simran, Jacon and Harik

6H: Sia, Holly and Thirisha

4B: Sumant, Simran and Farhad

6S: Paul, Shon and Aliyah

Music: Xerise (3S) and Shon (6S)

French: Eilish, (6H), Xerise (3S) and Syra (5M)

Pabulum, after negotiation with the school, will be applying a 5p increase to the cost of a school meal. This will increase the cost to £2.00 from April 1st 2016. The additional monies are to cover additional supply costs in the kitchen.

In all other regards, the quality of the offer will not change and it will still represent excellent value for money. A new menu offering will also be put in place when your child returns to school after the Easter break. Please do take a look at Pabulum's website, where you will see the new menu published in the second week of April - <http://www.pabulum-catering.co.uk/>

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HONESTLY GOOD FOOD

Monday 21st March - Boys' netball rally @ Oak Farm (after school)

Monday 21st March - Year 3 and 4 dress rehearsal 9:30am (to Years 2, 5 and 6)

Tuesday 22nd March - Year 3 and 4 production of Oink! 7:00pm

Wednesday 23rd March - Year 3 and 4 production of Oink! 7:00pm

Thursday 24th March - Last day of term. School finishes at 2:30pm

Tuesday 12th April - Term starts for children

Sports News



The School football team has now completed its league season, following two recent matches against Ryefield and St. Bernadette.

The match against Ryefield was dominated by Oak Farm. However, against all odds, a combination of the post, crossbar and excellent goalkeeping kept the score at 0-0 for much of the match. Midway through the second half, we finally got our reward when a powerful half-volley from Freddie Smith broke the deadlock and Oak Farm went on to win the match 1-0.

In our final game of the season on Wednesday, St. Bernadette started the stronger and it required some excellent goalkeeping by Jack Burlikowski to keep Oak Farm level. The second half saw a much improved performance, with Oak Farm coming close to scoring on a number of occasions. However, the game eventually finish 0-0; a fair result.

The team has played some excellent football throughout the course of the season and should be proud of their 3rd place in what has been a very competitive league. Well done also to Mr. Betts & Mr. Sweeney for all their efforts throughout the season.



Our swimming team took part in the annual Uxbridge and District Primary Schools' Swimming Gala yesterday evening at the Hillingdon Sports and Leisure Complex. In what was a fantastic competition, the Oak Farm swimmers all competed brilliantly, finishing fifth overall. Special mention goes to Daniel Ehsan, who took gold in the boys' backstroke, Atlanta Merritt-McCorkindale, who won silver in the girls' freestyle, and Chloe Rooney, who along with Daniel and Atlanta, won medley relay silver. Congratulations to the whole team for swimming so well and being a credit to the school.

Team: Stanley, Daniel, Cai, Corey, Atlanta, Charlie, Oceanna and Chloe R.

Last Saturday saw the annual Uxbridge and District Primary Schools' Mixed Netball Rally, which is always a fiercely contested battle. Our 'C' team started off excellently, holding St. Andrew's (the league winners) to a draw. This result was followed by a win and a loss which wasn't quite enough to see them qualify but well done to the team (which was made up entirely of Year 5 children). Meanwhile, our 'B' team put in some impressive performances in all of their group matches and finished second, meaning they had qualified for the quarter finals, as had our 'A' team (who had sailed through the group stages). Unfortunately, this was the end of the road for the 'B' team as they faced a strong team from St. Bernadette. However, our 'A' team were able to avenge their loss from earlier in the season by beating St. Andrew's comfortably. After a controversial semi-final against Hillingdon Primary, we took on St. Bernadette's 'A' team in the final. At full time the scores were level so we had to go to extra time. Despite our best efforts, we weren't quite strong enough to hold on but were delighted to have finished as runners-up. Well done to all players and to Miss Mitchell and Miss Kear for their hard work with the netballers.



'A' team: Oshi (capt.), Kimi, Emily H, Tino, Sienna, Jake, Stanley, Ethan

'B' team: Jasveen (capt.), Emily V, Emilia, Atlanta, Chloe F, Jack, Samuel, Freddie S

'C' team: Naomi D (capt.), Naomi R, Lydia, Livia, Chloe N, Shae, Corey, Tristan



MUSIC NEWS

Good Luck to four of our pupils sitting music grade exams this week:

Hannah and Huda (Year 5) - Violin Grade 1

Max (Year 5) - Guitar Initial Grade

Nick (Year 4) - Guitar Grade 1

Well done and thank you to a number of children who have performed to the school during assembly; Chloe and Amelia (year 5) - clarinet; Hannah and Huda (year 5) - violin and Emily (year 4) & her mum – violin. The children feel really inspired listening to you all!

Band Practice is going really well this term and the school band will soon be performing their live version of "Uptown Funk" - we can't wait!

If your child would like to join the band for the Summer term, or the Theory and Harmony class, then please fill in the printable Instrument slip available on our website.

Please look to see if there are any other music classes your child would like to participate in.

<http://www.oakfarmjunior.co.uk/files/>

[INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS AT OAK FARM JUNIOR SCHOOL.pdf](http://www.oakfarmjunior.co.uk/files/INSTRUMENTAL_MUSIC_LESSONS_AT_OAK_FARM_JUNIOR_SCHOOL.pdf)

<http://www.oakfarmjunior.co.uk/files/music-reply.pdf>

Our instrumental evening will be held during the Summer term - if your child is in year 4, 5 or 6, is learning an instrument in school, and you haven't returned the letter that was given out, please could you do so. All choir members have also had a letter.

A number of guitar payments and slips are still due in before next term's timetable can be organised. Again, please send these in as soon as possible - we have a number of new children hoping to start.

Do you have a piano sitting silent and unloved in your, or a relative's, home? If so would you be happy to donate it to Oak Farm? We are in need of a new piano; we would organise collection and transportation. Please let us know via the school office.

