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Dates for your diary

16th – 20th February – Half Term

5th March – World Book Day

30th March – 10th April – Easter Holidays

Head Teacher News



Dear Parents and Carers,
I cannot believe another half term has flown past here at Oaklands!

All the students have been working incredibly hard both in school and whilst out on their community visits. Community visits give our students the opportunity to practise skills they have learnt in the classroom in real life situations.

Thank you to everyone who bought books at our recent book fair, we look forward to being able to buy new books for the school library for students to access.

When we return after half term we will be celebrating World Book day, there is more information about this in the Newsletter.

I hope you all have a lovely half term, fingers crossed that we may see some sunshine!

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SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Last week High Oaks hosted the Scholastic book fair in the sports hall.

We earned a huge £261 of free books!

Thank you to all the families who came along to support, alongside our friends at West Thames College and New Oaks!



HELP US GET FREE BOOKS!

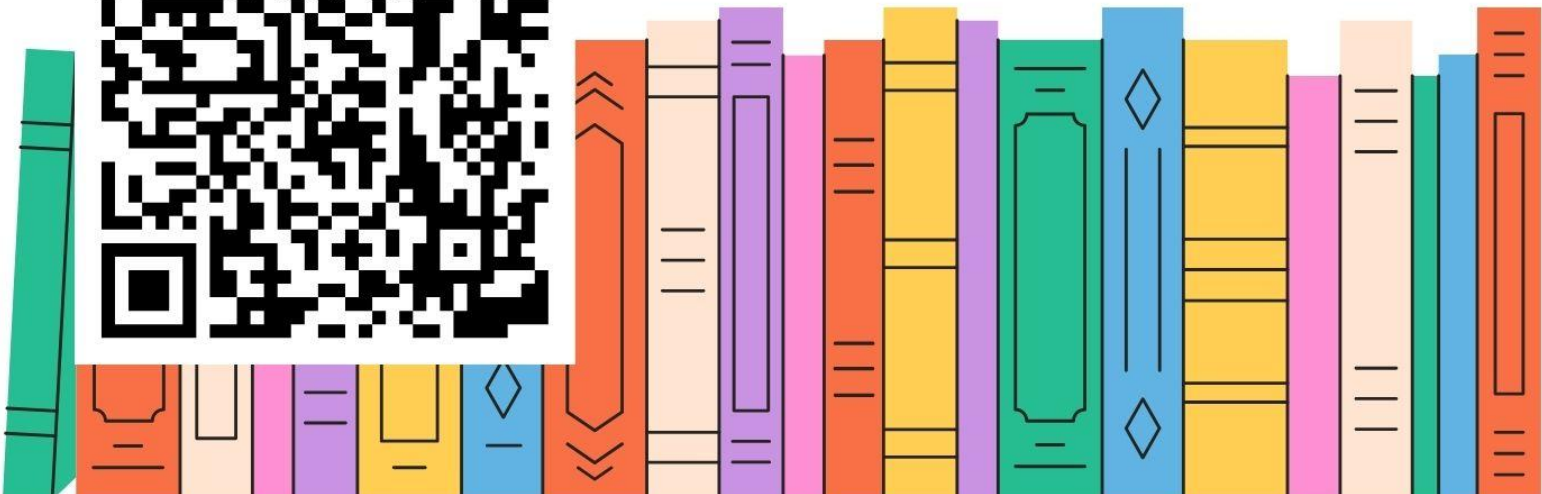
If you're buying new books for home or friends please consider buying them via Scholastic (first class publisher for books for 0 - 19 year olds.)

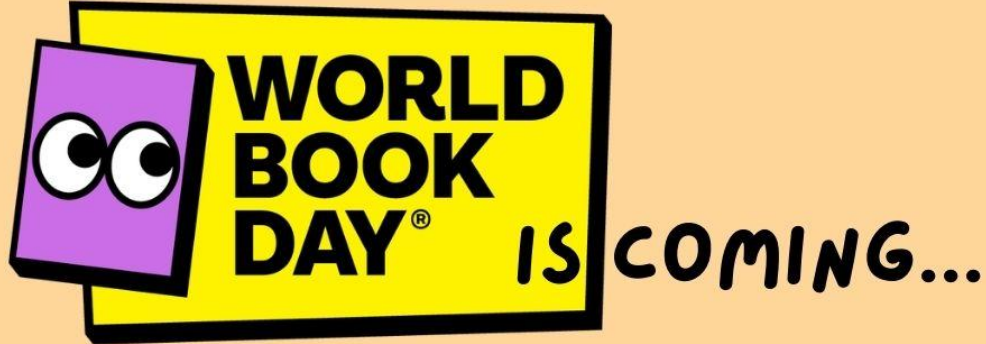
Not only will you get them much cheaper than in the shops, we'll also earn 20p for every £1 you spend in free books for the school!

