

Letter from the Head of Academy

The end of another great term at The Oak Tree Academy

The pupils started the Spring term eager and ready to learn. The whole school has been wrapped in an atmosphere of ambition and aspiration brought to a great finale with our 'Bright Futures Week'. Each child thought about their dreams for the future. Have a look at our 'Bright Futures Week' Blog to find out more about the exciting learning your child has actively participated in. otblogs.net

Jam packed with events and experiences, the children have enjoyed a visit to Butterfly World, the Farm Bus coming to school, celebrating Chinese New Year, learning all about French culture, raising money for Red Nose Day, visiting the Transporter Bridge, experiencing an inflatable Planetarium, dressing up for World Book Day, recreating the Great Fire of London, an outdoor trip to Robinwood, watching a film at the cinema and experiencing a real life Victorian Sweet Shop just to name a few!

Thanks goes to Gill Binks our Community Governor and Lucy Sanderson our Parent Support Advisor who have successfully started a PTA who have already begun to raise funds for the Library Bus. Thank you to our committed and eager parents for the support and time you provide to the academy to ensure good outcomes for all children. Look out for up and coming fundraising events on the newsletter.

Attendance across the academy has risen over the last half term from 94.7% to 95% - ensuring your child in in school regularly is the best way to ensure their progress is rapid. Children with 100% attendance for the term were treated to a chocolate egg and 2 of these children have been drawn from a hat to win a tablet—well done to Erin in KS1 and Sophie in KS2!

Behaviour across the academy has improved further and the children in the winning House Point team were rewarded with a visit to the cinema to watch Smurfs! The staff who attended the trip were proud as punch to report outstanding behaviour at the cinema. Well done to Oak Tree.

As you know the next term is one where all the hard work of the year continues and culminates to reward the children for their year's achievements. Could I take this opportunity to stress the importance of SATS week for children in Y2 and Y6. The children are making great progress towards their targets.

I look forward to seeing you all again in the Summer Term. I wish you all a fun filled, relaxing Spring break and hope the weather is good to us all.

Best wishes, Mrs Pollitt

Message for parents of children moving up to Reception in September

A letter will be sent to parents of children who move up to Reception in September to invite you and your child to transition events to ensure that the move into Reception is smooth and seamless. Please come and talk to us if you have any worries or requests.

We teach the children new words systematically. Every week we will share our focus words with you.

Words to learn and use:

blue

no more

wait

Remember to write down any sentences your children use which include these words. This will help with our assessment of their communication and language skills.



Top Tip

Using boiled eggs to go on a fun Easter Hunt outside is a great opportunity to introduce positional language, i.e. over, under, behind, on top.

30 hours Nursery Provision in September 2017

Please look out for information and posters coming from the Local Authority about the new 30 hours Nursery provision for working parents. At The Oak Tree Academy we may be able to offer a limited number of places. Please let Mrs Pollitt, Head of Academy know if you would like to express an interest.

Whole Academy Diary Dates

- Friday 7th April—Children break up for the Easter holidays
- Monday 24th April—Children return to school at 8.45am
- Wednesday 26th April—Winning Hockey team at Final (Well done Oak Tree)
- Wednesday 3rd May - Theatre Tots Interactive Pirate Workshop for Nursery
- Week Commencing May 8th—Year 6 SATS all week
- Thursday 11th May—Year 6 Pizza Treat after school
- Friday 26th May—Break up for May Half term
- Monday 5th June—Children return to school at 8.45 am
- Tuesday 6th June—Class Photo Day
- Week commencing June 12th—Year 2 SATS all week
- Friday 30th June—Training Day for teacher—no children at school
- July—Transition week to be arranged
- 4th July— 30 children to go to The Big Sing at The Sage (To be arranged)

We are committed to safeguarding children and young people.