



Oakhyrst Grange School

PREPARATORY SCHOOL FOR BOYS & GIRLS

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Dear Parents

I am pleased to report that we have enjoyed another very successful year with academic standards and achievements remaining high and with pupil registrations enabling us to have waiting lists into the early years setting for the next two years.

I would like to pay a special thank you and goodbye to key members of our hugely successful PFOG team. Mrs Gayral will be standing down as Chair and Mrs Gill stands down after many years of service, as do Mrs Pettifor and Mrs Parry who were instrumental in establishing our popular Nutshell Magazine.

A big thank you to all of our parents and family members who have supported us with charitable donations to the tune of £3,401.66. This money has been collected in support of our charities that this year included the RNLI, the Bamba Bee Project (Kenyan School) and the UWS School in Cambodia. Well done and again thank you to everyone.

Today we say an official goodbye to my Deputy Mr Adrian Collman. In his short time with us, Mr Collman has maintained the high level of performance of our Year 6 students. As Deputy he has ensured the smooth running of the day to day life of the school and we will miss his calm efficiency. We also say goodbye to two of our staff members who have been working with us in the kitchen under the guidance of Mrs Staples, our School Chef, Lasanthi Hapugala is leaving us to go and become a Laboratory Assistant at John Fisher School and Marese Gildersleeve is leaving us to become a Teaching Assistant at Hazelwood School. My sincere thanks to both ladies for all of their work on our behalves, the staff and the children will all miss them.

This year there have been two residential visits, the usual Bushcraft for Year 5 and the Kingswood activities for Year 6. In addition there have been 22 educational day visits shared between all of the classes to include Godstone Farm, Shoreham Life Boat Station, theatre trips, visits to religious centres and places of geographical interest.

In sport our swimming teams won 8 gold medals at the ISA London South Championships including Year 5 girls freestyle relay and 3 individuals. We had 2 individual gold medals at the ISA Nationals and the Year 6 Medley Relay team won gold. Our Year 5 girls freestyle relay won bronze. In the ESSA we came second in the mixed medley relay and second in the mixed freestyle relay in the Surrey round and this was repeated at the South East Round and at the ESSA National Gala in Sheffield where we finished 6th overall with our mixed medley relay team and 9th overall in the mixed freestyle relay. Our hockey team won the bronze medal in the ISA Nationals at the Lea Valley Stadium. Our athletes won 8 gold, 5 silver and 1 bronze at the ISA Regional Championships and our Year 5 girls relay team won gold at the ISA National Finals at the Alexander Stadium in Birmingham and one silver. 4 of our cross country runners qualified for the ISA National Championships which were eventually cancelled twice because of the snow. Our Year 5 netballers won two tournaments and came second in another and were quarter finalists in the London South Championships. Our Footballers were plate winners and runners up in two local tournaments at U11. At the ISA National Judo Championships we won 1 gold, 3 silver and 4 bronze medals.

Mighty oaks from little acorns grow

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In music there are 100 peripatetic music lessons taken by pupils in Years 1 to 6 each week. By the end of this term 76 of our pupils will have taken ABRSM exams from Prep test through to Grade 7 in strings, woodwind, brass, piano and singing. Fifteen percent of them achieved the highest level of distinction in their marks.

We had 62 entries in the solo classes at the Reigate and Redhill Music Festival; 3 pupils won individual cups, 7 pupils won individual medals, 3 school ensembles won medals and 5 of our ensembles including Chamber Choir and Orchestra were awarded the winner's cups. We had two Year 6 group compositions performing in a new class this year. One group was considered so outstanding they performed their piece at the gala concert in the Harlequin Theatre.

This year 57 children have taken LAMDA examinations nearly all of them passing with distinction. 34 pupils did modern dance lessons and 36 pupils have had ballet lessons. This year we hosted our first ever Royal Academy of Dance Examinations and we are eagerly awaiting the results.

A final word for our current Year 6 pupils, I congratulate them each and every one on their success this year. Every one of them has achieved a suitable next school place. This Year 6 has enjoyed a wonderful year and they have given freely of their time and abilities. Their care of our younger children has been exemplary.

I wish everyone a very happy and safe family summer holiday period.

Yours sincerely

Mr Alex Gear
Headmaster

Chairman of the ISA

