

#### **Oakfield News**

Issue 4, 10 November 2023

#### **Dear Parents & Carers**

It was wonderful welcoming back all of you after the half term break. A huge thank you to the Friends for organising such a successful fireworks event for the whole community. Thank you to all of you who kindly supported at the event by attending or volunteering.



#### Dragonfly: Impact Education



#### Did you know?

Curiosity is generally valued by education as the gateway to knowledge. This makes it a useful trait and/or state to harness in young people and educators alike. For someone to be genuinely curious, they have to accept the feeling of not knowing, of lacking of that piece of knowledge and essentially being in a state of ignorance. This can feel a vulnerable place and at times the response can actually be fear and not curiosity.

Possible ways to encourage responsible curiosity include...

#### Model not knowing

As educators, one of the most valuable states we can show to our pupils in that of not knowing. By recognising that there are gaps in our knowledge (and always will be), we celebrate the act of 'finding out' as being a key part of life. Highlighting that there was a time that we didn't know about gravity or that the world was round emphasises the important role of curiosity in human progress.



#### (2) Nurture kind curiosity

Curiosity has a mixed reputation when it comes to history. It has been the source of great achievements - however, it was also blamed for killing the cat!



This highlights the danger of trying to find out information when we have the wrong motivations for wanting to know. Reminding pupils that curiosity needs to be combined with other character strengths like kindness in important.

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#### Harness curious emotions

One study found that people were more likely to retain information when they were in a curious state, even when the information was not related to what they were curious about in the first place.

This highlights the importance of harnessing and promoting natural feelings of curiosity in learners to create states of learning.

When a pupil is in a curious state, they are not switched off (hypo-arousal) or overwhelmed or afraid (hyper-arousal) and therefore are open to new knowledge.



Wishing you all a wonderful weekend. Kind regards,

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Year 3 had a wonderful day at Butser Ancient Farm.

We dug for artefacts and made jewellery.









Well done to all pupils who entered the pumpkin competition, your creativity always impresses us. It certainly was a difficult job for our school council members to select winners!



We now have a remembrance poppy display at the front of school. Mrs Cunningham has supported her art group to make beautiful clay poppies.



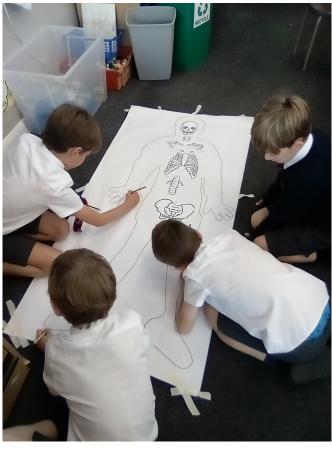
Year 3 have been exploring the skeleton structure of animals and humans.

We have been naming some of the bones in the body. We also looked at

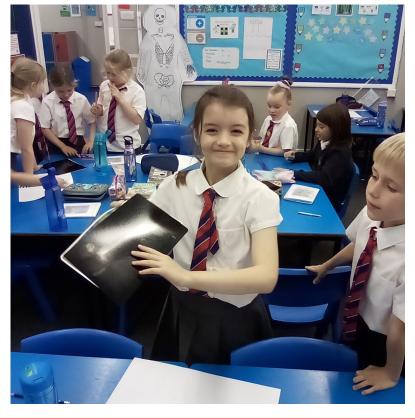
Photos and x-rays of a range of animals to observe what was similar

and different between their skeleton and ours.

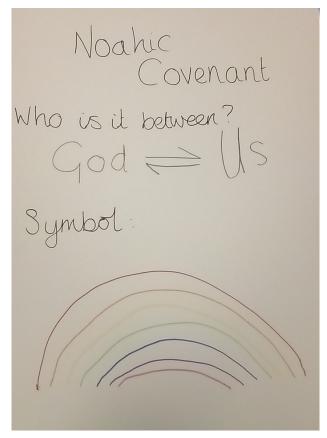








Class 4H have really been enjoying their new RE unit with Hannah from St Mary's Church, they have been learning all about covenants in Christianity.





Following the Y4 visit to Bignor Roman Villa, Reuben was really fascinated by Roman architecture. He has also visited some Roman Baths and was inspired to build his own AMAZING Roman Baths from lego. This is not from a kit! He has used his imagination and has put in the features of Roman baths that we have been learning about in History

Well done Reuben, we think you are an architect in the making!



We were so proud of our Year 4 runners at the Cross Country event!

They represented Oakfield with such pride and enjoyment. All our runners showed determination and courage. Well done Team Oakfield!





Year 5 had a visit from the Astronomy Roadshow.

We learnt about the planetary system, constellations and further into our Galaxy.

We learnt there are around another 3000 dwarf planets the size of Pluto!





## The LAN Centre have been learning about the rainbow palette of fruit and vegetables!









#### **BBC Children in Need SPOTacular bake sale**

Thursday 16th November, 3.15pm in the hall

Calling all bakers! Why not make the most of your INSET day next Wednesday to bake some SMALL cupcake sized cakes or biscuits (no large cakes please!) and bring them to the covered area outside the school hall on Thursday morning between 8.30 and 8.50am. Please remember we are a nut free school.

