



Oak Hill Academy Principal's Newsletter Summer 1

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As well as the monthly newsletter which contains reminders and 'business' which will come from the school office, I will be sending a half termly newsletter which will have details of the many events that have taken place or are coming up, during each half term.

It is half term – how did that happen?!

It has been an incredibly busy half term, as usual. The term started with a visit from the **Childline Schools Service for Years 5 and 6**. They were taught how to keep themselves safe from abuse, including bullying, and how to get help if they are worried about abuse. This visit complimented the work we do through our PSHCE curriculum.

Battersea Dogs Home came to OHAWL a few weeks ago when they spoke to Year 4 children about the responsibilities that come with dog ownership and how to behave around dogs. Disappointingly for many children and adults, they did not bring any real dogs with them!

Year 5 had a planetarium experience in an **Astradome** in our school hall to round off their Space topic and Year 4 have visited the Science Museum, using public transport to get there!

One of many reasons to feel proud of our children this half term has been through their participation in **sporting events**.

Our **school football team** has been busy playing matches against other local schools in the Feltham league. They have played Bedfont Primary, Oriel Academy and Edward Pauling Primary, finishing third in the league – well done boys!

In May OHAWL children played in a **football tournament** against St Richards, doing really well.

The **Y3 and Y4 Borough Sports Day** was held on Thursday 7th May. Yannick Bamba, Romelle Sanoë, Nyle Auguste-Bailey, Jody Van de Pol, Jada Beckford, Jaydon Scott, Chanel Lovelock, Annalise Agyei-Kyem, Akshay Singh, Michael Olanrewaju, were accompanied by Mrs Toulmin and Owen who said of them 'Their behaviour was impeccable and they were a credit to Oak Hill. They worked hard together as a team, never gave up and stayed positive throughout. This paid off, as we came 2nd out of 45 Teams. What an achievement! They should be very proud of themselves as we are of them.'

A team of Year 5 and Year 6 children took part in a **Kwik Cricket tournament** at Feltham Community College this week – after just a few training sessions, they played really well, coming third.

Well done to all involved!

We all focused on being extra-healthy during **Healthy Week** and many children (and their parents) enjoyed breakfast in school as a reward for cycling or scooting to school during the week. We did not have much sun during our **Sun Safety week**, however, now that the sun is finally here, all of the children are aware of the importance of covering up and keeping hydrated during sunny weather.

Our new **Young Leaders** from Year 5 had their training and have started their duties leading an organised game at lunchtime. They are visible by their purple jackets and have approached their new role enthusiastically! A big 'Thank You' goes to the Year 6 Young leaders who have been in post for a year and are now mentoring the Year

This half term has seen a focus on **Leadership and Responsibility** through the curriculum topic of **Enterprise** which the teachers and children have all approached with much enthusiasm! On the 10th May, representatives from all year groups took part in a Dragons Den style '**Pitch to Mr Pink**'. They had to bid on behalf of their peers for a loan in order to build their businesses and make their products ready to sell. Mr Pink (the Director of Finance for the Aspirations Academies Trust) and I were really impressed with how articulately the children spoke and how well they answered our questions. They all managed to secure a loan (not all of them for the amount they requested though!) and we are looking forward to being able to purchase their final products at our Enterprise Fair on 8th July.

Our Country (area) of the Summer Term is The Far



East as at OHA we have children representing Japan, China, Thailand, The Philippines and

Taiwan. Emily, Gina, James, Matthew,

Katherine, Ciara, Oscar and Jasmine, shared their knowledge and pride in the countries of their heritage during a colourful assembly, helped by Kiera and Adrians in their OHA Travel Agency.

Our **Year 6** children have all made us feel very proud with how maturely they approached their SATs tests last week, I know they all tried their best and I am sure they will feel proud of themselves when the results come out in July (as will their parents and teachers!).

The **drama club's** hard work throughout the year came to fruition this week in their amazing performances of 'Oliver' and a 'Songs from Oliver' performance for younger children and Year 2 children from FHINS. Miss Upton and her team put on a 'West-End worthy' show and can go into half term knowing they have certainly deserved their week of rest!

Our **Community Events Team** are busy organising the Summer Fair and I know they would

appreciate any help you are able to offer, please contact them through the school office or catch Dawn Cockerell on the playground.

Dates to remember: Friday 5th June -Jeans for Bottles Day—children can wear their jeans instead of the school skirt or black trousers / shorts in return for bringing in a bottle of something for the summer fair.

Friday 26th June—Crazy Hair Day for £1 donation for summer fair BBQ purchases

Sadly, we lost one of our long standing **Governors** and volunteers when **Mr Becke** passed away at the start of the term. We are awaiting the arrival of a new bench in his memory and will be holding an 'unveiling ' ceremony of our 'Mr Becke Reading Bench' when it arrives.

Mrs Baker has had a busy last week with us, storing up the memories ready for her retirement which starts tomorrow! I know you will all want to join me in saying a massive thank you to her for all the kindness, sensitivity and care she has shown the hundreds of children and families who have passed through our doors during the past 28 years. She leaves a huge gap in our staff but Mrs Baker truly deserves a long and happy retirement!

As for the rest of us, I do hope you all **enjoy the half term break** and we look forward to seeing you again on **1st June**, the first day of the new half term, and at our **parent forum on 5th June (9am)** to discuss the recent parents' survey.

Mandy Lancy, Principal