

FOUR OAKS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Next Week—Menu 4

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Dear Parents and Governors

The School Show - Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies

Well, it's finally here....next week is Show week!

The children and staff have been practising since last October and now they are ready to perform to everyone. If you have already bought a ticket then I know you are in for a treat....and if you haven't bought a ticket then there are still some left so why not visit the PTA website to grab the last few!

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/four-oaks-primary/#.YkLDmCjMLIU>



The Summer Term - Dates Reminder

Just a quick reminder to all parents about the second week back in school after the Easter break. The week beginning Monday 2nd May is not a normal five day week so please make sure you have these important dates on your calendar:

- Monday 2nd May - School Closed - Bank Holiday
- Tuesday 3rd May - School Closed - Staff Training Day
- Thursday 5th May - School Closed - Local Elections - Staff Training Day

Key Stage 2 SATs Week

The week beginning Monday 9th May is an important week for our Year 6 pupils, as they will be taking on the exciting challenge of their Key Stage 2 SATs.

Can I remind all Year 6 parents that it is vitally important that all children are in school every day and on time so that we can all give them the very best opportunity to shine and show off their talents. I know how hard the children and staff have been working in Year 6 and I'm sure they will all try their very best.

COVID 19—Update

The Government has issued new guidance that comes into effect from today. Children who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home. Once the temperature has gone and they are well enough they can return to school. Children with a positive COVID-19 test should stay at home for 3 full days. They can return to school after this if they have no temperature.

EYFS Readathon

We would like to ask our Reception families to raise money for two very special items in their Reception classrooms. We would like the children to have a special place to sit on the carpet, and therefore would like to buy 2 rugs. As expected these are very expensive at £260 per rug. We would love to raise some money towards these, and are hoping that we can do so by completing a Readathon.

On Wednesday 4th May we will be encouraging as much reading as possible throughout the day in the Bumblebee and Ladybird classrooms. Soon you will be sent a sponsor form to take to family members and close friends to sponsor the children per 10 min of reading.



We thought a lovely activity to complete on this day would be "Read to a grandparent or parent", where the grandparent/parent could share their favourite book with the children and the child could reciprocate. Therefore, it would be great if a grandparent/parent could join us at 2.30pm on 4th May to complete this activity. More details will be sent to you by the Reception Team.

Poetry Recital

Next Friday all of our children will take part in their poetry recital in school. This is something that they take part in each half-term and it's fast becoming a firm favourite in school. I'm sure you have all been enjoying their practices at home. Thank you to all parents for their support.



Infant Easter Bonnet Parade

Next Friday, 8th April we will be staging an Easter Bonnet Parade in the Infants so if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 please try to join in the fun and we will make sure we take lots of photographs to upload to our Twitter account for parents to view.



Language Alive - Reception

On Thursday 7th April we look forward to welcoming our friends from 'Language Alive' to school to entertain our Reception pupils. We are sure they will have a really enjoyable time taking part in drama and story telling based around 'Jack and the Beanstalk'.

Cross Country

Last Wednesday our excited cross-country team went off to John Wilmott school to take part in an all Sutton and Erdington race. All of the boys and girls did amazingly well and tried their very best, really impressing Mrs. Rowberry and Mrs. Goldspink. A big well done to everyone!



PTA News

A big thank you to the PTA who have donated more funds to us in school for Ms. Wykes and Mrs. Bambury to buy some new playground resources for all of the children. Now that the warmer weather has arrived I am sure they will all enjoy playing with this new equipment.

Science Fair

It's Science Fair time again! Over the Easter holiday Four Oaks, along with the other schools in our Learning Trust, are holding a Science Fair. This is a completely **optional** chance to develop the children's love of Science and explore something that they have an interest in.

The focus for the Science Fair this year is 'Growth,' to fit with British Science Week. We would like you to have a go at conducting your own Science experiment, or find the answer to a scientific question at home. You can choose an area of Science that interests you- from 'How does a bean change when it germinates?' To 'How does a chicken grow from an egg?' Or even 'Are the oldest people the tallest?' Attached to this newsletter are some example questions and some links that will give you some ideas of what you could investigate. There are also suggestions about how your project could be presented. Thank you and we look forward to seeing your fantastic entries!



Mrs Morris

Science Coordinator

After School Cake Sale—Thursday 7th April

After school on Thursday 7th April there will be a cake sale in the outdoor classroom organised by one of our past pupils, Isabella Birkett. Isabella's father, Harold Birkett, was a school Governor for many years, and Isabella loved her time at Four Oaks and has gone on to excel in her education adventure at Leeds University.



