

Dear Parents & Carers

Welcome back! I hope that you and your family had a lovely holiday and wish you a safe, happy, healthy and prosperous 2024. After all the grey and rainy weather over the Christmas break we are delighted to have at least had some sunshine and blue sky, albeit very cold!

At the beginning of a new year, lots of people think about having a fresh start. We have been focusing on making the most of each and every opportunity, reminding ourselves that each day is unique, special and full of promise. To this end we have been encouraging children to set themselves challenging personal targets and to move forward this year showing kindness along the way. It was wonderful to celebrate in assembly on Friday, so many pupils who have already made such a positive start to the new year!

In assembly we have been discussing happiness what it is and what makes us feel happy.

Poem

Some Days

Some days
A stream of light
Fills my mind.
Everything's bright
And the world
Seems at ease,
Bubbling with promise,
As if someone
Has thrown open the shutters
Letting the sunlight pour in.
And I feel happy.

Thought for the Day

If you want to be happy for an
hour-take a nap.
If you want to be happy for a day-
go fishing.
If you want to be happy for a year-
inherit a fortune.
If you want to be happy for a life-
time-help someone else.
Proverb

We have been discussing how happy we feel can depend on lots of things, such as how well we feel, how tired we are, how hungry we are. We have been thinking about how we can make other people feel happy. For example, by greeting them with a smile, by telling a joke and making them laugh, by sharing something with them, by offering a helping hand.

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YEAR 3

Year 3 were very excited to receive their letters from their pen pals.



YEAR 4

We had a super assembly and workshop with Jo from the Dogs Trust who taught us all how to behave with a dog and how to stay safe with a dog. We took part in a role play drama and a question and answer session to help us learn how a dog likes to be treated. Year 4 showed such curiosity and asked many useful questions.



DOGS TRUST

The Dogs Trust education site is full of useful safety information including the areas covered in the workshops:

'Dogs and children: living safely together' <https://www.dogstrust.org.uk/dog-advice/life-with-your-dog/at-home/dog-and-child-safety>

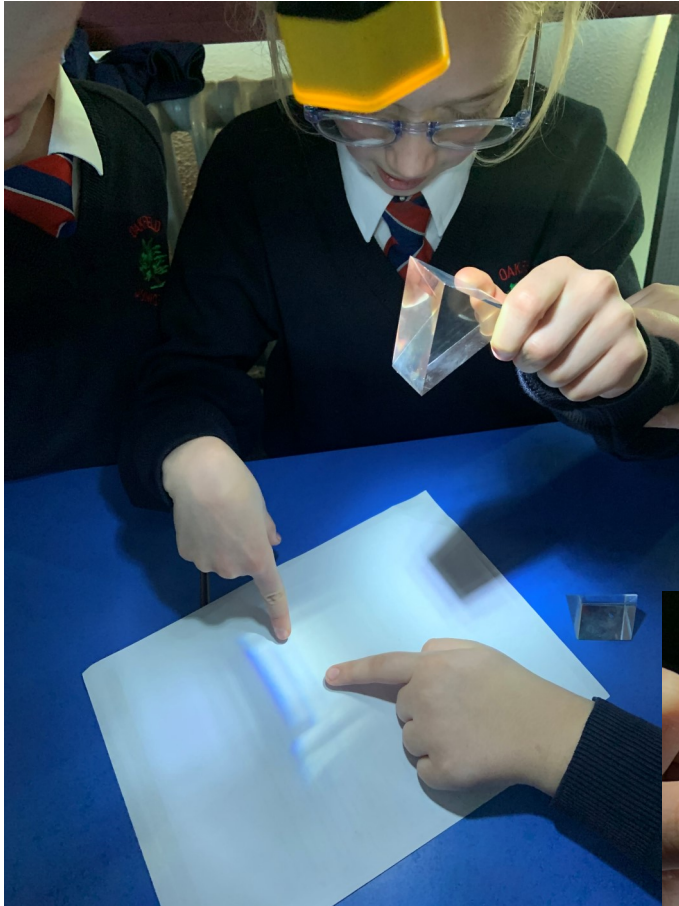
YEAR 5

In year 5 we have used chalk pastels to recreate an image from Alfred Noyse's poem, *The Highwayman*, which we are studying in English. Everyone did an excellent – if not a tad messy – job, especially as most of us had never used pastels before.

