



# Oakhurst News

Oakhurst Community Primary School's Fortnightly Newsletter

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## October Diary Dates

4 <sup>th</sup>	Full Governing Body meeting Key Stage 2 cross country event
5 <sup>th</sup>	Virgin Care flu vaccination day
10 <sup>th</sup>	Newsletter published on website [Edition 170] 9:00 – 10:00am: Coffee Stop – community rooms
9 <sup>th</sup>	Residential trip meetings: Year 3 5:30 – 6:00pm Year 4 6:00 – 6:30pm
10 <sup>th</sup>	Residential trip meetings: Year 5 5:30 – 6:00pm Year 6 6:00 – 6:30pm
11 <sup>th</sup>	Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS): Reception and Nursery curriculum evening
16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Trip: Stonehenge
17 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 – 10:00am: Coffee Stop – community rooms
18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM 1 – Normal finish time (3:15pm)</b>



### Update us!

It is really important that we have the most current contact details for all of our families and carers.

Please ensure that you update us on changes of address, phone numbers and permissions etc. in order to avoid any confusion.

## HEAD-itorial



Dear parents and carers,

As you will probably already be aware, last week saw our annual Head Boy and Head Girl interviews alongside our School Council elections. I simply had to make this the main feature of my HEAD-itorial this week.

I was amazed at the quality of the letters I received from the Year 6 children who put themselves forward for positions as Head Boy and Head Girl. I was so impressed in fact that I made the decision to conduct group interviews so that **all of the candidates** could be interviewed – the competition was that fierce! Thank you for all of your wonderful letters; they were filled with such fantastic ideas and so beautifully composed that I will be displaying them prominently in the Head's office.

As for the interviews themselves, all of the children should be incredibly proud of themselves – I certainly couldn't be more proud of each and every one of them. All of the candidates spoke with confidence and could clearly explain their thoughts and opinions on the day. Honestly, any of them could have been awarded the accolade of Head Boy or Head Girl. It was the **toughest decision I have ever had to make**.

In addition to this, last week, all of the children also had the opportunity to put themselves forward for a role on the school council. In the true spirit of **democracy**, our Term 1 British Value, each class voted in a school councillor.

This week, our newly elected school council, Head Boy, Head Girl and Deputies had their first very official piece of business. On Monday, they met in order to discuss and agree upon a series of questions they would be presenting to prospective headteacher candidates. They did a fabulous job and were first-class ambassadors when they carried out their interviews the following day. They made me incredibly proud.

Best Wishes

Mr Paul Strange  
Acting Headteacher

## wow moments

Rayyan in Nairobi Class ran the 'Prospect Run the Rainbow' at Lydiard Park on Saturday! He left his mum eating his dust and only went and finished first, even doing an extra lap for fun! He had a great time, got really colourful and can't wait for next year's race! Rayyan's family are incredibly proud of him. Well done Rayyan!

Ellie from Santiago Class has had a great couple of weeks winning the Cadet Medal at Wrag Barn Golf Club and then winning the Swindon Web Dev Cup at Broome Manor Golf Club.

The whole family is so proud of what she has achieved and for all the hard work she is putting in. Well done Ellie!

Please keep sending your wow moments to me so we can continue to celebrate our out-of-school achievements, too!



## Residential Meetings



On the school diary dates and the front of this newsletter, you will see that dates and times have been allocated to provisional meetings about our Key Stage 2 residential trips.

This will be an opportunity for you to come along, find out more information about the trip and payment schedules as well as asking any questions that you might have about the opportunity.

We look forward to seeing you there!

## Macmillan Cake Sale



On **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September after school**, we will be holding our annual cake sale in support of **Macmillan Coffee Morning**. This is a wonderful cause and we hope you'll join us on the **Front Playground**.

Stop by, grab a slice of cake (or two, or three) and make a donation!



## The SCHOOP App

Just a little reminder to say that it is probably worth checking that you are signed up to receive all of the relevant messages and push notifications through the SCHOOP app.

In addition to this, for those of you who may have been experiencing problems accessing messages and notifications, we would recommend uninstalling and reinstalling the app.