

# FOUR OAKS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Next Week—Menu 1

## 17th March 2023

**Dear Parents and Governors**

### Late Arrivals

Can I stress to all parents that the children should be in school for normal registration time (8.50-9.00am). Children who are late will miss vital information relating to their work, and appearing late in school on a regular basis always puts them at a disadvantage. I hope all parents will support us by getting to school on time.

### World Maths Day

World Maths Day will take place on Thursday 23rd March. We are asking that children come to school dressed as anything mathematical: a number/shape/mathematician. This can be as simple as a football shirt with a number on to going all out on a full costume. Please see our curriculum notes for further details. We hope to have a fun day of activities on all things mathematical!



### Year Group Assemblies

A huge well done to our Year 5 pupils who performed so impressively for parents this Wednesday. Also, many thanks to the parents who joined us for lunch, celebrating with their children and also raising much needed funds for school.

We look forward to seeing our Year 1 parents on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March, and our Year 2 parents on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March, for a 10.15am start in the Infant Hall. Please pay for your lunch on SchoolMoney—under the Shop Items—if you have not already done so. If any parents have any dietary requirements please contact Debbie directly as detailed in our last newsletter. Thank you.

### Defibrillator

We have been incredibly lucky to benefit from the amazing generosity of one of our families who have both resourced and financed the installation of a defibrillator and bleed control kit near to our main vehicle entrance on Edge Hill Road.

Due to the fact that this is such a valuable resource it will be mounted on the outside of our school fence, it will mean that members of the local community, as well as anyone on the school site, could benefit from this potentially life-saving piece of kit.

We cannot express just how appreciative we are of this incredible gesture of kindness from one of our school families.

### Reception Chicks

This week the children in our EYFS Department took delivery of an exciting package! Chicken eggs arrived, alongside an incubator, and over the next few weeks the children in Reception will spend hours observing their development, working up to the exciting time when the eggs begin to crack and the chicks hatch out. Parents and children from across school will be able to watch from home as well, as soon we will get our IT technician to set up our now famous 'Four Oaks Chick Cam'. Keep your eye peeled for a link on the school website and mobile app which will then take you to live images of the eggs and chicks. We hope you all enjoy this exciting time of the year!



### Easter Bonnet Parade—Infants



Following on from the success last year all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are invited to take part in the Four Oaks Easter Bonnet Parade.

Children can make their bonnets at home and wear them into school on the last day of term, Friday 31st March. All children will show off their creations in the parade and the winning bonnet from each class will receive a chocolatey treat!

### Easter Egg Decorating Competition– Juniors

Easter is just around the corner and to mark the occasion all junior children are invited to take part in an egg decorating competition. Children should decorate a hard-boiled egg at home and bring it into school on the last day of term, Friday 31st March. The eggs will be displayed during assembly and the winning creation from each class will receive a chocolatey treat!

The theme for this year's competition is...**All creatures, great and small!**

Good Luck!!

Mrs Westlake

RE Co-ordinator



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### Roll Up Roll Up—Don't Miss Out!!

#### Circus Event—May 2023



The PTA have now sold out two of the three wonderful circus performances scheduled for May 2023. Please don't delay in buying your tickets to avoid disappointment. For more details and the chance to purchase tickets or raffle tickets (£1 each for a chance to win £200 cash prize) just visit: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/four-oaks-primary/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=51838#.ZBGBJfenyEf>

A Huge thank you to these local businesses for their sponsorship:

Timberwise, Exclusive Beauty Spa, Pat's Butchers, Kumon, Designer Travel by Jo Hill, Paw Pounders Doggy Day Care, Harpers Dry Cleaning, Acme Whistles, Tots Play Tamworth, Bijou Hair and Wedding Belles.

### Events Total

We are please to say that the Comedy Night, PTA discos and the Rag2Riches events have raised over £1,500 for the PTA. We cannot thank the members of the PTA enough and of course you for your support at these events. This money will come back into school for the benefit of every child.

### PTA Now On Instagram and Twitter

The PTA are now on Twitter & Instagram. Here are the links:

<https://twitter.com/4oaksprimarypta?s=11&t=sLbInQWJgNE2U-9QvI-Oeg>

[https://instagram.com/four\\_oaks\\_primary\\_pta\\_events?igshid=YmMyMTA2M2Y=](https://instagram.com/four_oaks_primary_pta_events?igshid=YmMyMTA2M2Y=)



### Music Success

If you are a fan of Twitter you will have seen some photographs of 6 of our very talented musicians on our school account this week. They took delivery of their certificates from the Royal Society of Music for their bronze medal awards for piano and proudly posed for photographs. A huge well done to: Jack L. (4B), Thea (5AC), Aneka (5AC), Harry C. (6S), Scarlett (6B) and Amirah (6S).



### King Edwards Maths Competition



Good luck to our Year 5 team of talented Mathematicians who are at King Edwards Edgbaston this afternoon taking part in a cross-city mathematics competition. Go for it Four Oaks!



### Super Stars and Acorns



The following children received Stars (Infants) and Acorns (Juniors) in Assembly last week. Well done to them all!!

