

# FOUR OAKS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Next Week—Menu 4

## 6th May 2022

Dear Parents and Governors

### Key Stage 2 SATs Week

Next week sees our Year 6 pupils showcasing their skills and talents as they face the challenge of their Key Stage 2 SATs in school.

Can I take this opportunity to stress the following points to our Year 6 parents and pupils:

- The children can only do their best.....and that is good enough!
- Sleep is the best brain food there is, so please get some good rest this weekend and make sure you get lots of sleep all through next week.
- You do not need to be in school any earlier than normal, but you must be on time.
- If children miss a day in school then they are not allowed to sit their test on a different day.
- If children are too ill to attend school then please let us know as soon as possible.
- And just think, by Thursday lunchtime SATs will be behind us all!

### Mindfulness for Children

Just to alert all parents that we will be continuing with our Well Being Club for pupils after school on Fridays this Summer Term. If you are interested in this bespoke after school activity designed to support pupils' well-being, then just follow the link on our school website and click on the attachment to read about times, prices and contact details.

### Corporate Partners

Here at Four Oaks we have been trying to encourage having some corporate partners who are willing to support us as partners in the community. This week we would like to highlight **The Crown Take Away** who have been providing our local area with delicious food for many years. They have been very generous by donating us the proceeds of their 'Guess the Number of Mini-Eggs in the Jar' competition. Their donation of £100 will go towards buying extra resources for our pupils and we are very grateful to Kyriacos and his staff. You can find out more about the Crown Take Away by using the link below

<https://www.facebook.com/crowntakeaway>

### Cake Sale News

Before the Easter break one of our past pupils, Isabella Birkett organised a cake sale in an effort to raise money to climb Mount Kilimanjaro in aid of the World Wildlife Fund. I'm now able to give you the happy news that all her cakes sold out and she managed to raise an amazing £132.50.

She has now updated the progress on her JustGiving page, so feel free to visit the page using this link to see how she is progressing!

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/isabella-kilimanjaro22>



### EYFS Readathon



We would like to thank our Reception families for an amazing response to our Readathon. The children really enjoyed their day and had a lovely time reading with their family members. We will let the parents know the grand total of money raised. Thank you again for your support.



## Queen Elizabeth II -Jubilee Celebrations—Thursday 9th June



The country's Jubilee celebration will take place during half term we are therefore going to hold our celebrations on Thursday 9th June. We are inviting children to come 'dressed to impress' in smart clothes for our Jubilee Tea Party / picnic. Please however be mindful of the weather and ensure that sensible footwear is worn. We will be having a Platinum Jubilee Crown competition for the whole school with a parade, we will also be having a Queen Elizabeth II Exhibition, with all the year groups investigating a decade of the Queen's reign and then displaying their work for the other children to look at.



In addition we are holding a 'Platinum Jubilee Cake Sale'. We would like to invite as many parents and teachers as possible to bake their own 'Platinum Jubilee' themed dessert e.g. cake, cupcakes, biscuits, cookies etc. and kindly donate these for the sale.

Further information can be found on our website under 'Latest News' and please keep an eye out on your curriculum notes for details about any homework that may be set.

If any junior children who normally have a packed lunch wish to have the party picnic on this day instead please contact Mrs Johnson in the Junior office.

### Science Fair

Well done to everyone who took part in our Science Fair competition, in particular the amazing amount of entries we had from the Infant department! All the children came round to have a look at the displays and enjoyed seeing the many different projects the children had come up with.

Mr Benton had a tough decision to make when choosing the winners but well done to:

Eliza (6B) for her work on the Ecosystem.

Jack L. (3E) for his work on crystal growth.

Joshua (Sharks) for his work on crystal growth.

Alex (Owls) for 'The Plant Express'.



The winners have received their medals and their work will now be put into the Trust competition in the hope that one of them may win the Trust Grand Prize!!

Please check out our Twitter feed to see the entries,

Mrs Morris Science Co-ordinator

### Class Photographs—Friday 13th May

The photographers will be coming into school on Friday 13th May to take class photographs. Could parents of children in the Junior department please ensure that their child comes into school in school uniform on the morning, including their school shoes, and that they bring their PE kit with them in a bag on this occasion. The children can then change for the afternoon. We will let parents know when the proof is available for viewing.



