

Oakdale News

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Happy Christmas to you all! We have enjoyed a number of fantastic events at school this term. Many, many thanks to all the parents, grandparents pupils, staff and community members who have made this such a special time of year for the children.

Nativity



Years 1 and Year 2 performed in a traditional Nativity play. The children threw themselves into the songs with great enthusiasm!

We were thrilled to be able to share the performance with so many people, both performances were completely full. The children gave a fantastic performance with excellent singing, dancing and confident speaking and they were smiling throughout. A huge well done to both the adults and children involved. We all really enjoyed it!



Carol Concerts

The Key Stage 2 Carol Concerts this year were yet again great fun! The Key Stage 2 classes chose their favourite songs and performed for parents and grandparents on stage. I would like to congratulate the children on their impeccable behaviour and wonderful singing and dancing throughout. We were very proud of them.



Year 2 Multi-Skills



We had a fun morning at Stanground Academy taking part in a range of multi-skills activities that were led by the Year 8 students. Some of the games included the traditional duck, goose, which was a favourite with Year 2. We practised team building skills and taking part in a mini – just for fun though!



"I enjoyed the activities, especially the balloon one because it wasn't allowed to touch the floor! Our team scored 100!" Emma.



Year 2 Museum Trip

We have been learning about the famous nurse, Florence Nightingale, and went to Peterborough Museum to see how a hospital would have been run in the past. We did not know that the museum used to be a hospital. We were trained by 'Matron Cavell' who showed us how important it was to keep the operating theatre clean. We also put on bandages and used the medical tools to operate on our friends!

We also went into the kitchen to take part in all the other important jobs to help a hospital run smoothly and for people to get better, like cooking healthy meals and making sure the sheets were clean.

"I used the mangle to dry the clothes and when I dried the clothes the mangle felt wooden and wet." Eli

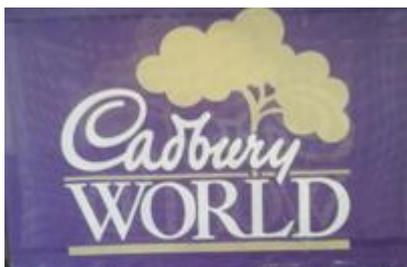
"I put the iron on the range to make it hot." Jacob

"I used carrots, broccoli and a bit of onion and potato to make a healthy soup for the patients." Aydin

"I learnt from bandaging that when you first try, it is quite tricky but you get used to it in the end." Emma Ho



Years 3 and 4 Cadbury World



On Thursday 18th October Years 3 and 4 visited Cadbury World for the day. We got free bars of chocolate, went to the cinema (with moving seats!) and through the Aztec Jungle we tempered chocolate and learnt the history of chocolate and Cadbury. At the end of the day we went shopping in the world's biggest Cadbury shop and nobody was sick!

"Fun because we went on a 4D roller coaster and a 4D cinema" Kuba

"Exciting" Isobelle

"I liked that we got free chocolate" Ben A



Reception- Church Farm

The children in Reception went on their first school trip to church farm. We had a great day! The children met Santa, met lots of animals and had the chance to pet some. We even discovered lots of fun play areas which the children had a great time on. The children were a credit to Oakdale School and had such a brilliant first school trip. We are all looking forward to the next one.

Years 5 and 6 Life on the Home Front



On Wednesday 14th November Year 5 and 6 visited Stibbington for a World War 1: Life on the Home Front experience day. Children dressed up in clothes from the era and really got into character for the day. They were able to take part in a variety of activities linked to life during World War 1, including classroom lessons, first aid, and semaphore. At lunchtime they also got to play different games which children would have enjoyed at this time.

"I enjoyed learning about what life was like for the children especially the outside activities such as skipping. I

also like finding out about what school life was like and experiencing the lessons" Eleanor T

"I liked one of the punishments the teacher made me do. I had to stand with my nose touching a chalked dot on the blackboard, I couldn't take my nose off it because she put a piece of chak on my nose" Filip
"I really liked doing the washing, we had to grate the soap, rinse them in clean water then use the mangle before we could hang it out!"
Emma



Christmas Bazaar

Another fantastic evening getting everyone into the Xmas spirit, with lots of games and prizes to be won, not forgetting our visit from Santa! We are delighted with the amount of money raised and couldn't have done this without the help of everyone involved. Year on year the work involved doesn't get any easier, sadly this year we were short on help prior to the evening, however those involved did a tremendous job to pull off yet another successful evening, seeing the children's faces and receiving the wonderful feedback from parents reminds us of why we lay on such events. A really special mention goes to;

Caroline Trotter - my wing woman, who has helped with secretarial, treasury and keeping me on track with to do lists! Definitely a few calories burnt running around!

