

# OAKFARM JUNIOR

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Updates

Year 3 are learning about the Ancient Greeks this half term in history and are using their knowledge to write some information texts in their English lessons. They are looking forward to an Ancient Greek day on 8th May and would like to remind everyone in year 3 to send in the payment for this as soon as possible. In science lessons, year 3 are starting work on plants.

Children in Year 4 are currently learning all about natural disasters. In Geography, the focus is on how and why volcanoes erupt and looking at the causes and effects of earthquakes. In English lessons, children have extended the topic area to research a wider range of natural phenomenon, including tsunamis, hurricanes and floods, and are currently planning and writing information texts. French lessons are also focusing on vocabulary associated with volcanoes and earthquakes.

Year 5 are starting a new topic on the History of London and have already been writing information pages about either the Great Fire of London or the Great Plague. In maths lessons, the children enjoyed taking part in sporting activities in order to collect data which they could then present in a variety of ways and use different types of averages. Science lessons involve learning about life cycles, beginning with those of plants.

Year 6 are working really hard in the last few weeks before they take their SATs tests. The children are also starting a topic on the Maya and are finding out about electricity in science. There is lots of revision going on and we feel confident that the children are going to sit their tests well-prepared and ready to show off their skills. Fortunately, there is lots to look forward to this term including trips to Legoland and PGL. and a visit from Mexicolore.

## GET INVOLVED!

We have a vacancy for a parent governor for our school.

Our parent governors are very valuable members of the governing body. We rely on them to help us to keep in touch with what parents are thinking and to help us to decide what is best for all our children. You don't need to be an expert in education to be an effective governor but you have to want to help our school to be the best it can

be. There is support and training available to help you in the role.

If you are interested in becoming a parent governor, please read the attached the letter and collect an application pack from the school reception. If you would like to find out more, speak to one of our current parent governors who can tell you about their own experience of the role.



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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: Cara	5B: Sarany
3H: Joshua	5KR: Ilayda
3S: Safiyya	5ST: Jacob
4C: Dominik	6L: Ananya
4M: Sahana	6M: Myedah
4W: Viya	6S: Charlotte
Music: Kaden (5ST)	
French: Micaela (5ST)	
Art: Georgi (5B)	



Parents of children who are going to Beaulieu should have received a letter about the upcoming information meeting (Tuesday 8th May @ 6:30pm) and a data collection form. Please make every effort to attend this meeting and, if possible, please return the form by Friday 4th May.

# WELCOME BACK!

It's always good to see a familiar face and it's been lovely to welcome Miss Kear back to the staff; she's joined the Year 4 team for the term and has already settled back into Oak Farm life!

### Class Assemblies

There will be a number of class assemblies taking part this term. Look out for information sent home with your child.

## "Have your say"

There is a chance to have your say about improvements to roads and traffic in the Oak Farm area on Saturday 5 May 2018, 10am to 3pm at Oak Farm Library on Sutton Court Road. Drop in and help identify improvement opportunities in your area. For more information, please email [transportstrategy@hillington.gov.uk](mailto:transportstrategy@hillington.gov.uk)

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

**Jupiter: 8853**

**Mars: 9900**

**Mercury: 10757**

**Neptune: 9799**

**As Mercury were last term's champions, all the children in Mercury will be able to wear their own clothes to school next Friday, 4th May.**





## SPORTS UPDATE...

Just before the Easter break, our football team took on Whitehall Junior School in the quarter final of the Uxbridge and District knockout cup competition. In an entertaining match, it was Whitehall who took an early lead. However, Oak Farm began to play some really good football and created a number of good opportunities. Eventually, courtesy of Chay's left-foot strike, Oak Farm grabbed a well-deserved equaliser. The match went to extra-time and in the dying moments Callum was brought down in the area, giving Oak Farm a penalty. Unfortunately, Jack's penalty went a whisker wide of the post and the match went to a penalty shoot-out. Just as in the previous round, Harry made some fine saves and our players took some fine penalties, meaning that we won through to the semi-final.

On Friday of last week, the semi-final took place at home against St. Catherine's Primary School. Our team played really well in the first half and took the lead after a flowing move which ended in Alfie teeing-up Farhad to open the scoring. Unfortunately, the second half didn't start so well and a defensive clearance was blocked and St. Catherine's managed to level. With chances at a premium, it was the away side who managed to grab a scrambled equaliser and, despite our best efforts, they held on to take their place in the final.

Well done to all of the boys who have represented Oak Farm in the league and cup competitions this season:

Cai, Jack, Oliver, Saif, Calum B, Harry, Darius, Lenny, Chay, Farhad, Harshaan, Alfie and Callum M



A number of clubs are already in full-swing this term.

Year 3 gymnastics club has re-started on Tuesdays. There are still a couple of spaces available, so if your child is interested in joining, please speak to Mr Betts asap.

Year 6 cricket club will be starting next month. Letters will be sent home to all children who are interested in taking part. Rounders club will also be getting going soon.

There will be trials for the Year 5 and 6 pupils for both cricket and rounders later in the term.



*Staff v Parents Netball – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May @ 4:00pm*

If you haven't received the letter about the upcoming staff v parents netball match, please have a look on the school website. This will be our third year of running the event and we hope it'll be another fun-filled afternoon!