To browse and buy head to:

<https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/schools/high-oaks-secondary>

or scan the QR code below





On Thursday 5th March we will be celebrating World Book Day at High Oaks once again.

Students will spend the week taking part in brilliant bookish activities, and on Thursday we are inviting them to come to school in something they love.

This year's theme is 'Go All In' so we invite them to dress up in their favourite reading clothes, pyjamas, something that reflects their hobbies or even a copu of their favourite character.

Anything goes!

We can't wait to celebrate again with you.



SYON 7





In Vocational, Syon 7 have been building birdboxes to help our local area. The class independently planned a colour scheme, sanded the wood and painted their boxes following their plan. With a little bit of support, they used tools like glue guns and rubber mallets to construct their creations. We are very pleased with the results and amazed at the hard work and creativity.






Crane 3





This term, our students have been busy building their confidence in the kitchen. They have been learning how to use the hob safely and responsibly, putting their new knowledge into action by making a delicious stir fry. Along the way, they explored key health and safety routines — from handling equipment carefully to keeping their workspace clean. Why not having a look at the recipe on the next page and giving it a go with your young person at home.



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Stir Fry cooked by Crane 3: utensils and ingredients





Utensils:

    
Chopping board, knife, peeler, grater, wooden spoon


   
Frying pan, big bowl, small bowl, spoon,




Ingredients:



   
Vegetables: Peppers, carrots, mushrooms, onions



 or  
Fresh or dry noodles

   + 
Oil, Ketchup, soy sauce and chilli sauce


Get ready for frying


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Wash your hands and put on apron



 
get all the utensils and ingredients

 
Wash all the vegetables

 
Peel and grate the carrots






 
Peel and chop the onions





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Chop the peppers and the mushrooms

 
Put all the ingredients in a big bowl



Frying, making a sauce and serving





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Get a small bowl and a spoon.

   +  
Mix soy sauce, chilli sauce and ketchup by taste.

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Put the frying pan on the hob and switch it on.

+   + 
Add one spoon of oil and wait to warm up.

+    + 
Add onions, then carrots, peppers and mushrooms.

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Stir for 5 minutes, then add noodles and sauce.

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Stir and serve on plates. Enjoy eating!

Bowling trip

Ten students from across the school represented Oaklands at a multi-school bowling event in Park Royal. The students had a great time and bowled exceptionally well. All of them received a medal for their hard work!



Parent Survey Physical Activities



We're inviting all parents to complete a short survey to help us better understand how we can support families with physical activity and exercise. Your feedback will guide us in planning meaningful workshops, programs, and resources that meet your needs and interests.

Please scan the QR code to start the survey.

Richmond 3

This academic term we have been learning about people who help us and we are making bath bombs for our vocational lesson. We are learning about shopping and what goes on when you go shopping. We will test out our skills on a community visit!

Stage
1: Research the
items in
Supermarket



Stage 3: Put items in
basket. I hope you
remembered the
money Joshua!

Stage 2: Use
pictures to
identify
shopping

Children's Mental Health Awareness week

Children's mental health awareness week 2-6 Feb focussed on your space and what this means for students.

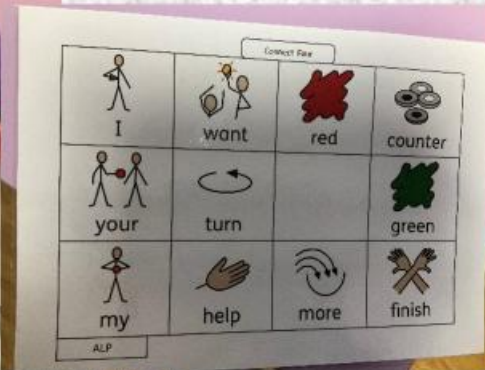


We had resources such as story massages and special dance lessons art resources involving clay and fabric and special assemblies on mental health.



Kew 3

Kew 3 have been exposed to different social interaction opportunities through age-appropriate games and activities. We have been improving our social skills, developing meaningful relationships and exploring interests.



Kew 3 had so much fun together!