Bumblebees	The Whole Class
Ladybirds	The Whole Class / Troy
Owls	Luna
Hedgehogs	Amelia
Turtles	Alice
Sharks	Lucia
3E	Mustafa
3R	Ryan
4B	Ava
4W	Athier
5AC	Emily
5MC	Khadijah
6B	Isaac
6S	Eva



### Super Stars and Acorns



The following children received Stars (Infants) and Acorns (Juniors) in Assembly this week. Well done to them all!!

Bumblebees	Benjamin
Ladybirds	Tommy
Owls	Isla
Hedgehogs	Teddy
Turtles	Ria
Sharks	Mati
3E	Freya
3R	Florence
4B	Harriet
4W	Lilliemay
5AC	Ava
5MC	Annabel
6B	Alayna
6S	Avani

### Courtesy Cup Winners ~ last week

Reception	Reggie / Billy
Year 1	Rowan / Didar
Year 2	Rayan / Heath
Year 3	Finlay / Aaryan
Year 4	Isabella / Reeve
Year 5	Zach / William P.
Year 6	Olive / Samuel



Well done to all the winners!

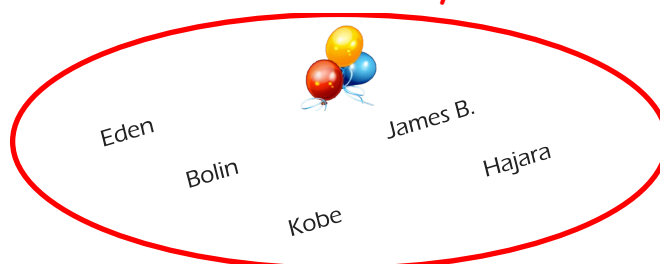
### Courtesy Cup Winners ~ this week

Reception	Ranveer / Zara
Year 1	Jonah / Muhammad
Year 2	Jivan / Simran
Year 3	Hajra / Vienna
Year 4	Joshvir / Olivia
Year 5	Toby / Jai
Year 6	Angus / Georgina



Well done to all the winners!

### Infant Birthdays



### Kindness Tree Award

Last Week Infants: Beatrix (BB)  
 Last Week Juniors: Arvin (4B)  
 This Week Infants: Leo (Sharks)  
 This Week Juniors: Toji (3R)



### Four Oaks Newspaper



A reminder to send in articles for the first edition of our newspaper. We would love articles on reviews of a day out, book reviews, sports reports. Pictures or comic strips from any budding artists or any other local interesting story. Please send all entries to: owlteacher@fouroaksprimary.bham.sch.uk by **Friday 24th March**. Three house points or smiley faces will be awarded to every entry.

### Science Poster Competition

We have attached a flyer to this newsletter all about our super science poster competition. The theme this year is 'Connections'. Please note the deadline of **Monday 27th March**.

### Spaghetti Maths

The Spaghetti Maths session that was cancelled due to the snow day will now take place on 30th March.



### Year 3 Trip To Thinktank

We hope Year 3 have a great time on their trip to the Thinktank on Wednesday.

### Dance and Beats

We have attached a flyer for the after school dance club for Years 1-6. Please email Beth if you want any further information or to book a place.



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### Swimming Gala

Well done to all our pupils who took part in the swimming gala. It was the first time we have taken part and we came 4th! Thank you again to Mrs Rowberry and Miss Cooper and the parents for giving up their Saturday to support the pupils.



### ICT Tip of the Week

*TikTok is due to release some new updates aimed at improving digital wellbeing. The features are intended to support teenagers and families and will be available in the coming weeks.*

*A new default 60-minute daily screentime limit for users under 18 is on its way. If this limit is exceeded, a passcode will be required to continue watching videos, prompting young people to make an active decision about their time on the platform. Users under 13 will also have a 60-minute limit, but will require a parent or carer's passcode to extend their screentime by an additional 30 minutes.*

*TikTok has also added new features to the existing "Family Pairing" option, this enables parents and carers to manage privacy and security controls on their teen's account. Three new updates include muting notifications, customisation of daily screentime limits, and a screentime dashboard for parents to see how long their teen spends on TikTok.*

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

Mr M Benton  
Head Teacher

10-19 March  
**British  
Science  
Week  
2023**



#### British Science Week Poster Competition

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This week in school we have been celebrating British Science Week. This year as in previous years, organisers of the event have launched a poster competition and we'd like as many entries from FOPS as we can!

The theme for 2023 is 'Connections' so there are loads of STEM topics that could be explored. How about exploring how our body parts are all connected and work together, the connection between our actions and the impact on our environment, or even how internet connection has changed the world?

Members of the British Science Association will judge the entries and will choose winners from the following categories:

- > Creativity in approach (an innovative angle on a theme)
- > Content (clear, accurate and informative)
- > Effective communication

And there are a number of fantastic prizes on offer!

Please return your poster entries to school by Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March so that they can be submitted in time for the deadline.

Further information is available here: [Poster competition - British Science Week](#)

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Mrs Coles and Mrs Morris

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**DANCE&BEATS**

# DANCE AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

**FOUR OAKS PRIMARY SCHOOL**

STREET/HIPHOP | COMMERCIAL | JAZZ FREESTYLE

## EVERY FRIDAY 3:30-4:20PM

YEAR 1-6

FIRST CLASS FREE | CLASSES £6.20 EACH - PAID MONTHLY

### BOOK YOUR SPACE

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