

Oak Farm Junior School

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It's been an incredibly busy first-half term of the school year, with so much going on. The children have been working extremely hard in lessons and producing some fantastic pieces of work. There have been various trips: Year 4 have visited Ruislip Synagogue; Year 5 have been to the Chiltern Open Air Museum and Year 6 have been to both Henley River & Rowing Museum and Denham Country Park. Our Year 3 children are having a Celtic Harmony workshop after half term as part of their History topic on the Stone Age to Iron Age. Meanwhile, Year 5 have worked really hard to produce a brilliant Harvest Festival Assembly.

We hope you all have an enjoyable half-term break and we look forward to seeing the children back in school on Tuesday, 3rd November.

Training Days

Please be reminded that the school will be closed on:

- * Monday 2nd November 2015 - staff training day.
- * Monday 4th January 2016 -staff training day.
- * Monday 11th April 2016 - staff training day

Attendance

Well done to 3K who have won the class attendance award for the second week running. 3H's attendance has also been excellent, having the highest attendance on 3 occasions this term. Well done!

Volunteer Recognition Award

Many congratulations to one of our Learning Support Assistants, Mrs Panesar, who recently received a Volunteer Recognition Certificate of Appreciation. This well-deserved award recognised Mrs Panesar's valuable volunteering at the Hillingdon Women's Centre and was presented to her by the Worshipful Mayor of Hillingdon, Councillor George Cooper.

Harvest Festival

Many thanks to everyone for all of the food that was donated for the Harvest Festival. We had a record amount which filled the Dolphin room! All of this will be sent to the Hillingdon food bank to support local residents in difficult circumstances.



Stars of the Week!

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.

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

3S: Leena and Keira

3K: Krish and Jack

3H: Mahesh and Keshav

4A: Angeline and Lydia

4KR: Emily and Victoria

4B: Maria M and Charlie

5L: Seb and Chloe N

5D: Rushil and Shangavi

5M: Lei and Isabel

6M: Cameron and Oshi

6H: Anuveer and Jasmine

6S: Zachary and Tom

Music: Brandon (6S) and Hicham (4B)

French: Libby (3K) and Oliver (4B)



Sports Update

Cross Country

The Oak Farm cross-country squad took part in the Uxbridge & District Primary Schools' Cross-Country Competition on 12th October at Abbotsfield Secondary School.

Both the boys' and girls' teams performed superbly; the girls finished in a very creditable 4th place out of 9 schools, while the boys ran magnificently to win the competition for a third successive year, beating St. Helen's into second place by just a single point.

In the individual race, Oak Farm enjoyed double success: Shauna Cooling won the girls' race, while Jake Harlow won the boys' race, with Stanley Thompson close behind in second.

Huge congratulations to all members of the squad, who will now compete in the Borough final on Thursday, 5th November.

Squad: Jake, Stanley, Ethan, Nabil, Tom, Max G, Zachary, Shauna, Naomi D, Livia, Sophie C, Amelia, Lydia, Jasmine

Netball

The girls' team opened their league campaign with an outstanding performance against Hermitage Primary School, recording a resounding 11-1 victory. Against stronger opposition in the form of St. Helen's, the team again played very well but were unfortunately unable to repeat their previous success, going down to an 8-1 defeat in a match that was closer than the score-line suggested.

The mixed team, meanwhile, played Cherry Lane last week. After an even first half, Cherry Lane pulled away in the second half to win 9-4. This week, however, the Oak Farm team bounced back in style. Trailing 5-3 going into the final quarter against St. Bernadette RC Primary, we came storming back to win 6-5!

With many more matches to be played this term and next, hopes are high for both of our teams to further improve their game-play and be successful. Well done to all of the netballers!



Sports Update



Football

Following successive victories, the football team played Hillingdon Primary in their third league match of the season. However, despite dominating the game, we were unable to score the crucial goal and the game ended 0-0.

Next, was a home match against West Drayton Primary. The team was, once again, in great form and recorded a convincing 3-0 victory. Shae Cooper scored his second hat-trick of the season. It was a brilliant performance from the whole team though a special mention should also go to Ethan Wilson who put in a complete midfield performance while Daniel Burgess and Rowan Duff were outstanding in defence as the team recorded a third clean sheet in a row!

Kitemark Award

Oak Farm Junior School has achieved the School Games Gold Award for its commitment to high-quality PE and school sport provision during 2014 and 2015.



Thank you to everyone who has helped the school to achieve this fantastic recognition. We will continue to work hard to encourage all pupils to adopt healthy lifestyles and enjoy participating in sporting activities.

BMX Taster Sessions

Last Thursday, our Year 5 pupils were fortunate to receive BMX training from coaches from Hayes Hawks BMX Club. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves, learning how to ride a BMX safely and skilfully. Our thanks to Hayes Hawks for providing these fantastic 'taster' sessions, supported by Sports Ambassadors from Swakeleys Secondary School.



World Languages Day

As you will be aware, we held a World Languages Day event on Friday last week. The event, superbly organised by our Modern Foreign Languages Coordinator, Miss Renaudon, was a huge success, with the children exposed to a variety of different languages and cultural experiences.

A huge thank you must go to all of the parents who volunteered to share aspects of their native language, culture and tradition with the children. The talks given by the parents were fantastic, with a lot of preparation clearly in evidence! The stalls set up in the hall by other parents were also extremely interesting and thoughtful, with a wide range of fantastic experiences on offer to the children.

Not to be out-done, many of the teachers also taught lessons; including German, Spanish, Irish, Gujarati and British Sign Language.

It was fantastic to see all of the children in different clothes and costumes representative of so many different countries from around the world. A brilliant day was had by everyone!



Thank you to all parents who sent in a monetary contribution for this non-uniform event. As a result, we raised over £300 which will be going to our partner school in Uganda, to help provide for much-needed pairs to their school building.

