

# Oakdale Newsletter Summer Term 2 - 2021



This term has been very busy in school. It has been wonderful to return to so many of the enrichment experiences that the children missed out on due to Covid.

## Reception

Reception had their first trip out of school. They visited Church Farm and were all very excited to share their experiences when they returned to school.

"I like the cows, they kept moving around. I liked stroking the sheep and they liked us stroking them." *Matida*

"We went on the tractor and saw some escaped sheep that was my favourite part." *Nate*



## Year 1

Year 1 visited Hunstanton to learn about a seaside landscape. They visited the Sealife Centre whilst there and especially enjoyed having lunch on the beach.

"I enjoyed eating my lunch on the beach. It was like a picnic" *Mia*

"We saw lots of animals, I loved the penguins and watched them swimming in the water." *Sofia*

"I loved the turtle because it was gigantic!" *Lewis*

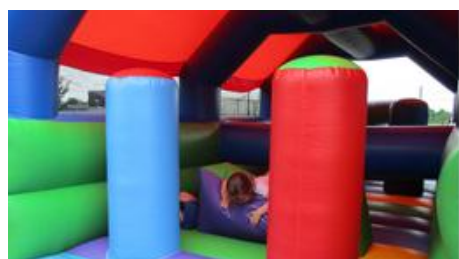


Year 1 also had their Sports Funding activity. They had a bouncy castles assault course which they loved:

"I liked going down the slide on the bouncy castle." *Ruby*

"I liked climbing up the rope and sliding down the other side." *Niamh*

"I loved messing around in the obstacle course and getting stuck with my friends!" *Thomas*



## Year 2

Year 2 went to Wicken Fen to support their learning. They did fun activities including pond-dipping, insect catching and learning about how to keep the fens as a nature reserve and preserve animals and insects for the future.



"I liked learning about all new insects and creatures in pond-dipping there were lots I didn't know! I also liked to connect with the wild' *Zachary*

"I liked doing pond dipping at Wicken Fen because I found out about lots of different creatures. Wicken Fen is a very beautiful place to visit." *Charlie W*



Year 2 also went to Activity World this term for their Wow sports activity:

"I was super excited to go to Activity World. I was scared of the rainbow slide but I was brave on everything else and I liked jumping off the different climbing ropes."

*Reuben*



"I really enjoyed Activity World. I was really excited all the way on the bus and the night before!" *Phoebe*



"Activity World was so fun and exciting. My favourite part was the blue slide because it was so dark and mysterious. I thought it would take me to a different world!" *Alfie*

## Year 3

Year 3 didn't let the rain stop them from enjoying their class visit to Kings Dyke to support their topic learning:



"I liked touching the python, it was new to me because I have never touched a snake before. The fossils reminded me of what animals in the olden times were like." *David*



"I really liked bird watching. It was peaceful and I've never seen so many birds before." *Grace*



For their sports enrichment Year 3 went to Tallington Lakes which involved raft building and tobogganing:

"Raft building was fun because it helped me to solve problems and my team sailed the furthest. We worked together." *Leo*

"I learnt how to build my own raft and I challenged myself to go really high up on the tobogganing hill. It was scary, but I did it!" *Ruby*



## Year 4

Year 4 had a trip to Rutland Zoo to support their topic learning. They were able to experience hands on learning and returned to school full of interesting facts about the different animals they had seen.



For their Sports funding task, Year 4 also went to Tallington lakes and made rafts as teams before trying them. This was a great example of collaboration at its best. They also did tobogganing and surprised themselves by rising to a new challenge.

“The day before the trip. I was really nervous, but when I discovered how fun it was, I couldn’t stop!” *Kaitlyn*

“This is the best day I’ve had in 5 years!” *Ethan*

“It was great that even if we were scared, they helped us and gave us loads of chances to have a go and get more confident. The lady that helped us was really kind.” *Aydin*



## Year 5

Year 5 and 6 had already had their sports experience at the beginning of the year. Their topic this term is ‘Showtime’ so they went, with Year 6, to Twinlakes for the day. They were lucky that the sun shone and they were able to get onto every ride without queuing.

