

OAKFIELD LIFE

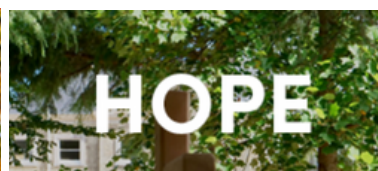
CE AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL



In this edition, look out for...

- Artsmark Award
- Music through the Decades
- Family Fridays





We were so pleased to welcome Becca, Chris and Simeon from Youth for Christ who led our Easter Service this morning. Along with the children, they led us in the story of Easter, showing how Jesus was sent to Earth by God to save people from the wrong things they have done. Olly and Brooklyn lost the Easter quiz so one of them had to sit in the 'chair of doom' to receive a consequence. Without a second thought, Brooklyn offered to take the punishment for his friend. Luckily, Becca stepped in at the very last minute and stopped Brooklyn from having egg on his head! A great demonstration of kindness and sacrifice. Chris taught us that Jesus 'paid the price' and sacrificed his own life by dying on the cross on Good Friday.



We wish you all a Happy Easter, hopefully the Spring sunshine will make an appearance!

I look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 17th April.

Best wishes, Mrs Reader



A Message from Mrs Reader...

Dear Parent and Carers,

Firstly, I would like to offer a warm welcome to all the new families and staff members that have joined us this half term. I hope you are settling in well and feel a part of the Oakfield Family already. Look out in the next edition of Oakfield Life for an introduction to our newest staff members from our Young Reporters.



I have very much enjoyed meeting with the Class Champions this half term. They have discussed the quality of teaching and learning at Oakfield and shared how they think it could be improved. They have helped in worships, conducted a class vote to decide new class names and most recently met to share ideas about how to celebrate the forthcoming King's Coronation. After our trip to Appley Tower, their idea evolved into a beach celebration with castle a building competition!! More information to follow.

I am looking forward to celebrating Little Acorns' 1st Birthday today with an Easter Eggstravaganza. I can't believe how quickly the year has flown by and we'll soon have our second group of Little Acorns graduating and joining us to become little Oaks in Reception! We are extremely proud of the offer at Little Acorns and the experiences the children have each day, have a look at their page in here to see a snippet of what they get up to!



Come along to my summer
parent carer session for the
latest Updates



Parent & Carer
Information Session

Summer Update

2.30pm
Tue
25th April

HEALTHY
TUCK
SHOP
OPENING
AGAIN





St John's Ryde



Saturday
8th April 2023
2pm - 4pm

Family Fun Food
Craft Singing
Stories Tea Coffee



**As we think about
Easter**

Children must be accompanied by an adult
in the Church Hall (PO33 1BP)



St John's Hall Community Warm Space

Thursdays 12.30pm - 4pm
St John's Church Hall,
High Park Road, Ryde PO33 1BP

We offer:

- Hot soup and a roll
- Hot drinks
- A chance to chat with your neighbours
- Activities including board games and crafts
- Information about local services and organisations



Come and join us

- it's free and everyone is welcome



St John's Hall - a Welcoming Warm Space
with thanks to Sovereign Housing, Aspire and Oakfield Food Pantry



**RYDE
TOWN COUNCIL**



Saturday 1st April



10.30am-12



**Coffee, Cake
& Chat**

TEA AND TALK ALSO AVAILABLE!
ST JOHN'S CHURCH HALL
RYDE PO33 1BP



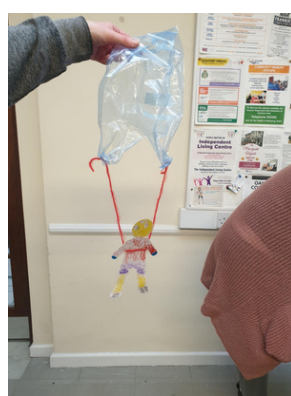
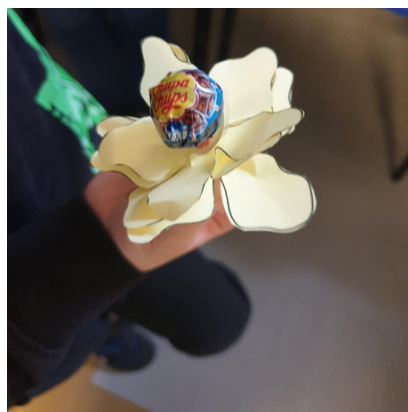
Here are a selection of photos from our Lent

Themed Messy Church on 11th March.

There were 21 children and 20 adults.

Hot dogs, popcorn cake and fruit to eat!

We heard the story of Jesus in the wilderness and even made a little gift for Mother's day.



Why not come along to the next one on Saturday
8th April 2pm-4pm!

OUTDOOR LEARNING AT OAKFIELD

We started using our school green house this half term, cleaned it and planted little Acorns to observe our big Oaks to grow.



We started planting Garlic cloves, which were delivered to our school by the IOW Garlic farm, but before that children and adults estimated how many cloves were in a box.

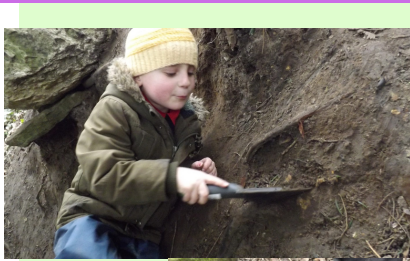


As we have our special garden Tiger worms (only 3 places are having them on the IOW), we harvested them into the planters, which are near our green house. They are ready to fertilize the soil.



