



Oakhyrst Grange School

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Dear Parents

We have had a very busy end of term. The school was given an ISI inspection between Tuesday 25th June and Thursday 27th June. Our production of The Lion King finished on Thursday 27th June and as you know we have had a few traffic issues to deal with. This all being said 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 apologise for having to mention parking yet again, but a number of parents have been using Willey Lane for parking and as an access route despite the fact that it is strictly a private road. If this were to persist from September I would be obliged to name and shame by revealing make of car and selected letters and numbers from the registration plate.

I would like to say a very special thank you and goodbye to two key members of our hugely successful PFOG team. Mrs Norman and Mrs Parry will be standing down as members of the Parents and Friends team after over ten years' service. Mrs Norman has served as the Treasurer and we are proud to say that under her financial stewardship the PFOG team has grown from strength to strength.

This week we say farewell to Mrs Pumphrey who will be vacating her role as our Head of Sport and taking up a part-time role with us from September. I am sure that you will all appreciate that Mrs Pumphrey has given tireless service to the delivery of both sport and PSHE over many years. I would like to say a special thank you to Mrs Jacqui O'Sullivan who has been covering Miss Hillyard's maternity leave as our temporary Art Teacher. Mrs O'Sullivan's work with the children has been outstanding and we will miss her, although we do intend to keep in touch. I would also like to wish Mrs Dowling and her husband the very best as Mrs Dowling takes her own maternity leave from the beginning of next term.

This year there have been two residential visits, the usual Bushcraft for Year 5 and the Kingswood activities trip for Year 6. In addition, there have been 25 educational day visits shared between all of the classes to include Godstone Farm, Bough Beech Reservoir, theatre trips and places of geographical interest.

In sport our swimming teams won 7 gold medals at the ISA London South Championships including Year 4 girls freestyle relay. At the ISA Nationals at the Olympic Pool in London we won 1 silver medal and 7 bronze medals. A special mention to Joseph F, Aspen P and Christopher S our Year 6 swimmers. Our relay teams did very well in the ESSA regional championships and again a special mention to Gracie B, Joseph F, Lily-Mae O and Aspen P who went through to the Nationals in Sheffield where they finished 5th overall.

34 of our athletes competed at the London South Athletic Championships and we won a total of 6 gold, 3 silver and 2 bronze medals. Special mention to Estée N who won gold in the 600m and Lea G gold in the high jump. Our Year 6 relay team made up of Darcey B, Lea G, Estée N, and Aspen P also came away with gold. In the National Athletic Finals at the Alexander Stadium in Birmingham Lea G came 5th overall in the high jump, Estée N came away with the gold for the 600m and a bronze for the long jump. Our Year 6 girls relay team finished with a gold for the third consecutive year.

Mighty oaks from little acorns grow

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This year we hosted the ISA London South Cross Country Championships and entertained 20 schools with 330 children competing. 8 of our pupils qualified for the Nationals and a special mention to Estée N who came 5th, Aspen P who came 18th and Lily-Mae O who came 22nd.

Our Year 6 netball team won gold at the ISA London South Championships and went to the National Finals in York where they won a bronze medal in the bowl competition. Our footballers and hockey players played in a series of tournaments and fixtures and enjoyed a very good season. This year for the first time we have introduced co-educational cricket and it has proved to be very successful.

We also hosted our second Sports Award Ceremony and our Guest of Honour was Mr Peter Friend, Hockey Coach at Caterham School. Mr Jonathan Batty, former County cricket player and Director of Cricket at Caterham School joined us our guest to give out the Cricket awards. For the first time this year we have awarded Colours for participants in the various sports. This has proved very popular by way of recognising not only performances at a high level but the engagement and involvement of many of our pupils.

In music there are 90 peripatetic music lessons taken by pupils from Years 1 to 6 each week. By the end of this term 74 of our pupils will have taken ABRSM exams from Prep test through to Grade 5 in strings, woodwind, brass, guitar, piano and singing. Up to date, 4 of them have achieved the highest level of distinction in their marks, with the potential of 19 more by next Tuesday 2nd July.

We had 45 entries in the solo classes at the Reigate and Redhill Music Festival with ten of our pupils winning individual medals. We had two of our Year 6 group compositions performed at the Festival. The adjudicator was impressed by their music and gave them honours certificates for their work. Five of our school music ensembles played. The orchestra, brass ensemble and guitar ensemble were all awarded the winners' cups for their classes, with the guitar ensemble achieving a certificate of outstanding musicianship.

This year 53 children have taken LAMDA examinations all of them passed, 14 received merits and 36 passed with distinction. 41 pupils did modern dance lessons and 37 pupils have had ballet lessons. This year we hosted our second Royal Academy of Dance Examinations and we are eagerly awaiting the results.

Now I turn to our current Year 6 pupils with great pride. I congratulate them each and every one on their success this year. Every one of them has achieved a suitable next school place and between them the 17 children they have been awarded 22 scholarships, awards and grammar school places. 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 am sure that you all wish to join me in congratulating our Year 6 pupils.

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

Yours sincerely

Mr Alex Gear
Headmaster
Vice-Chairman of the ISA