Catherine Williams, Sylvia Diker, Chris Harrison for the hours of wrapping gifts for Santa's grotto, Carol Castle, Kate Bentley and Becky Sappor for help with sorting donation day,

Parents that helped with setting up on the afternoon and Leanne Serniak for help in the café,

All of the teachers/TA's and year 6 for setting up and covering a stall,

Sadly this is Kerry Cole and her mum Carols last year with us and couldn't have made it through the past three years without your help and guidance,

Finally a massive thank you to all parents/Carers and children who sold raffle tickets, made generous donations and came and spent their pennies on the evening, it wouldn't have been a success without all of those involved.

If any parents/carers/friends would like more information on how to get involved with fundraising for the school please contact myself or Caroline via the Friends of Oakdale Facebook page or through the school office.

Kirsty Giordano – Friends of Oakdale

Due to the hard work of everyone involved the Bazaar raised £1430. This money will go towards equipment for the school outdoor area when we have the new building. Friends will also be paying for a special trip for all the children in the Summer term, as previously raised money could not be spent last year due to the building works. We will also ensure that the year Six pupils get a little something extra as their parents have been fundraising for a long time and will not see the benefit of new equipment for the school.

Thank you once again to everyone for your support of the school.

CARE - One of our values is Care and we like to give to children some understanding of Caring for others in the wider community.



Children were invited to Dress Down Day to raise money for Children in Need. Thank you for your generous donations. The total amount raised was £264.80

Friendship and Anti-bullying week (Wk: 12th Nov)

As part of an annual programme of Personal, Social and Health Education, we teach children about managing relationships, self-esteem, identifying bullying and what to do about it. This term we had a Friendship and Anti-Bullying week which started with Odd Sock Day (Dare to be Different!) right through to Friendship Friday. The children took part in a range of fun activities including a morning in their house teams where they sang, designed socks, ran around outside playing games and were taught how to get along with their friends and what to do if they needed help with friendships.



Yr 1 and 2 Odd Sock Day

Sporting Events

Christmas Cards

This year we took part in the NHS Christmas Card Appeal. This was created to support elderly patients who receive no visitors at all when being in hospital is difficult enough without adding loneliness to the mix. All of the children participated and made a card. These will be handed out to patients across the Peterborough area.



Celebration Assembly

Many congratulations to the 148 children who achieved 98%+ attendance certificates.

This term 47% amount of children were entered into the homework prize draw. The winners were (£20 Amazon voucher), (£10 Amazon voucher), (£5 Amazon voucher) and (£5 Amazon voucher). Very well done to all the children who were entered into the draw this term. We will be making slight changes to our homework system next term following parental feedback. A letter will be sent out at the beginning of next term.

Respect House (yellow) won the house reward for this term. This is the first time that they have won, so well done to the children for working together to achieve their reward.

60% children received a good behaviour letter this half term. This not only recognises consistently good choices made in school, but also celebrates good learning behaviour and children who personify our school values of care, respect, collaboration, challenge and aspiration.

Assemblies	
All class assemblies start at 9:00am and parents are invited to stay afterwards to share children's work	
Year 6	Wednesday 23 rd January
Year 1	Wednesday 30 th January
Year 2	Wednesday 6 th February
Year 5	Wednesday 6 th March
Reception A1	Tuesday 12 th March
Reception A2	Wednesday 20 th March

Key Dates

Thursday 3rd January

Friday 11th January

Monday 21st January

Wednesday 24th January

Friday 25th January

Monday 28th January

Tuesday 29th January

Tuesday 12th – Friday 15th Feb

Children back to school

Year 5 Swimming starts

Extra Curricular Clubs start

NSPCC e-safety parents' workshop

School Photos and Friday Club

E-Safety Week

NSPC E-Safety workshop for parents

Year 5/6 - Residential to Condover Hall

Friday 15 th February	Last lesson of Yr 5 swimming sessions / Children break up for Half Term
Monday 25 th February	Children back into school
Wednesday 27 th February	Spring Concert
Friday 1 st March	Start of Year 4 Swimming
Monday 4 th March	Last week of clubs
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day
Friday 8 th March	Friday Club
Wednesday 13 th – Friday 15 th March	Years 1 and 2 Residential to Aylmerton
Friday 15 th March	Red Nose Day
Wednesday 20 th March	Parents' Evening
Thursday 21 st March	Parents' Evening
Monday 25 th March	Years 3 and 4 production to parents at 6:00pm
Tuesday 26 th March	Years 3 and 4 production to parents at 2:00pm
Friday 5 th April	Last of Year 4 swimming sessions /Children break up for Easter break
Wednesday 24 th April	Children return to school.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support of the school. We have received so many wonderful comments from parents and grandparents this term, particularly during the productions. Thank you to all our hardworking staff and to all the children for making us so proud.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all and we look forward to seeing you when we return to school on Thursday the 4th January.

Ms I Wrigley