### Emergency Lockdown Practice

In the next couple of weeks, we will be practising our 'Emergency Lockdown' procedures with the children in school. These are the actions that staff take in school to keep the children safe in the event of an emergency situation other than fire. This might include such situations as having a stray dog on site, any intruders on site, or an emergency situation in the local area. When we practise these situations we normally ask the children to get down on the floor, or under their classroom tables, and remain as quite as possible. The staff will be explaining these procedures to the children over the next few days.



### Super Stars and Acorns



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The following children received Stars (Infants) and Acorns (Juniors) in Assembly on 6th April. Well done to them all!!

Bumblebees	Olivia
Ladybirds	Rowan
Owls	Phoebe
Hedgehogs	Simran
Turtles	Amber
Sharks	Sheng
3B	Oliver
3E	Noah
4B	Julia
4R	Pippa
5C	Kimran
5ST	Luca
6B	Jasmine
6E	Kira

The following children received Stars (Infants) and Acorns (Juniors) in Assembly on 28th April. Well done to them all!!

Bumblebees	Mia
Ladybirds	Jovan
Owls	Amanda
Hedgehogs	Millie / Avyan
Turtles	Zahra
Sharks	Charlie
3B	Lilliemay
3E	Amiee
4B	Taran
4R	Cameron
5C	Samuel
5ST	Gabriel
6B	Jane
6E	Gregory

### Courtesy Cup Winners ~ 6th April

Reception	Amber Chaya / Ranvir
Year 1	Martha / Oliver S.
Year 2	Hector / Emilie
Year 3	Harry R. / Amiee
Year 4	Max / Erin
Year 5	Clark / Isla H.
Year 6	Lily V. / Joshua



Well done to all the winners!

### Courtesy Cup Winners ~ 28th April

Reception	Finley / Cassia
Year 1	Theo / Alistair
Year 2	Saffron / Poppy
Year 3	Harriet / Jake
Year 4	James / Wildan
Year 5	Oliver D. / Harry C.
Year 6	Evaleen / Shriya



Well done to all the winners!

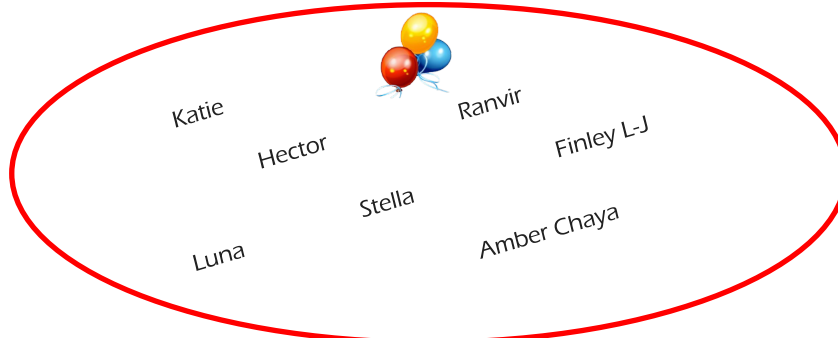


### Kindness Tree Award

6th April Infants: Maddy (Owls)  
 6th April Juniors: Aarya (3E)  
 28th April Infants: Maiya (Bumblebees)  
 28th April Juniors: Kimran (5C) & Avani (5C)



### Infant Birthdays



Please note no Superstars / Acorns and Courtesy Cups were awarded this week due to the election closure—normal service will be resumed next week!

### The School Car Park

Can I please make a plea to all parents who collect their children at the end of the day not to walk through the middle of the car parks please? We have plenty of clearly-marked pathways which afford a safe route off-site. We would never want any accidents with people being injured by moving vehicles.

Many thanks for your support in this matter.

### YMES—Music Lessons

**Keyboard/Violin lessons:** There will be some catch-up lessons for pupils over the next two weeks. The teacher will be in touch directly to let you know the date and time of the lesson. Could you please make sure your child brings in their music and instrument, if appropriate, with them on the specified day.