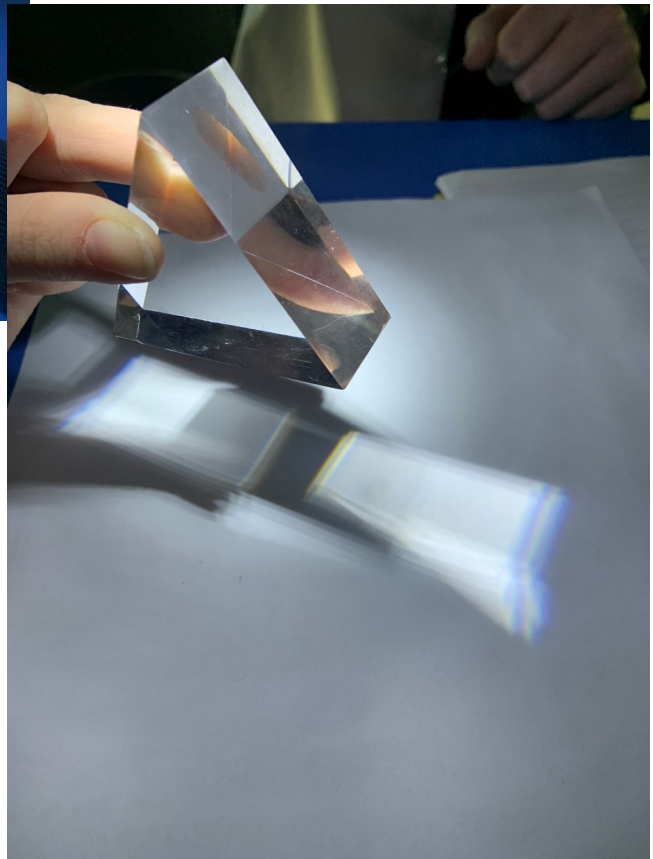


YEAR 6

This week in Science, Year 6 have been studying Isaac Newton and his theory of light.



We shone torches through prisms and saw how the light refracts to show all the colours of the visible light spectrum! They were amazed!



PARENT DROP IN SESSIONS

You are warmly welcome to attend our parent drop-in support sessions with Julie Partridge (school family support worker) which have been arranged for the following dates:

23rd & 30th Jan

6th, 20th & 27th Feb

12th, 19th March

Time for all dates: 9.00-10.00

Place: Oakfield Junior School Creative Cabin

HOUSE CAPTAINS



We are pleased to announce that the following house captains have been elected by their class mates:

GRIFFINS

Ava C

Jack E

DRAGONS

Finn G

Harper LT

UNICORNS

Harper R

Samuel M

PE KIT REMINDER

Just a reminder that the children should come to school wearing their PE kit on the following days:

YEAR 3 FRIDAYS

YEAR 4 THURSDAYS

YEAR 5 TUESDAYS

YEAR 6 MONDAYS

LAN WEDNESDAYS

PE KIT



SCHOOL PE KIT

Navy collared polo shirt with Oakfield logo

Red shorts

Plain navy Jogging / tracksuit bottoms

Plain navy sweatshirt style top Or Navy PE Sweatshirt with Oakfield Logo (optional)

Sports socks

Trainers

Earrings must be removed and long hair must be tied back.

Calendar Dates 2024

January	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
	Wednesday 21st	Y6 Parent Consultations (in person)
	Friday 23rd	Cross Country event, KGV, 4pm
	Wednesday 28th	Y3-5 Parent Consultations (online)
		LAN Panathlon challenge @Priory school
March	Monday 4th	INSET Day
	Friday 8th	Cross Country event, KGV, 4pm
	Friday 8th	Year 6 Junior Citizen
	Tuesday 12th	Y3 Egyptian Day—theatre & artefacts workshops
	Tuesday 19th	3MG Class Assembly, parents welcome
	Wednesday 20th	Netball tournament, Manor House school
	Friday 22nd	Cross Country event, KGV, 4pm
	Thursday 28th	End of term, school closes at 2pm
	Fri 29-Fri 12	Easter Holiday
April	Monday 29th	Choir Music Festival at Dorking Halls, 4pm
	Mon 29-Fri 3	Y4 Bikeability Level 1
May	Monday 6th	BANK HOLIDAY
	Mon 13-Thu 16	Y6 KS2 SATs
	Wed 22-Fri 24	Y5 to Canterbury
	Mon 27-Fri 31	HALF TERM
June	Monday 3rd	INSET day
July	Monday 1st	Y4 to Nower Wood Nature Reserve
	Mon 1-Fri 5	Y6 to Swanage
	Wed 10th	Sports Day
	Tuesday 23rd	End of term, school closes at 2pm

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

Full details of forthcoming events will be provided to parents in due course.

A full list of term dates and INSET days is available on the Oakfield website



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SURREY FOSTERING SERVICE



“Surrey County Council encourages residents to offer Supported Lodgings/foster

Supported Lodgings, and Fostering are both incredibly rewarding experiences that can transform the lives of both the children/young people being supported and the carers’ themselves. Children and young people who enter the care system have often experienced trauma and instability in their lives, and a stable and supportive carer family can make a significant difference in their wellbeing and development.

Nationally, there are currently over 70,000 children living with carer families in the UK. However, there is still a significant shortage of Supported Lodgings and foster carers, with around 9,265 new carer families needed in the next year alone. In Surrey, there are over 1,000 children in care and Surrey County Council have just under 400 carer families.

Supported Lodgings is targeted at young adults aged 16-21 to help them build their independence skills ready to live independently in the future, from the security of a caring, stable home environment.

Supported Lodgings Carers and Foster carers come from all walks of life and backgrounds, and there is no one-size-fits-all approach to caring. Whether you are single or married, young or old, own your own home or rent, you can still become a carer. The most important thing is a willingness to provide a safe and loving home for a child in need.

This is the message that Surrey County Council is promoting in national recruitment film ‘Any of Us’. The short film has been jointly funded by over 80 councils across England and aims to raise awareness about fostering, particularly among those people who may not have previously considered themselves suited to caring for vulnerable children and young people. The film looks at the potential of three people from different backgrounds to become carers, and the potential of children they care for to grow and thrive. ‘Any of Us’ is available to watch from the 26th September.

If you have ever thought about fostering, or offering Supported Lodgings, now is the time to take that first step and find out more. The more people who consider caring, the greater the chance of finding loving, stable homes for children in Surrey who desperately need them.