

OJS

Friday

Newsletter

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2022



CARING ABOUT TODAY, CREATING SUCCESSFUL TOMORROWS.

SUMMER TERM 2022

Headteacher's Message

Our first joint Summer Fair with Oatlands Infants school was a huge success on Saturday and I would like to thank you all for coming along with family and friends, to support this event. Special thanks to our wonderful PTA for organising all the different stalls, refreshments and activities. There was certainly lots to keep everyone entertained! I understand that the total is still rising, so once the final figure is confirmed, I will share this with you all. For Oatlands Juniors, the money will go towards the funds already raised for replacing the adventure trail.

You will have noticed that our website has a new look: <https://www.oatlandsjunior.co.uk/>

We have made some changes so that it is easier to view through mobile devices and re-organised the main tabs, so that information is clearer and more intuitive to find.

We also have new year group Twitter pages which will be feeding onto the class pages, so please follow us:

[Oatlands Junior School](#), [Year 3](#), [Year 4](#), [Year 5](#), [Year 6](#).

A polite reminder to all parents/carers about the current COVID-19 guidance. Children who test positive should self-isolate for three days and you should not send them into school. We have vulnerable pupils and adults in school, especially our staff who are pregnant. Pupils who are sent into school before the end of their 3-day isolation, increase the risk for these vulnerable groups of people in our school community. See DfE link for your reference:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/people-with-symptoms-of-a-respiratory-infection-including-covid-19>

Finally, a reminder that school will be closed on Friday 1st July for our professional development day. The school will re-open again on Monday 4th July.

Scarth's Celebrations

I had the pleasure of meeting pupils from Y3 and Y4 this week. They shared learning from PSHE and I was impressed by the level of maturity they showed when talking about their work. Y3 explored all the essential things that babies need, understanding that it is not just things that we buy that are important, but care and love too. Y4 identified different things that change in our bodies as we grow older. They confidently talked about how change is part of growing up and what we can and can't control. Always impressed at how confident and articulate Oatlands Junior pupils are, when speaking with me. Very well done to:

Year 3:

- Fernanda
- Emily-Rose
- Renee
- Rory

Year 4:

- Joseph
- Violet
- Rory



Achievement Awards

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
<u>Owls</u>	<u>Grizzly Bears</u>	<u>Lemurs</u>	<u>Cheetahs</u>
Izzy	Arthur	Riley	Liv
Fernanda	Andrew	Caroline	Beth
<u>Foxes</u>	<u>Snow Leopards</u>	<u>Macaws</u>	<u>Flamingos</u>
Emmeline	Molly	Loui	Toby
Thomas	Eleanor	Charlotte	Sadie
<u>Badgers</u>	<u>Falcons</u>	<u>Tigers</u>	<u>Meerkats</u>
Romilly	Charlotte	Alfie	Henry
Alice	Jess	Lottie	Immy

House Points

This week's winners are the **Yellow Hammers** with **939** points, well done.

Here are the running totals so far for this term:

Red Kites	Blue Jays	Green Kingfishers	Yellow Hammers
1774	1639	1879	1738

TT Rock Stars!

This term our new focus is the 'Most Improved'! I will be looking at your initial rock speed and comparing it your current rock speed. Good luck everyone 😊

This week's winners are:

<u>Year 3</u>	<u>Year 4</u>	<u>Year 5</u>	<u>Year 6</u>
Fletcher (Owls)	Reuben (Grizzly Bears)	Georgia (Lemurs)	Samir (Cheetahs)

Reading Passports!

Well done to Ava P in the Grizzly Bears who has completed her Year 4 reading passport this week.

Seed Success!

During Children's Mental Health Week in February 2022, the Foxes planted seeds to represent this year's theme of 'Growing Together'. The children took their seedlings home to nurture when we broke up for Easter, and just look at Dorothy's pepper plants now! Well done for taking such fantastic care of your plants, Dorothy – real life evidence of the saying 'mighty oaks from little acorns grow'!



Miss Allenby

Science Club!

Science Club got off to a flying start - quite literally! - as we designed and flew rocket mice! We chose materials we believed would be most aerodynamic then tested and adapted our designs to create creatures capable of scaling great heights! Archie was the winner of our inaugural Science Club competition, successfully launching his mouse over our climbing wall! Well done, Archie and to all the children for the enthusiasm and determination they showed. I can't wait for our next session!