### Reporting Child Absence

A reminder that if your child is going to be absent from school due to illness you **must** ring school before 9.20am. Please note that we now have a facility to leave a dedicated absence voicemail (option 3 on the telephone menu) so this can be used outside of office hours. Please do not send an email as these cannot always be read in time. Thank you.

### LOGS

Miss Wykes and her school garden renovation team are on the look-out for some logs. They would like to use them for edging markers and to create a bit of a story 'henge', like in the photos below. If anyone can help then just get in touch with the school office and we will forward any information to Miss Wykes in Year 2.



### Nail Varnish

A reminder that children are not allowed to wear nail varnish at school. Any child coming into school with nail varnish on will be asked to remove it. Thank you for your co-operation.

### 2022 PTA Spring Ball—Friday 13th May - 7pm—11pm

We hope that everyone who is going to the PTA School Ball at Moor Hall Hotel next Friday has a fantastic time. I'm sure it will be a wonderful event, just as it has been in previous years, creating lots of much needed funds to feed back into school for all of your children!



For those of you who are unable to attend the Four Oaks Spring Ball, we thought we'd offer the chance for everyone to be involved in the fun raffle to win some amazing prizes! Many local companies have kindly donated prizes ranging from 'Fish & Chips' to a Cliff Lakes Session for 5 people!

Simply login to the PTA events website and purchase your £5 raffle entry - winners to be announced at the ball.

For a full look at the prizes go to the PTA website.

There will also be the chance to be involved in a silent auction for prizes such as accommodation for a week in a Devon Cottage, or a 4-ball golf game at Sutton Golf Club.

Good Luck and thank you for your support.



### Year 1—Circus Skills

Thank you to the parents for coming up with some wonderful costumes for the circus day. Year 1 had an amazing day learning a number of circus skills and enjoying the performance of our two amazing performers!



### Head Lice—Year 2 & Year 4

There has been an outbreak of headlice in Years 2 & 4. Letter have been sent out recommending our bug busting method. Could parents please look at their children's hair to see if either nits or lice are present. Thank you

### Dance & Beats

Attached to the newsletter is a flyer about the dance club run at our school on a Friday night. Contact details are included should this be of interest.

### PTA 200 Club

The winners of our April draw are:

It's time to announce the winners of our April raffle. Drum roll please...

**First prize £50 - No.21, Mr Benton**

**Runner up prize 1 £10 - No.112, S.Sokhi**

**Runner up prize 2 £10 - No.33, M. Watkins**

**£30 Voucher for Hair and beauty by Jo - No.88, G. Langdell**

**£10 Voucher for Emmasglitterstudio - No.198, J. Hickman**

Prizes will be delivered via your child's schoolbag soon.

The prize-draw was carried on Friday 29th April by 5 children from Hedgehog's class and overseen by Mr Benton, Mrs Westlake & Mrs Finister.

Many thanks to Jo and Emma for donating this month's lovely prizes & to all of you who enter the raffle

Congratulations to Everyone

### ICT Tip of the Week

*The "Own It" app is part of the BBC's commitment to supporting young people in today's changing digital environment. It will provide a helping hand to your child when they receive their first smartphone, supporting their digital wellbeing, showing them how to make smarter and better informed choices and helping them grow into confident, positive and happy digital citizens.*

*The free app is available to download from your Apple or GooglePlay store.*

<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/bbc/id1444459647>

[https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=uk.co.bbc.ownit&referrer=utm\\_source%3Dwebsite-ownit%26utm\\_campaign%3Dwebsite-ownit-nov-19](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=uk.co.bbc.ownit&referrer=utm_source%3Dwebsite-ownit%26utm_campaign%3Dwebsite-ownit-nov-19)

If you have any queries regarding any of the above please do not hesitate to contact me.  
Yours sincerely

Mr M Benton  
Head Teacher



# DANCE&BEATS

## DANCE AFTER SCHOOL CLUB FOUR OAKS PRIMARY SCHOOL

EVERY FRIDAY 3:20-4:20PM

YEAR 1-3

FIRST CLASS FREE | CLASSES PAID FOR TERMLY

STREET/HIPHOP | COMMERCIAL | JAZZ FREESTYLE

BOOK YOUR SPACE

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