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OAKHILL NEWS

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Dear Parents,

It has been a very exciting start to Term 5. The whole school trip to *We The Curious* in the first week, was a wonderful day of exploration and fun. The children enjoyed the various activities and exhibits, as well as their opportunity to experience the planetarium. The children, as always, were a credit to the school and behaved well throughout the trip. We are very grateful to all the adults who joined us for the day. Without such support, these events would not be possible; a big thank you to you all.

In week 2 we launched our new enquiry 'What's in a picture?' Children are enjoying using pictures for their learning and are being inspired to write, see maths in art and create their own artwork in different forms. We will look forward to parents joining us for our Showcase Gallery on Monday 21st May.

Next month will see Year 6 children take part in the statutory assessment tests. They, like all children at the school, have worked to prepare and be ready. We are sure they will be able to perform and achieve their best when the time comes. It will be important that they are supported to sleep, eat and rest in the build up and reminded that all anyone asks is that they aim to do their best – no-one can ask for more.

Parent Voice is on Friday 11th May. This is an opportunity for you to share thoughts and ideas. Rest assured with changes ahead, we are putting plans in place to ensure the school moves forward on it's journey to become the best it can be.

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Acting Head Teacher

Upcoming Dates

Next week – Week 4

- 01.05.18 Swimming Session 3
Cross Country Club
- 02.05.18 Whole School Worship in Church
Parents Welcome
- 03.05.18 Golf Lesson
- 04.05.18 Year 5 Whitstone Taster Day
Gymnastics KS1 3:15-4pm
KS2 4-4:45pm

Looking ahead

- 10.05.18 Year 1 Information for Parents -
Phonic Screening June 2018
- 11.05.18 Parent Voice 9am
- 14.05.18 National Assessment Week Year 6
- 17.05.18 Bags 2 School Collection
- 21.05.18 Showcase ~ 'What's in a picture?'
- 25.05.18 End of Term 5
- 04.06.18 Start of Term 6
- 11.06.18 Phonics Screening Week Y1
- 14.06.18 New EYFS Parents Evening
- 15.06.18 Y6 Pilgrim Day ~ Wells Cathedral
- 16.06.18 Oakhill Festival Day
- 25.06.18 Oakhill School Choir at Wells
Cathedral ~ Together in Voice
- 28.06.18 Whole School Sports Day
- 12.07.18 Year 5 Writhlington Taster Day
- 16.07.18 150th Birthday Celebrations begin
- 19.07.18 Year 6 Leavers' Evening
- 20.07.18 Leavers' service 2pm
End of Term 6



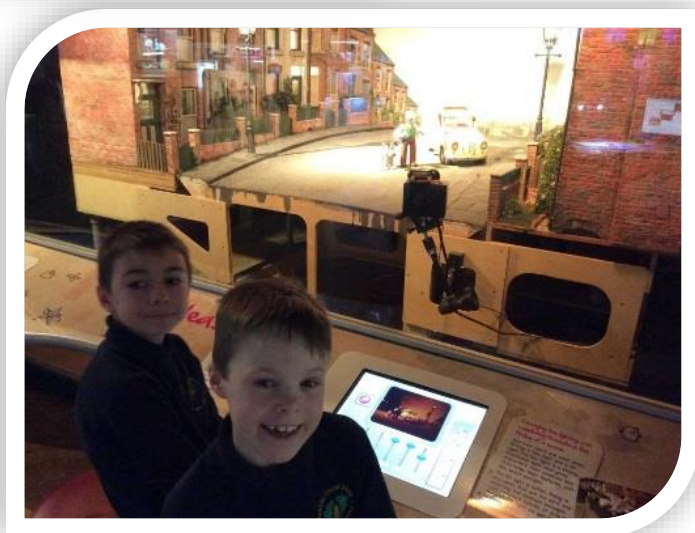
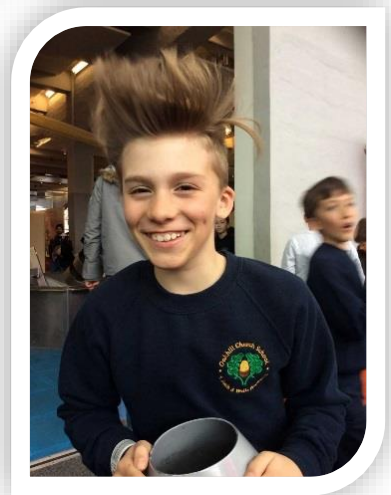
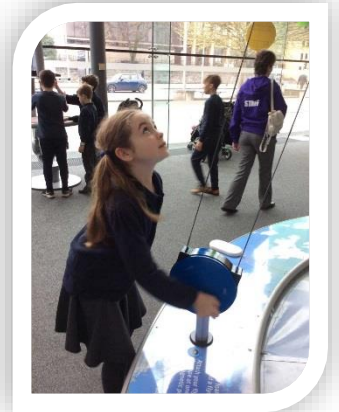
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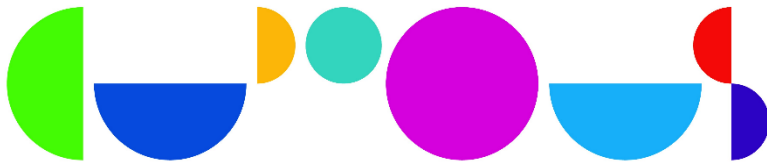