The school council will award prizes for the best bakes and then we will have our bake sale after school. Cakes will be 50p each, please help us by bringing small change!



Children in Need support and improve the lives of disadvantaged children and young people around the UK.

The funds raised will be shared between Children in Need and the Oakfield Hardship Fund.

#### **Calendar Dates 2023**

**November** Mon 13th-Fri 17th Y6 Bikeability week 2

Tuesday 14th 4BK class assembly 9am, parents welcome

Wednesday 15th INSET Day (school closed)

Wednesday 15th Supporting Neurodiversity parents w'shop 7.30pm

Thursday 16th Children in need bake sale. 3.20pm

Tuesday 21st 5T Class Assembly, 9am, parents welcome

Wednesday 22nd Y4 & LAN to Natural History Museum

Tuesday 28th 5H Class Assembly, 9am

Wednesday 29th Y6 height & weight screening

**December** Thursday 7th Supporting anxious children workshop for parents 9am

Friday 8th Christmas Jumper Day (donation for Save the Children)

Monday 11th Christmas production dress rehearsal, 9.30am

Christmas production 6.30pm

Tuesday 12th Christmas production 9.30am

Wednesday 13th Christmas production 6.30pm

Thursday 14th Christmas service at St Mary's Church

Christmas lunch. Pupils Disco after school.

Friday 15th End of term, school closes at 2pm

Dates of further events will be added to the Oakfield website as soon as they are confirmed.

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#### **Calendar Dates 2024**

**January** Tuesday 2nd Start of Spring Term Tuesday 16th 4H Class Assembly 9am, parents welcome Wednesday 17th Choir Young Voices concert at 02 Arena Wednesday 17th Y4 to Glive Concert Tuesday 23rd 6CK Class assembly 9am, parents welcome Wednesday 24th **Y6 to Milestones Museum** Monday 29th Y5 & 6 Indoor Athletics competition, Ashcombe Tuesday 30th 6M Class Assembly 9am, parents welcome **February** Weds 7- Fri 9 Y4 to High Ashurst Mon 12-Fri 16 **HALF TERM Y6 Parent Consultations** Wednesday 21st Friday 23rd Cross Country event, KGV, 4pm Tuesday 27th 3MG Class Assembly, parents welcome Wednesday 28th **Y3-5 Parent Consultations** LAN Panathlon challenge @Priory school **Monday 4th** March **INSET Day** Friday 8th Cross Country event, KGV, 4pm Tuesday 12th **Y3** Egyptian Workshops Thursday 28th End of term, school closes at 2pm Fri 29-Fri 12 **Easter Holiday April** Monday 29th Choir Music Festival at Dorking Hallls, 4pm Mon 13-Thu 16 Y6 KS2 SATs May Wed 22-Fri 24 **Y5 to Canterbury** Mon 27-Fri 31 **HALF TERM Monday 3rd INSET day** June Y4 to Nower Wood Nature Reserve July Monday 1st Mon 1-Fri 5 Y6 to Swanage **Tuesday 23rd** End of term, school closes at 2pm

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- FA Qualified Coaches
- Fun active sessions to deliver skills and confidence
- Small sided games and competitions
- Safe and Friendly Surroundings
- Awards for performance and achievement.

#### After School Football - Girls

Day: Tuesday's

Age: Years 3 - 6 Time: 3.15pm - 4.15pm
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Martial X Academy would be delighted to welcome you at Oakfield Junior School for a FREE taster session.

We have kickboxing classes for aged 4 years through to Adult.

Each class not only follows a fully graded kickboxing syllabus, but we also do a lot of work on Confidence, Self Esteem, Respect, Listening, Focus, Discipline and lots more including Anti-Bullying, Stranger Awareness, Traffic Safety to name just a few.

Get in touch at <a href="https://www.martialxacademy.co.uk">www.martialxacademy.co.uk</a> or call us on 07725 908439 if you have any questions.



## What's On

### at the Mole Valley Hub



#### **Tuesdays**

English as a Second Language Class (book appointment)

Digital Buddies One-to-One IT Support (book appointment)

Job Search Session Drop-in anytime between 2pm - 3pm

#### Wednesdays

Employability with Digital Skills Training (book appointment)

Skills to manage your stress, anxiety and emotions (book appointment)

#### **Thursdays**

Household Energy Advice & Support (book appointment)

Money Coaching Sessions (book appointment)

#### **Fridays**

**Digital Buddy One-to-One IT Support IN DORKING** (book appointment) **Support Café IN DORKING** Drop-in anytime between 10am - 12pm **Job Search Session** Drop-in anytime between 11am - 12pm

# Other events This month

Monday 6th & 20th 3pm - 4pm

Computer Club for Beginners

Monday 13th, 20th, 27th - 12.30pm - 4pm

**DEA Appointments** 

Thursday 16th 10am - 12pm

Leatherhead Jobs Fair

Thursday 30th 10.30am - 1.30pm

SES Water Advice (Drop-in)

#### Monday 20th

Learning Experience Interview Morning (book appointment)

If you are interested in any of these events, please let me know!



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