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OPAK NEWSLETTER



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This newsletter aims to provide any updates, important links or information we think you may find useful at this time.

Welcome to our July newsletter – the final one of this academic year. It has been a challenging year but one in which we are so proud of all the children for their resilience and commitment to learning both in school and through remote learning. Thank you to all of you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you all in September.

Goodbye from Mrs Abbott

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support. It has been an absolute privilege to work with your amazing children. I will miss each and every one of them! Have a safe and restful summer break. Mrs Abbott.

More Goodbyes...

We would also like to say goodbye and good luck to other members of staff who are leaving this year: Miss Parr, Mr Blake and Miss Willoughby, who are moving to other Outwood schools; Miss Cawood, who is starting a new job, and to Mr Pye who is retiring and moving to France.

Welcome

We are sure you would like to join us in extending a warm welcome to our new members of the Kirkhamgate team:

Mrs Cooke



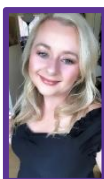
Mr Horan



Mrs Kirkpatrick



Miss Sunderland



We would also like to welcome Mrs Fozzard back from maternity leave.

A message from the Governors

It goes without saying that this academic year and part of the last one have been like no other. Our collective efforts have kept the children learning and in touch with their friends as far as possible. Your efforts during the periods of home schooling have been amazing as have those of the teachers and support staff. The disruption caused by the bubble closures particularly this half term have been regrettable but necessary within the context of current government guidelines. Again we appreciate your patience and support during a very trying period.

The governors have continued their work throughout and our virtual meetings have been no less supportive and challenging. A particular highlight for us has been our google meets with School Parliament. Their enthusiasm at keeping us informed about their work and answering our questions has kept us in touch with school life and their ability to adapt to the changed circumstances has been really impressive. We really hope to resume 'in person' visits to school in September.

As you know Mrs. Abbott is leaving Kirkhamgate. We are very sorry to see her go but are sure that Mrs. Cooke will be an excellent replacement as Head of the school. As governors we wish you a happy summer break, good luck for those moving on to the next phase and we look forward to seeing you in September.

Sue Silk, Chair of the Academy Council on behalf of the governors: Rev. Rob Drost (Vice Chair), Rev. Jo Kershaw, Cllr. Nic Stansby, Claire Evans, Sarah Thomas-Kovacs, Victoria Marshall, Sonia Wilson, Jade Richardson

Bikeability

We were so proud of the Y6 Bikeability groups - they were safe, respectful, responsible and safe all day - a real credit to our academy!



Curriculum Talent Awards

Congratulations to the children who won the summer term Curriculum Talent Awards and also to those who were nominated.



Accelerated Reader

Over the summer, children will have free access to the online digital library from Accelerated Reader.

Got to:

myon.co.uk/school/keepreadingsummer2021

and enter this login information:

1. **Username:** Outwood I
2. **Password:** Outwood I

Click on the **Sign In** button, select a book, and start reading!

Top of the Rocks Competition

Across the trust, academies battled in the Top of the Rocks competition. Individual children were awarded certificates for their contribution.



Risk Assessment

Our Risk Assessment is available on the website. Updates will be added that reflect Government Covid guidance so please look out for these.

Please note that the academy re-opens on Wednesday 8th September (Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th of September are INSET days.

Mental Wellbeing

Please visit the school website and click on the Mental Wellbeing buttons for support:

<https://www.kirkhamgate.outwood.com/mental-wellbeing>

Sports Day

We had lots of different stations where we practiced the skills we've learnt throughout the year and of course we had to end it with a wheel barrow race



Children across the academy also took part in the Brownlee Challenge which involved setting themselves a sporting challenge and then rising to the challenge.



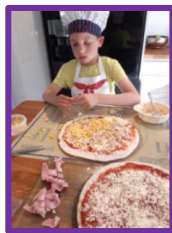
Goodbye to Year 6

We are sorry to see Year 6 leave us but wish them all the luck in the world on the next part of their journey. We wish them lots of luck at high school and for the future.



Diploma

Our Diploma this half term has been 'Lead a Healthy Lifestyle'. The children have made some delicious healthy meals and learnt all about how to stay physically and mentally healthy.



Children across the academy were all proud to receive their Diploma certificates.



Y5 took also part in a Trust wide project for their Diploma. They prepared a presentation on an environmental project, the winning entry from each class competing against other entries from across the Trust. Well done to all, especially our winning entry - The Sustainable 5.

