

# OAKY DOAKY

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We would like to wish everyone a happy new year and welcome the children back to school after the Christmas holiday. We hope all families had an enjoyable festive period and that all pupils enjoyed a well-earned rest after their hard work last term.

This term is sure to be as busy as ever with lots to look forward to, including various trips and events and, of course, the Year 3 and 4 production at the end of term.

Year 6 have already been busy taking their Mock SATs and after half-term will have 'Booster' classes to help them prepare for their actual SATs which they will take in May.

We hope all pupils will work hard during the course of the term and we look forward to helping them all, with your continued support, to achieve their full potential.

Please see the attached term dates for more information about events happening this term.

## School CLUBS

Below are the clubs that are presently running. If you require more information about any of these, please ask at reception.

**Mondays** - Year 6 Netball Club, Year 5 Spanish Club (starting 22nd Jan), Homework Club

**Tuesdays** - CP Soccer, Year 3 Gymnastics Club, Ukulele Club, Year 5 & 6 Street Dance club (lunchtime)

**Wednesdays** - Year 5 French Club

**Thursdays** - Year 5 & 6 Street Dance Club, Knitting club (lunchtime)

**Fridays** - Choir (all year groups)

Look out for other clubs which may also be starting up soon.



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Each week in assembly, teachers announce the 'Star of the week' for their class. These awards celebrate the successes and efforts of the children and encourage all pupils to work hard and demonstrate a positive attitude within school.

Congratulations to the following award winners:

3A: Robyn

5B: Phoebe

3H: Kia

5KR: Rohan A

3S: Arash

5ST: Sumanta

4C: Billy

6L: Cai

4M: Tyler

6M: Aaron N

4W: Harley

6S: Abbie

Music: Freddie (3H)

French: Reem (6M)

Art: Thomas (6L)



### MUSIC NEWS.

Year 6 are finding out about the History of Music: learning about and listening to a selection of well-known composers as well as understanding how music evolves and reflects the period of time it is in.

Year 5 are learning about the musical traditions and heritage of Scotland. They will be learning to perform the Scottish song "O Flower Of Scotland". If any parents are able to play the bagpipes, please let Mrs Stonely know!

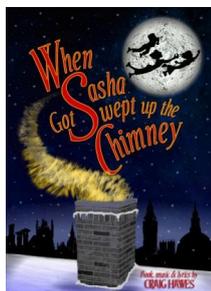
Year 4 are looking at the Orchestra and all the families that belong to it. It would be wonderful, if you are interested, to go and see an orchestra live - if you haven't already. You can often see them locally (much cheaper and accessible than going into town.) Here is a link to a local event, but there are plenty advertised on the internet;

<http://hillingdonphil.btck.co.uk/CONCERTSEASON2017-18>

Year 3 are taking part in a Eurythmic unit of work - understanding and creating rhythms and learning the values of beats.

Good luck and happy practising to all the new year 3 children who are beginning their instrumental lessons with the Hillingdon Music Service. If your child is learning the guitar, your ParentMail accounts are not set up for books and hire of guitar.

Congratulations to all of the children who took part in the Year 6 (and choir) performance of 'When Sasha Got Swept up the Chimney' at the end of last term.



The children put on a fantastic performance and we are sure all audience members enjoyed watching the show. Thank you for all of your positive comments!

Children have been continuing to work hard to earn house points for their houses and the running totals are as follows:



**Jupiter: 5166**

**Mars: 5869**

**Mercury: 6487**

**Neptune: 5949**



## at Oak Farm Library!

### **Children's Book Club**

Oak Farm Library will be launching a new Children's Book Club on Wednesday January 31st for young readers aged between 7 and 10. Designed to boost reading skills and confidence with speaking and listening, the group will be reading the hilarious superhero tale *The Adventures of Long Arm*, by CBBC favourites Sam and Mark. As well as reading part of the story to each other every week, children will have the chance to take part in activities such as designing their own superhero and even writing a letter to Sam and Mark themselves! The club will meet from 4pm to 5pm every Wednesday. Booking is essential, so if you would like your child to take part please get in touch with the library as soon as possible.

### **Total Insight Theatre presents: *The Kind Kids***

On February 12th, Total Insight Theatre will be visiting Oak Farm Library to present a special interactive drama workshop for children aged 5 to 9 called *The Kind Kids*.

The activity will introduce visitors to Kieran and Katie, who need to learn just how important it is for us all to be kind to each other. *The Kind Kids* will run from 11am to 12pm and booking is essential. Parents can secure their free place by getting in touch with us.

### **February Half Term Shadow Puppet Workshop**

On Thursday February 15th, families can join us in the library for a special Shadow Puppet Workshop in celebration of Chinese New Year. Suitable for children aged 6 to 10, visitors will be able to make their own shadow puppet and then use it to present a short puppet show. The activity will run from 2pm to 3pm and must be booked in advance either by phone or in person at the library.

### **Summer Reading Challenge Success**

Oak Farm Library's autumn term began with the fantastic news that local primary schools had helped us to join nearly 1,000 children to the Summer Reading Challenge 2017, with more than half of these children completing all six visits of the challenge. This means our branch had over 100 more joiners (and over 100 more completers) than during the 2016 challenge.

Across all of the borough's libraries, close to 10,000 children took part and nationally the figure was a massive 761,758.

We are keen to beat 1,000 joiners at Oak Farm Library in 2018 and hope that this year's Summer Reading Challenge theme - Dennis the Menace and his friends from the Beano - will help us do just that! A massive thank you to all the local primary schools who hosted visits from us to promote the challenge and encouraged their pupils to take part.