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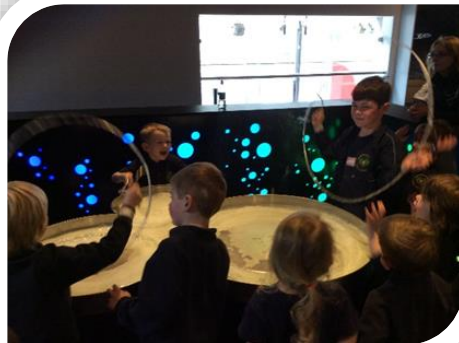
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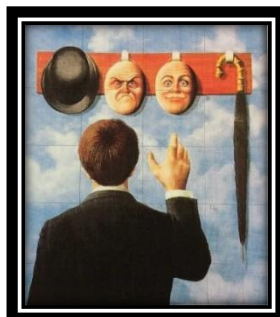


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What's in a Picture?

Children across the school have been enjoying the exploration of art in our new enquiry theme, What's in a picture? Art has taken place inside and outside, independently and collaboratively and with a variety of resources. We look forward to sharing some masterpieces with you in our Showcase Gallery.



Oakhill Governors

The Governing Body at Oakhill work behind the scenes with planning, decision-making and monitoring of the school. They have recently been involved during the Ofsted process and the interview and appointment of our new headteacher, Mr Phillip Morris.

As part of their monitoring role, it was decided that a Governor of the Month would be introduced. Last month, Kingsley Baxendale came into school for the day to see teaching and learning in every class. "As a newly appointed governor, I wanted to spend a day in the life of the pupils and see a normal day from their perspective."

In our local governing body meeting this week, he reported: I was so impressed with the respect and kindness shown by all classes. It really was a pleasure to spend the day with them. In all the classes, I noticed lots of interaction and participation and the children told me that they love these sorts of lessons. The variety of activities was very impressive and the new engaging homework tasks were bringing the learning to life.

We look forward to future governor visits and sharing their insights into the daily running of the school.



Swallow's Nest News

We are really pleased to say that the work was carried out on the ship and slide during the Easter break and the children have been enjoying the new equipment. They are being creative in their play . . .



As you are all aware, Swallows have continued their learning in the hall this term. We have the go ahead from the insurance company and are now waiting for a date to be confirmed for the contractors to begin the work. Whilst the 'nest' is empty, we are hoping to redecorate the classroom. We would like to invite anyone who can to join a working party to paint, before the new floor is laid. If you are able to offer your decorating skills, please pop in or call the office on Monday. It would be great to get this underway and completed before the end of next week.



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School Community News

Oakhill Festival 2018

For the last two years, the school has joined together with the church for a summer festival on the village recreation ground. This year Oakfest will take place on Saturday 16th June 2018 from 2pm until late.

The school has agreed to perform country dancing, a gymnastics display and set up and run a variety of stalls. There will also be an opportunity for the children to be part of a football tournament and to enjoy all of the other attractions on the day.

From the monies raised last year, we have been able to fund new resources for ICT – new iPads and laptops. As I'm sure you will appreciate, the funds raised significantly benefit all our children. As such, we are hoping it will be a success again this year and will provide funds for a different purpose. The staff and children will be involved in deciding what this money may be used for.

We are going to need some support from parents, both leading up to and on the day of the event. We hope that we can involve parent representatives from each class to form a Oakfest Committee who can help the school's contribution to the festival. If you are interested please let the office know by the end of next week, Friday 4th May.



150 Years of Oakhill Church School

Calling all local village historians!

You will know from the term dates that this year sees the 150th anniversary of our school. We have exciting plans to celebrate during the last week of term, including a service with the Bishop, an afternoon tea, a Victorian day and an open day for the village community and those with a connection to the school.

Our topic for term 6 will be 'How do we celebrate?' and largely centre around our school birthday. Our learning will focus on the geography and history of our school and village.

We would welcome anyone with enthusiasm or knowledge to help us discover and learn about our school. We have many old photographs, books and documents to organise into a pop up museum. Please get in touch if you, or anyone you know, can help.



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Thank You Mrs Banwell!

We are sad to share the news that Mrs Banwell will be retiring at the end of this half term. She has worked in the office at Binegar and Oakhill schools for the last 18 years.

If anyone wishes to contribute to a leaving gift, please pop into the office on a Monday or Friday.

Vacancy at Oakhill Church School

We have a vacancy for an administrative assistant in the office.

Please see the school website for further information and an application form.

Summer Term Clubs

The Fizz Pop Assembly on the first day of term was a great success. Scientist Alice enthused and excited the children with a show based on gases. The children brought home a flyer following the assembly, about Fizz Pop Science Club. For those who are keen to take part, parents can book online for places. The club will run on Mondays from 3.20-4.20pm for 5 weeks starting on 11th June. The cost for these sessions is £36 which is also paid online when booking.



Our next Bag 2 School collection is on **Thursday 17th May 2018**. Bags can be brought in the afternoon before or first thing in the morning.



Parking Issues

You may remember back in January that I mentioned the issues surrounding parking at the start and end of the school day. Unfortunately, this continues to be a problem for the local residents and pedestrians. We know that parking is difficult but:

- **Parking on a pavement means it is not safe for pedestrians**
- **Parking on yellow lines or zig-zags is illegal**
- **Parking on or close to a bend will cause an accident and is unsafe for all road users and pedestrians.**

Please think and remember it could be your child using the road, pavement or crossing.

Thank you.



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