



Oaklands Junior School

Learning to think - Thinking to learn

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School Council's Outdoor Gym Project

We are featured in the Tesco Bags of Help Scheme for the whole of March and April at our **Greenwood Road Tesco** store AND the **Wokingham Superstore**. So please support us if you shop at either of these stores by asking for a token (if you are not given one), to post into the Oaklands Junior School fundraising box, so that we can raise as much money as possible towards the School Council's outdoor gym.

In addition, we have been accepted by **Waitrose in Sandhurst** for the same cause for the month of March. We hadn't expected this application to be approved so quickly!

Please do tell your families and friends so that we can raise as much as possible to achieve our children's dream of an outdoor gym, which they would like to help them improve their fitness. Our School Council are key to being our children's voice for school improvement and an outdoor gym with all-weather gym equipment was voted on last year during a Thinking Families day. We just need to raise the funds to achieve this, so any support you or your families and friends can give would be greatly appreciated.

Cross Country

Lightwater: On 22nd February, 62 children from Oaklands Juniors took part in the Lightwater cross country event. This was the 4th race out of 5 in the Thames Valley series, division 1. It is also the race that we host with a couple of other schools. It was a very successful event and I would like to extend my thanks to all those parents (and ex pupils) who helped. Our children did really well, helped along by the new Oaklands flag, and the bibs bought for us by the PTA. We will find out all the results of how we have done in the league this season at the end of the next race which is relay teams at Bulmershe on 22nd March. (Teams picked and letters out shortly.)

Crossfields: On Tuesday this week we took 6 Year 3 girls and 6 Year 3 boys to Crossfields School for a cross country team event run each year by the school. The children all did so well and our top 4 came in amongst the first half of competitors in both races. It was great to see them pushing hard down the home straight, not stopping until they crossed the line, overtaking children as they went. Our star of the day was George who came 2nd and got an individual medal which he shared with the school in an assembly. Well done to all of them, they did us proud.

Y4/Y5 Play Olivia

Congratulations to ALL our Y4/Y5 children for such a wonderful production yesterday evening and for every performance during this week, with each one a real joy to watch. My thanks also goes to our Y4/Y5 staff teams who have worked hard to enable a production of this scale to take place with our children being given opportunities to excel. Y4 sang beautifully with such enthusiasm (excellent costumes too); Y5 gave such amazing performances throughout, really getting into the characters that they were portraying – such wonderful cockney accents and so much feeling put into their performances that we really felt so proud of them as we got swept along with their story telling. Y5 solo singers were absolutely outstanding with such beautiful voices and little indication that they may have been nervous in front of such a large audience with the lights on them.

Well done to ALL the children and staff!

NSPCC Childline was our chosen charity and in total, we raised £315 for this very good cause which helps them to continue with the good work they do. This includes coming out to schools to give free assemblies and very valuable workshops to keep all children safe.