

# Oak Hill Academy Newsletter

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## Dates for the Spring Term 2017

### March

- Tues 7<sup>th</sup> - Y4 Pedestrian training 9.00-12.00  
- Parent Conversation Evening 3.30-7.00pm
- Wed 8<sup>th</sup> - Parent Conversation Evening 3.30-5.00pm
- Fri 10<sup>th</sup> - National Science Week begins  
Y5 Science Museum
- Mon 13<sup>th</sup> - Y6 - PGL all week
- Tues 14<sup>th</sup> - Y6 non PGL Science Museum  
- Y4 Pedestrian training 9.00-12.00
- Thur 16<sup>th</sup> - Y6 non PGL Kidzania
- Fri 17<sup>th</sup> - 5P Class Assembly - 9am and 2.45pm
- Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> - Y3 and Y6 Work With Your Child Morning
- Thur 23<sup>rd</sup> - Y6 SATS Meeting for Parents 9.00-10am  
- Y6 SATS Meeting for Parents 5.30-6.30pm  
- Y4 and Y5 Work With Your Child Morning
- Fri 24<sup>th</sup> - Red Nose Day  
- Book Fair starts
- Mon 27<sup>th</sup> - Book Fair Week till Thurs
- Tues 28<sup>th</sup> - 3B/3U Chessington Trip  
- Y4 Harry Potter World
- Thur 30<sup>th</sup> - 3GR/3G Chessington Trip

Fri 31<sup>st</sup> - **Last day – End of Term**  
**SCHOOL FINISHES AT 2pm**  
(please collect your Child promptly)

### April

Tues 18<sup>th</sup> - **Summer Term – School starts at 8.50am**

*The school day starts at 8.50am. Children are able to enter the building at 8.40am every day except Monday. On this day children should enter at 8.50am and go straight to class.*

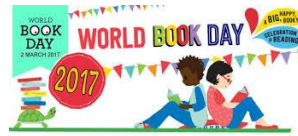
**LIBRARY AMNESTY** A plea for help! We have noticed that a lot of library books have gone missing in the last year and we are desperate to have them back. Please have a good look at home for any school library books (they will have the school stamp inside the front cover) and ask your children to return them to the blue box in the Library.



Friday  
24 March

We will be selling red noses each day from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March. Don't forget to get yours.....you nose it makes sense!

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March in return for a £1 donation children may come in to school wearing 1 item of red clothing, footwear or headpiece with their school uniform.



## Celebrating 20yrs of World Book Day

It's been a very busy week for us. We've had lots of activities going on as well as Read with Your Child slots for parents.

We had the author **Marie Skilling** in on Wednesday doing writing workshops with Y6 and signings of her book 'The Adventures of Benjamin Frank'.



The author **Richard Vobes** also came in on Thursday and Friday to run 'Storytelling through Mime' workshops with all classes and to do signings of his book 'Splidge the Cragflinger'.



It was lovely yesterday to see so many of our children and staff celebrating 20 years of World Book Day by dressing up as their favourite book character and taking part in the parade outside.



**Y3 Winners:** Jasper 3B, Milo 3U, Paige 3G and Ruth 3GR

**Runners up:** Toby 3B, Ryan 3U, Liliana 3G and Kearah 3GR



**Y4 Winners:** Bryn 4P, Rileigh 4U, Sara 4C and Olivia 4O

**Runner up:** Layla 4P, Maisie 4U, Zuzanna 4C and Joshua 4O



**Y5 Winners:** Rhianna 5AB, Jody 5P, Alice 5D and Chelsea 5R

**Runners up:** Logan 5AB, Sophie 5P, Pransh 5D and Star 5R



**Y6 Winners:** Salma 6D, Ezgi 6TM, Aaron 6C and Zain 6L

**Runners up:** Mark 6D, Mahdi 6TM, Leah 6C and Monica 6L

### Maths Challenge - a win for Oak Hill

Some of our Y5 and Y6 children went to Bedford Primary on 7<sup>th</sup> February to compete in a Maths Challenge. They all worked really hard and had to complete 15 problems in just 1 hour. At the end of the challenge the scores were read out and we came first, beating 6 other schools.

