

The children of Oak Hill Academy have been developing their Spirit of Adventure this half term – learning to try things, even if they think they won't be successful and many have surprised themselves!

Curriculum

This has been a Science focus half term, with Survival being the main topic throughout the school. Children have been learning about plants, animals and humans and how we all interact with each other to survive - a fascinating topic! Once again, the children have excelled themselves with their amazing homework projects which are now proudly on display around the school.



Our **Country of the Term** is India and a few weeks ago we were treated to some stunning Indian dancing and an Indian fashion show during the CoT assembly. The children proudly shared facts about India as well as entertaining us with their talents – well done to all involved!

We remembered how to keep ourselves safe when around railway lines and train stations during **Rail Safety Week** and we have been enjoying keeping healthy this week! The Community and Events Department made fruit smoothies and kebabs to sell, raising £21. This money will be reinvested in future events.

National Safer Internet Day was on Tuesday this week and we reminded ourselves of how we must behave when online in order to ensure our own safety and that of others. Further information about this can be found on the school website 'E safety tip'.

Charity Fundraising

This term's charity is the British Heart Foundation; we will be skipping to raise money for this later in the term.



Yesterday, the school became a **Problem Solving** hub! Children from all year groups worked together to solve a range of problems. This was a brilliant chance to work with children from different classes and year groups and develop lots of new skills.

Our **attendance** so far for this term is 96.3%, this is still above our year target of 96% and in line with the national attendance figure, but slightly below the end of the Autumn term. We have had various winter bugs to contend with! Well done to classes 6D, 6U, 3G, 4U, and **4GR** who have come top of the leader board for attendance and to 4GR, 5D, 3C and 4U who have been recognised for having 100% punctuality during some weeks this half term.

Competitions

Y5 and Y6 took part in a **Sports Hall Athletics** competition against other Hounslow schools at Reach Academy, gaining a place in the finals!

Some of our Y5 and Y6 boys and girls competed against other Aspirations academies in **the Aspirations Football competition** in Banbury, gaining 3rd place.

Some of our Y3 and Y4 gifted mathematicians took part in a **Maths Challenge** against other Feltham schools at Bedfont Primary and came a very respectable 2nd place!

Our **Y5/6 Netball team** competed at FCC to gain a place in the finals later this term!

Yesterday, our **Y6 tag Rugby team** took part in the finals and did brilliantly, coming 5th in a very close matched competition.

A huge well done to all who competed, we are very proud of you!

Visits / Visitors

We were joined by 10 trainee teachers from **Roehampton University**, last week. They were observing teaching and learning in the school and were very impressed with what happens at OHA! They were all very complimentary about our children and teachers and several of them have asked if they can come back again!

Our **Spring review** days went well, senior leaders from other academies joined our leadership team in watching lessons and looking at pupils' books last week. All agreed with our belief that we provide an excellent standard of education for our children and that children (and staff) enjoy being here!

Y5 have been learning about **Fire Safety** with the Fire Brigade today – I am sure they will all be making sure you have working smoke alarms fitted at home later.

All year groups are looking forward to trips next half term and we are all excited about our upcoming **Author's visit** to celebrate Reading week – Josh Lacey will be visiting us on 4th March. More information to follow.

Our **Pupil Voice notice board** will take the views of the children on what they want to spend their Enterprise fair profits on this term. The **Aspirations Parliament** will then have the final say on what is bought to benefit everyone.

Parent Voice was heard at our **Parents Forum** in February. A hot topic of discussion was homework! So, I will be asking for your views on homework at the parents' evenings in March – please take a few minutes to fill out the surveys as this will inform our homework policy.

Celebration of Achievement

The following children were awarded Principal's Awards for their great attitude to learning in the second half of the Autumn term:

Y3 –Albanie, Jack, Unique, Rijja, Bryn, Kirk, Haris, Patrick

Y4 – Wiktoria, Shelby, Tina, Yama, James, Lily B, Rishaban, Hannah

Y5 – Izabel, Bartek, Ruby, Rushil, Salma, Krish, Javid, Leah

Y6 – Troy, Dempsey, Beau, Jake K, Missy, Daniel

and the first half of this term:

Y3 – Nicolas, Mateusz, Eshal M, Angela, Tiago, Grace, Muiz, Ahmed

Y4 – Riley C, Nemo, Zainab, Alfie W, Joel, Ruby, Skye G, Nikodem

Y5 – Leo M, Portia, Paige, Felix, Alex W, Ravija, Adhaa, Matthew

Y6 – Teya, Bhavneet, Arun, Amber, Harvey, Julia

Community / PTA

Please read the PTA newsletter that is coming out today. We hope to see you at the PTA social evening on 25th February!

Staff News

Mr Lovell, our Sports Assistant has completed his apprenticeship and will be moving on to new opportunities, I am sure you will want to join me in thanking him for making lunchtimes and after school clubs more interesting for the children and wish him luck for the future.

Please note that the Badminton, Basketball, Y3/4 and Y5/6 Football and Cricket clubs will not continue after half term. We are in the process of finding a replacement coach for these clubs.

Mrs M. Lancy, Principal

Coming up in the second half of the Spring term...

Our Aspirations focus will be 'Heroes' – people who believe in us and are there when we need them

Tues 23rd Feb	Y5 visit to Butser's Ancient Farm
Tues 23rd Feb	Y6 SATs evening 6pm – vital info for Parents re the Y6 tests
Weds 24th /Thur 25th Feb	Y6 visit to Imperial War Museum
Mon 29th Feb	Y4 visit to Butser's Ancient Farm Y6 Heights & Weights
Wed 2nd Mar	Class Assembly 4GR – 9am Y4 Drama workshops
Thur 3rd Mar	World Book Day – dress as a book Character for the day
Fri 4th Mar	Author Visit – Josh Lacey
W/b 7th Mar	Fire Safety Week 'Work with your Child' mornings (details to follow)
Tues 8th Mar	Parent Consultations 3.30-7pm
Wed 9th Mar	3P Class Assembly 9am Parent Consultations 3.30-5pm Y4 Football Tournament
W/b 14th Mar	Y6 PGL – Weymouth
Wed 23rd Mar	40 Class Assembly – 9am Skipathon for British Heart Foundation
Thursday 24th March 2pm	- End of term
Monday 11th April	Start of term!