



Yes - we made it!

So another year finally comes to an end and I have to say that this year has probably been one that will stay in our minds for many years. We finally completed the build of the century [even though there is still work to be completed #really? #howcanthisbe #snaggingthesnagging] came through some very tragic and difficult times but managed to finish the year with the all time high of winning the Festival. Throughout it all we have been thankful of your support, friendship and understanding. Oakwood is a community and we would not be the school we are with out everyone who goes into making it is what it is. So huge thanks to you as parents, to the incredibly hard working staff and Governors and most of all to the children. You really do keep us going through the best times and the worst!

Enjoy the Holidays

Whilst teacher's are packing up their bags and counting the bottles of wine with a smile on their face, those of us who are parents will be thinking about the long stretch ahead without a daily phonics lesson To help you along the way I have sent home the annual Oakwood Summer Challenge packed full of lots of ideas to fill the weeks ahead. Enjoy!

Thank you!

A HUGE thank you to all everyone for their kind wishes and thank yous. We have been overwhelmed by your kindness and generosity, Have a great summer and we look forward to welcoming you back soon!

Fond Farewells

Today we have said goodbye not just to our Year 2 children but also to some amazing staff. Our thanks go to Vivienne Watts and Jess Warren and we wish them the very best in their next adventure. Thank you to Lynda Ellis who has been a legendary lunchtime lady - we will miss you Lynda but I am glad that I have hopefully now tied you into helping with reading [hint, hint]. Jackie Kiff, you have supported some of our most potentially vulnerable children and filled their days with positivity, happiness and hope - thank you. As for Natalie Newman, I know that this is a teacher who will go on changing lives through outstanding teaching and I hope that Wimbledon know just how lucky they are. We will miss you greatly and you know that the door is always open.



Don't forget

The first date back at school is Tuesday 5th September - doors open at 8.50 am ready for the start of a brand new year of hope and new beginnings - see you there!



Happy

Birthday!

The Birthday Honours List!

Isabella Bennett
Harry Kapri
Harry Hart
Izumi Norris
Hollie Elborn
Alex Evans
James haigh
Florence McHugh
Riley Fouladi
Alesha Hannah
Terrill Zenderra
Jessica Chambers
Jarry Straker
Grace Turgoose
Tabitha Wales
Zeke Berliner
Emily Jennings
Zara Lenthall
Oscar Blackmore
Josh Steward
Dylan Westacott
Daniel Grimley
Balint Varga
Prithwin Arvind
Scarlet Scales
Grace Gooch
Annabelle Gurry
Olivia Gurry
Maia Betsworth
Isla Clader
Edward Evans
Iona Gray
Max martin
Tyler Sylvanus-Peek
Jasper Mogridge
Bethany Miller
Monty Firmin
Skye Bailey
Archie Russell
Isabelle Coe
Hugo Haller
Ella Colley
Ciaran Miles
Erin Gilmore
Harry Field
Liliana Arapi
Toby Craxton
Hattie Haynes
Jemima Blest
Edith Hill

*We wish you all a
happy and healthy
year ahead.*

And Finally ... Great Oaks from Little Acorns Grow

And so here we are. The final day of the summer term and for our Year 2 children the final day at Oakwood. Being a Head teacher is a privilege as it allows you to be part of a child's life and a family's life. Together we start and together we end. I can still remember your child's first visits, the meetings to talk about how we could support and help those who might need it, the rather large looking first red sweatshirts. I can remember the good times, I can remember the difficult times, and also some desperately sad times.

Last week I watched 90 children give their best in front of an audience of many as they told their story. Every pair of eyes fixed on their teacher and their parents and the connection between them and those they trust and love was tangible. Everyone of them gave their best and for some children it will have taken every ounce of them to do so. Childhood is a journey, and every child's journey will be different. For some the road will be relatively even and will gently unfold before them. For some there will be twists and turns and obstacles along the way. Everyone of our children will struggle at some time in their life and the power of friendship, support and understanding can not be underestimated. I have always said that as a group our Year 2 are some of the most kind, caring and genuinely supportive that I have ever had the privilege to know. There is not one day that someone has not reached out to another and shown an understanding and generosity that can put even the best of us adults to shame. That understanding and empathy comes from somewhere and as parents you deserve to take full credit. You have given to us some amazing young people and they have the power to go on to be great adults. Thank you for all that you have done over the past three years and thank you for bringing your children to us. They will be a year group that will stay with us and will be remembered.

Today we hand our little acorns back to you; tell them every day that they are special, that they are loved without condition, and that they have the power to change the world - your belief in them has to be relentless and unending. Above all else take great care of them and keep them safe.

Thank you for the support that you have given to Oakwood over the past years and we wish you all a very happy and restful holiday,

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Headteacher