This was a fantastic achievement by the following children!

**Y5: Rishaban, Harry and Alice**

**Y6: Aryan, Abhishek and Ravija**

Well done to each and every one of you.



**The Year 4 Cake Sale** held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February raised a fantastic total of: **£171.98**

Well done to everyone who baked **and** bought. Thank you!



### **THE CIRCUS IS COMING TO TOWN!**

We are very excited to announce that Oak Hill Academy will be welcoming **HAPPY'S CIRCUS** on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June. Tickets will be on sale in the next few weeks. Watch this space!





We will be celebrating National Science Week (10<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> March). Mad scientist Dr Mark will be visiting Oak Hill and some of the children will be going to the Aspiration's Space Studio later in the term.



**Miss Le Voir will be running in the Virgin London Marathon on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April.** She is fundraising for the charity 'Mind'. If you would like to donate to this worthy cause please search Clare Le Voir on the Virgin Money Fundraising website where you will find her fundraising page.



Please don't forget to bring in your Sainsbury vouchers. These are available in store now until 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2017. Please ask friends and family to collect the vouchers for our school. They can be handed in to the School Office. This is an easy way to "buy" sports and cooking equipment for our children to use in school.

### School Website - Improving School to Parent Communications

Please note that our school website now has a language translator facility. To use it please click on the icon in the corner of the screen (between Interactive link and search) and select the language you would like to use <http://oakhill-aspirations.org>



#### **Collecting children at the end of the day!**

We are concerned about the number of children who are not being collected from school or afterschool clubs on time.

We are legally required to report parents to Social Services if their child is not collected by 4pm. Also, where there are persistent late collections, Social Services will need to be notified. Not only is it distressing for your child to be kept waiting but it also causes problems in school for staff as they all have a number of other commitments and are not always on site after 3.30pm. **Please try to give us as much notice as you can if you know you are going to be late.**

Please also note that if you are late collecting your child from an afterschool club more than twice you may be compromising your child's place in that club.



**Can we please remind parents that children should only bring their phones in to school if it is absolutely necessary?** We understand there are times when you

would wish your child to bring their phone in, for instance, when walking to and from school unaccompanied.

All mobile phones should be handed in to the school office *before* registration and a signed letter from home giving permission for your child to bring their mobile phone in will be required from you. **If you haven't already sent a note in, please do so as soon as possible.**

### **ATTENDANCE**

Please remember to call the school each and every day of your child's absence unless you know they will be away for a certain length of time and we have been informed of this.

When your child returns to school we must have a signed letter from you or a medical note to explain their absence. **This is a legal requirement and will be recorded.**

Likewise, if you are taking your child out of school during term time you will be required to fill in a 'Parental Request for Term Time Absence' form. This will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances.

### **Labelling of uniform and coats**

Parents.....Can we please urge you all to label or at least write your child's name in uniforms and outerwear? When items are brought in to the office we can only return them to your child if they are labelled. **This is especially important for jumpers, PE kit and coats.**

### **Lost Property**

We only hold 'lost property' items for a short while before inviting parents to look through what we have. If it is still not claimed it is either taken to a charity shop or disposed of.

### **School Meals**

All school meals must be paid for in advance. Currently a large amount of school time and resources are being taken up chasing parents. Not making regular payments for your child's meals puts the school under enormous pressure as it means we have to meet costs prior to receiving income.

Please help us by making payments in a timely manner. If you experience any problems on the 'School Gateway' app or are having difficulties making payments then please come in to the school office.



### **LUNCHBOXES**

All packed lunches should be in a proper lunchbox and not in a plastic carrier bag. Make sure your child's lunchbox is labelled clearly with their name and class. This alleviates any confusion caused if another child has the same lunchbox.

*Mrs R Saim - Principal*

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