

As we enter the home straight towards the end of this academic year, half term has arrived in a timely fashion! 'Hooray!' can be heard echoing through the corridors here from the children and staff, 'Half term already?!' are the words being heard on the playground at the start and end of the days this week from parents!

We certainly need next week to rest up in order to tackle the business of next half term, our 'Fun and Excitement' term – trips, competitions, OHA Summer Festival and the Summer Fayre to name but a few things on the agenda.

We have certainly been developing our Curiosity and Creativity this half term – learning to ask 'Why?' and Why not?' about the world around us.

Curriculum

This has been a Science focus half term, with the whole school this week taking part in a Science week to round things off. There has been a Space theme to the school over the past weeks and all children had lots of things to marvel at during their Science workshop yesterday – there were lots of whizz, bangs and screams coming from the hall all day long! Everything from rockets to shadow puppets and even space food has been made (I would not recommend trying the ice cream though!).

We found out how to keep ourselves safe in the sun during our '**Sun Safety**' week (during what was quite an overcast chilly week unfortunately!) – I can only hope the children remember what they learnt when they are out and about in the sunshine next week – fingers crossed for good weather!

We all tried to get a bit healthier during **Walk to School Week** and enjoyed a congratulatory breakfast mid way through the week!

Year 6 showed us all how determined they are to achieve well by being exemplary role models for the rest of the school during SATs week – we are all very proud of them and are sure they will be feeling equally proud of themselves when their results come out!

5L, 3G and 4R children performed amazing class **assemblies**, full of informative facts about their learning and lots of singing and even some dancing! Our **Country of the Term** assembly was all about England – our chosen country to coincide with the Queen's 90th birthday celebrations. Clear speaking voices and careful memorising of lines gave children the confidence to perform well in front of their peers and adults.

Visits / Visitors

Year 5 were lucky enough to have been visited by a Planetarium from Space Studio, West London, one of our sister academies, to look in detail at the night sky and planets! As well as visiting the Science museum earlier in the term.



Year 4 made everyone a little bit jealous when they visited Warner Brothers Studio Tour to link in with their Harry Potter focus text this term. Lots of would-be witches and wizards were created on that trip!



Year 3 and Year 6 are looking forward to their exciting trips next half term!

We were visited by some Masters Teacher Students all the way from America back in April.

They were very impressed with our school and took away lots of ideas to use in their own classrooms – one commented that she would love to teach at Oak Hill!

Teachers from our sister academy in Bournemouth, Ocean Academy, visited us early in May to observe our amazing teaching and learning. It was great to meet them before our Year 3s visit the south coast later this term.

Charity Fundraising

It has been our staff who have been challenging themselves to raise money this half term. Mrs Clack and Mrs Kavanagh took part in the Moon Walk on 14th May, raising money for Breast Cancer Care. Mrs Thomson and her family ran the Windsor half marathon last weekend, to raise money for the school to buy a defibrillator – they have raised almost enough for us to buy 2 which is fantastic news! Well done to all of you – I am full of admiration for the perseverance and determination shown in achieving the task!

Community

We are looking forward to our Royal Street party Summer Fayre on 24th June. Thank you to all of you who have returned your slips volunteering your time – it is not too late to volunteer to help make it the event of the Summer!

You may have noticed an alien spaceship has landed in our garden area! Okay, it is not from outer space, but our **Bio Dome has finally arrived!** The gardening club can't wait to get planting and would be very grateful for any donations of seeds or young plants. Apparently we could be growing grapes through the summer! I'm hoping for tomatoes, cucumbers, strawberries and Mrs Cronin is keen on some lovely flowers – so watch the Dome to see what happens!

Our local **newsagent** has been allowing children to buy energy drinks before and after school. I am sure you are aware that these types of drinks are for adults only due to the high levels of caffeine and sugar in them. Research shows that drinking these drinks when young could cause heart problems in later life. Please ensure your children do not visit the shop before school unless you are with them. A reminder also that chewing gum / bubble gum is not allowed in school.

Our **attendance** for this term so far is 97.6%! Well done to classes **4R and 5D who have achieved**

100% for at least one week this half term, 6D, 6B, 6U, 3P, 3C who have come top of the leader board for attendance and to **4U, 3C, and 4O** who have been recognised for having 100% punctuality during some weeks this half term.

Competitions

Our **Year 6 football team** had a match against Edward Pauling Primary – they showed fantastic team spirit and worked brilliantly as a team. Well done boys and girl!

We are very proud that the **National Gallery** has chosen some of our Art work to display during an exhibition running in June. The art work was created by Year 3 and Year 5 children during our creativity week earlier in the year.

Parent Voice

Our next **Parents' Forum** will be at 2.15pm on 9th June. Please come along and ask questions or just share your views and also meet the new Principal, Mrs Saim!

Celebration of Achievement

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

Y3 – Filip, Lily B, Joshua B, Mehreen, Olivia, Ali, Pola, Dominik A

Y4 – Harry, Ella, Munira, Amare, Zuzanna, Jahanvi, Jamie, Victoria

Y5 – Leah, Jakub N, Taylor, Diksha, Samantha, Cage, Ellee, Jakub K

Y6 – Rameen, Oscar, Khia, Melissa B, Eshaal K, Zain

We welcome all the children back to school for the final half of the Summer term at **8.50am on Monday 6th June**, for a half term filled with Fun and Excitement!

Mrs M. Lancy, Principal

Coming up in June...

w/b 6th June – Sports Week

6th June 6B/6D to Globe theatre, 8th June 6U to Globe theatre

10th June – Mufti bottom half for bottle stall

w/b 13th June – Cycling proficiency Y5

17th June – Work with Your Grandchild day

w/b 20th June – Water safety week

Cycling proficiency Y6

22/23 June Y3 trip to Bournemouth

24th June – Summer Fayre

27th June – INSET DAY

Plus various sports / academic competitions