She is now trying to raise money for the World Wildlife Fund and has set herself the challenge of climbing Mount Kilimanjaro, the highest single free-standing mountain above sea level in the world. It will involve undertaking a 6-day trek up the mountain, eventually reaching the roof of Africa at 5,895m. She has only three months to raise her required funding target and so has asked if she can return to Four Oaks to ask for our families' support.

I hope many of you can support her and enjoy a delicious cake into the bargain!

Infants—Milk



A reminder that if your child no longer wishes to have milk next term that you will need to tell Mrs Underwood in our Infant office before the end of this term. We are unable to refund or cancel payment during the half term as milk has already been ordered. Thank you.



Super Stars and Acorns



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The following children received Stars (Infants) and Acorns (Juniors) in Assembly last week. Well done to them all!!

Bumblebees	Maisie
Ladybirds	Luna
Owls	Isabel
Hedgehogs	Ralph
Turtles	Xavier
Sharks	Arjun
3B	Harry R.
3E	Ned
4B	Beau
4R	Libby
5C	Sapphire
5ST	Oliver P.
6B	Amelia
6E	Erryn

The following children received Stars (Infants) and Acorns (Juniors) in Assembly this week. Well done to them all!!

Bumblebees	Poppy
Ladybirds	Tobias
Owls	Finley L-J
Hedgehogs	Noah
Turtles	Danny
Sharks	Joshua
3B	Mahaan
3E	Jamilla
4B	Maddison
4R	Amira
5C	Eva
5ST	Olive
6B	Noah
6E	Alex W

Courtesy Cup Winners ~ last week

Reception	Muhammed / Ariya
Year 1	Alex / Thea
Year 2	Carter / Ryan
Year 3	Jacob / Lucy
Year 4	Daniel / Pippa
Year 5	Nicole / Martha
Year 6	Lily H. / Absaar



Well done to all the winners!

Courtesy Cup Winners ~ this week

Reception	Joshua / Shaan
Year 1	Gian / Shan
Year 2	Freddie / Ella
Year 3	Penny / Rupert
Year 4	Gabriella / Christina
Year 5	Ibrahim / Alayna
Year 6	Harry / Eliza



Well done to all the winners!

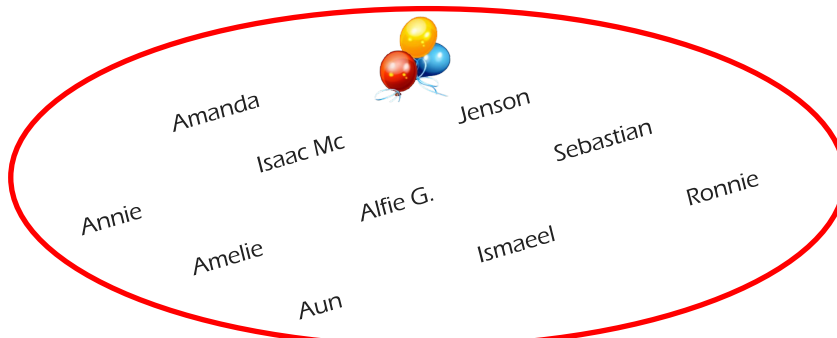


Kindness Tree Award

Last week Infants: Didar (Bumblebees)
 Last week Juniors: Hannah G (6B)
 This week Infants: Ruhani (Sharks)
 This week Juniors: Pippa (4R)



Infant Birthdays



KIDZ RUGBY

We are always keen here at Four Oaks to point out opportunities for families to get involved in community activities and stay fit, so why not take a look at 'KIDZ Rugby'. We have attached their flyer at the end of this newsletter. This club runs locally in Sutton and has had great reviews from some of our parents, reflecting the clubs highly qualified coaches and fun attitude to training. Why not give it a go!

YMES—Music Lessons

Keyboard lessons will take place on Monday and Wednesday next week instead of Thursday. Violin lessons will be on Tuesday as usual. The teacher will be in touch directly to let you know the date and time of the lesson. Could you please make sure your child brings in their music with them on the appropriate day. **Guitar lessons** after the Easter break - these will now take place on a Monday morning instead of Wednesday. Could you please make sure that your child brings their guitar in with them on a Monday, including the first Monday we are back in school (25th).

Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust—School Clothing Grant

The SCCT scheme where parents can apply for a grant to help purchase school uniform was detailed in our newsletter of 4th March. We have received notification that the deadline has been extended and they will now continue to accept applications until Thursday, 30th June 2022 at 12 noon. After this date the application process will close and no further applications will be accepted. Please contact Mrs Johnson in the Junior office if you think you may be eligible but have not yet completed a form. Application forms can also be downloaded from the website - [School Clothing Grant | Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust](#) but they must be printed off and cannot be completed online. Applications will require a School Stamp and the completed forms, with proof of benefit, can be sent directly to the Trust at the address on the application form.

2022 PTA Spring Ball

We are delighted to announce that the 2022 PTA Spring Ball will be sponsored by Focus Foster Care! We are very incredibly grateful for their support and look forward to sharing more about them. There are still opportunities for other local business to sponsor individual tables at the ball for £30 each, please email



springball@fopspta.onmicrosoft.com or speak to Laura Phillips or Julia Smith for more information.

Balance payments on tables are now overdue so please could these be paid asap. If you haven't bought your ticket yet, individual ticket sales will be open until the end of term - tickets cost £42 and are available from www.pta-events.co.uk/four-oaks-primary.

PTA 200 Club

The winners of our March draw are:

£50 No 1 E Higgs

£10 No 195 N Johnston

£10 No 36 R Sperrink

Voucher £10 Mocha Coffee Lounge No. 98 C Brunt

Easter Sweet Bucket by Champagne & Sparkle No. 194 J Johnston

Congratulations to Everyone and Happy Easter!!

Sign up by 10th April to be entered into the remaining 4 monthly raffles for only £4 per entry (feel free to enter as many times as you like to increase your chances of winning £50 each month until the end of the school year!)

ICT Tip of the Week

Two ways to protect your email account:

1. Use a strong password. Choose 3 random words that mean something to you.
2. Enable 2 Factor Authentication so that you must enter a secondary password to access your account.

For more information:-

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/cyberaware>

If you have any queries regarding any of the above please do not hesitate to contact me.
Yours sincerely

Mr M Benton
Head Teacher

Science Fair Information

Key information:

The Science Fair entries will be judged and there will be winners chosen from **Reception/Y1/ Y2, Y3/4 and Y5/6**.

The Science Fair will be on Tuesday 26th April (the first Tuesday after Easter).

We will display the projects in the Infant Hall and children will have the opportunity to look at each other's projects by visiting the hall during the day.

If you are the winner of your group, you will receive your very own Science Fair Medal and an invitation to a Trust Science Evening, to have the opportunity to compete against children from other Trust schools to win the grand prize!

Scroll back through our Twitter feed to find some incredible entries from last year for more inspiration!



Optional Easter Project further details

There are some fantastic ideas on the British Science Week website

(<https://www.britishscienceweek.org/>)

Click on the 'Activity packs' link and then download the 'Primary activity pack'.

In addition, other useful websites include:

www.jamesdysonfoundation.co.uk

www.sciencebob.com/category/experiments/

www.sciencekids.co.nz/experiments.html

Big questions to help your child to get started could be:

How does a bean change as it germinates?

Which type of compost grows the tallest sunflower?

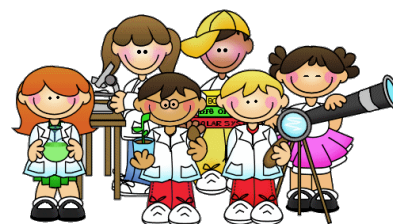
Which conditions help seeds germinate faster?

How does the skull circumference of a girl compare with that of a boy?

Are omnivores taller than vegetarians?

Who grows the fastest, girls or boys?

Are the oldest children in our school the tallest?



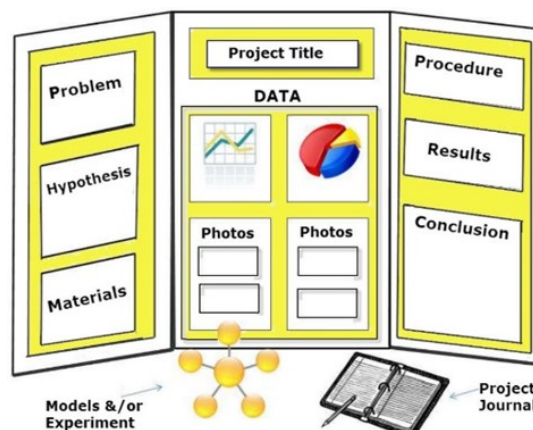
When should we bring our project in?

Please bring your entries to school on **Tuesday 26th April 2022**.

How should I present my project?

Entries could be on a three-panelled board (made from a big cardboard box, or even a cereal box), or just on a piece of cardboard/paper.

Take photos of you investigating your question and remember to photograph your board showing what you found.





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