“I really enjoyed the trip, it made me face my fears going high and fast on all the rides.” *Amelia*

“The trip was really fun and exciting; the best ride was the log flume. I got really wet!” *Millie L*

“I had an amazing time on the trip, it was my first time on a roller coaster and I loved it.” *Toby*

“I was really scared to go on the Pirate Ship but I went on with all my friends. I had so much fun!” *Oliver*



## Year 6

For their end of term treat, paid for by the Friends of Oakdale, they will be going to Glo Golf. We hope they have a great time and enjoy their last trip with their friends. They also went to Twinlakes for their topic visit this term:

"I loved going on the high swing ride with Mrs Smith and getting soaked on the log flume with my friends." *Jordan*

"It was great because we could go on all of the rides with our friends." *Lucie*



## Assemblies

We are pleased that we have still been able to deliver assemblies to share the children's learning with you at home. Next year we intend to return to class assemblies being held in school, although not with the rest of the school initially. We will be sending out a term planner at the start of the new academic year to provide you with the dates.

## Uniform and PE kit

As the term draws to an end please may we remind you about the importance of the correct uniform. Our uniform policy can be found on our website:



<https://www.oakdale.peterborough.sch.uk/page/?title=School+Uniform&pid=69>

We will take children outside to play regardless of the weather as the building provides shelter in extreme weather. Please ensure the children have suitable outdoor clothing for this.

This year we asked for the children to come to school in their PE kits on the days required. This proved very successful and favoured by staff and parents alike therefore we intend to continue this.

PE days for next year:

<b>Reception A1</b>	Tuesday
<b>Reception A2</b>	Tuesday
<b>Year 1 B1</b>	Wednesday Friday
<b>Year 1 B2</b>	Wednesday Friday
<b>Year 2 C1</b>	Wednesday Thursday
<b>Year 2 C2</b>	Wednesday Thursday
<b>Year 3 D1</b>	Monday Friday
<b>Year 3 D2</b>	Monday Friday
<b>Year 4</b>	Monday Thursday
<b>Year 5</b>	Tuesday Thursday
<b>Year 6</b>	Tuesday Friday

## Homework Prizes

Thank you to the children who returned their completed textbooks, provided in the event of self-isolation, which they had finished as a homework task. In our live assembly today we did a live draw. Each of our six winners received a £10 voucher. Well done to our winners!

## Friends of Oakdale

We have been unable to hold the events usually planned for by our Friends of Oakdale parent association. The funds they have raised have contributed from these events is used to enhance the children's experience in school e.g. the Year 6 leavers event. We hope to be able to resume this next year and are seeking new members. Further details will

## Behaviour awards

83% of children received a good behaviour letter home this term.



To gain this every term is a real achievement and in recognition of this the 118 children who this applies to have received a special badge to wear with pride.

We are incredibly proud of the children this year. The changes have been faced with resilience and determination to succeed despite the situation.

**Care**      **Collaborate**  
**Challenge**      **Respect**  
**Aspire**

be sent out in September.

### Sports Week



We used some of our Sports Premium funding to fund an active week of unusual sports for the children. This was very well received by the children who had a great time over the course of the week. They had nerf games, zorb football, extreme dodgeball and bubble mayhem.



### British Values



We have also been able to have visitors into school this term. We have had visits from: a magistrate who carried out a mock trial with Year 6; Cross Keys home who delivered a workshop on Recycling and waste with Years 4,5 and 6; Wood Green animal charity who delivered workshops across the school about looking after and caring for animals.

### New Staff

A warm welcome to our new staff who have joined us this term or start in September. We have three new experienced teachers joining us: Mrs Redmile (Reception), Miss Basra (Year 1) and Miss Hawkins (Year 3). We also welcome new teaching assistants: Mrs Fletcher, Mrs Shehri, Miss Sadlier, Mrs Sapaden, Mrs Newland-Giddings and Mrs Hurst.

Videos for the children to welcome them to their new classrooms are scheduled on Google Classroom for Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September.



### Farewell Year 6



The term ends this year with a final farewell to Year 6.

They finish the year with their leavers' assembly on Thursday afternoon and we are so pleased that parents are able to attend this.

We wish them every success in their next steps and look forward to hearing about their future successes.

Good luck Year 6!

### Dates for next year

**Term dates are available on our school website: [Term Dates - Oakdale Primary School](#)**

A term planner will be sent out in September.

We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021.