Miss Allenby

North Yorkshire Cricket Final



Well done to our Y6 cricket team who came a close second in the North Yorkshire Schools cricket competition. The event took place this week at a very sunny York Cricket Club where we faced six other teams from around the county. Our team now progress to the Yorkshire Finals! Congratulations to Barney, Lucas, Ewan, Freddie, Milo, Lenny, Luke, Tom, Thomas and Sami.

Mrs King

Junior Warrior

Isaac and Tabitha Morris joined Over 900 Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers, Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Rangers and some brave leaders to battle the mud, water and obstacles last night at Bramham Park, for the 3K Junior Warrior Obstacles 2022! They competed alongside lots of friends from Oatlands Junior School! Well done everyone!



North Yorkshire Schools Platinum Jubilee Concert

Our upper school choir proudly represented OJS at the North Yorkshire Schools Platinum Jubilee Concert, singing beautifully alongside The Band of the Grenadier Guards, North Yorkshire County Schools Big Band and Richmond Chamber Choir and County Youth Choir. The children really loved meeting the guards and the stage set-up was amazing!



Mrs Ritchie

Swimming Superstar



Scarlett, in Year 6, has had yet more swimming success winning two gold medals and two 4th place medals in the Yorkshire finals. She is officially 7th fastest in the whole of England; so fast, she received a speeding ticket in one of her races!

Very well done Scarlett – we are so very proud of such an amazing achievement.

Dates for Year 6!

It is a very fun-filled and busy term for Year 6, so here are a few dates for your diaries:

End of Year Performance to grandparents and Year 2- Tuesday 5th July afternoon

End of Year Performance to parents – Tuesday 5th July 6:30pm

End of Year Performance to parents- Wednesday 6th July 6:30pm

Woodland Adventure Day (in school)- Friday 8th July and Monday 18th July

Harrogate Grammar School Transition Days- Tuesday 12th-Thursday 14th July

St Aidan's School Transition Day- Thursday 14th July

Year 6 Leavers Service- Thursday 21st July

Final details for each of the events will be communicated in due course. Thank you!

The Wall – A Y5 parent's run for Diabetes UK

One of our student's father's, **David Harrison** is in final preparation for one of the biggest and toughest challenges of his sporting life to date! On Saturday, David will compete in the ultramarathon that is known in the UK as '**The Wall**'. It is a 70 mile/112.6km run that starts in Carlisle and ends in Newcastle following the Roman era Hadrian's Wall and must be completed in **One Day**.

His son, Kemp is a Year 5 student in OJS and is the inspiration for his challenge after recently being diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes. Kemp has shown amazing bravery in coming to terms with this life long condition and the whole school has rallied around him to support. All the OJS staff have been unbelievable in providing an outstanding level of support.

In completing The Wall, David is hoping to raise funds for '**Diabetes UK**' who have supported Kemp and the whole family through these early days. This charity works to create a world where Diabetes can do no harm, where people can live well and longer as a result of a cure or prevention. For those who also may be interested in donating, please use the link below.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/D-Harrison6>

PTA NEWS



Happy Friday all!

Summer Fair:

Our summer fair last weekend was a huge success and we raised lots of money for both the infants and Juniors. Amount to be announced in next weeks

newsletter! Congratulations to all of those who won raffle prizes and thanks to everyone who bought tickets! A huge thank you to all of the volunteers who helped in the preparations, set up and at the event to help make this such a success. We couldn't have done it with you all! 😊

Year 5/6 Movie Night – Thursday 30th June:

Our year 5/6 movie night will take place next week. Tickets are £5 each and includes popcorn and a drink. These can now be purchased on Classlist and ticket sales close tonight! Please note this event has a capacity limit and there are only a few tickets left, so if your child would like to go we recommend you purchase your tickets ASAP. We hope the children have a great time!

Sponsored Park Run – Sunday 10th July:

Our sponsored fun run event will take place on Sunday 10th July for all our children to get involved in, if they wish to. This will take place at Valley Gardens. If your child would like to take part please sign up on Classlist by Saturday 2nd July. Further details about this and how to register for the event can be found in the PDF attachment below. Sponsorship forms will be handed out at school next week. We still need a few more volunteers to help us with this event on the day to act as Marshalls and to hand out medals to the children. Volunteers will be needed from 8.30 – 9.40am (ish). If you can help us with this, please email us on ptaoatlands@gmail.com Thank you.

Have a great weekend everyone! Your PTA x