Last half term we observed, checked, listened to the buzzing of the bees using the stethoscopes. We had a Honey making show session with our school beekeeper. We opened the beehives and gave extra food and medication to the bees. Also, we learnt theory about the bees.





We enjoyed being stuck in the mud, blind walking, making a bug hotel. We placed 3 bug houses, ready for the insects to meet spring.



As it is Easter time, we had an Easter egg hunt in the Forest.



We had an Easter egg hunt!



Some children chose to make presents for Mother's Day.



ARTS



**Artsmark
Silver Award**
Awarded by Arts
Council England



OAKFIELD CE PRIMARY SCHOOL RECEIVE THEIR SILVER ARTSMARK AWARD

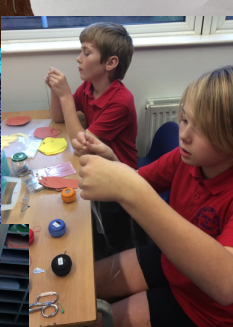
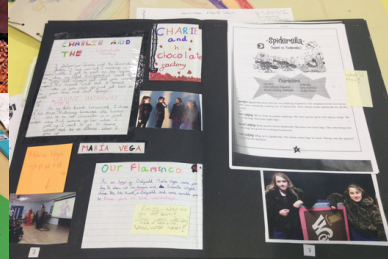
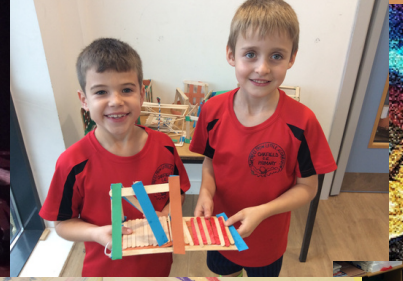
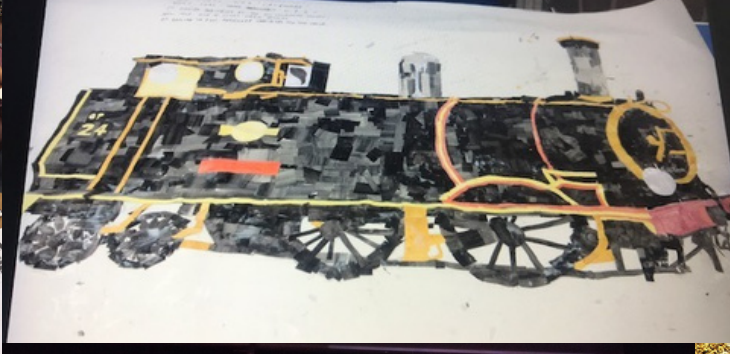
Over the past few years, we have been working towards earning The Artsmark as a school. Everyone has contributed with their Art, music, Drama, DT and all round wonderful creativity.

The Artsmark team who read our Statement said 'You have reviewed your art curriculum, created dedicated new schemes of work with clear skills progression and have successfully introduced the use of sketchbooks. Visiting artists have been engaged to support a range of projects including collage, clay, relief printing, garden design, lantern-making and constructing totem poles. Your year 6 have visited the National Gallery and West End Musicals and your art and craft club is very popular. Your 'Creation Station' art hub has given your children's art a high profile and you now have plans to create a Studio room to foster creativity in sound, movement and music. You have specialist teaching in the Arts.'

We are so proud to receive our silver Artsmark Award for our dedication to the arts within our school offer and can't wait to work towards our gold mark!

SILVER AWARD

MARK



LITTLE ACORNS NURSERY



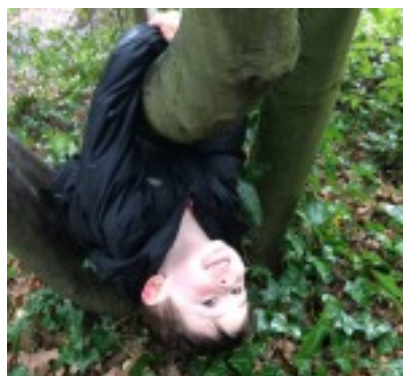
'Nursery in Nature'

As always, the children at Little Acorns have enjoyed getting out and about, whatever the weather!

This has been made easier for some of our children who find the distances tricky, or need some more support to keep themselves safe thanks to The Ryde Benevolent Fund who have kindly funded an outdoor, multiple toddler bus! This means that all children can benefit from the wonderful curriculum on offer at Little Acorns!



Of course, all of the children will benefit from the new wheels! As you can see, everyone has been desperate for a turn!

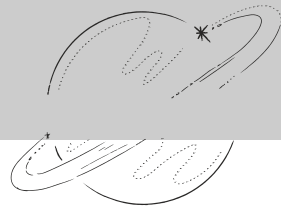


The staff are certainly getting a work out pushing them up the hill!

THANK
YOU!

We'd like to say a huge thank you to the trustees of Ryde Benevolent Fund for enabling all of our children to continue to enjoy our local area and all that our curriculum and the outdoors has to offer!

RECEPTION



Well you'll never guess what happened! We arrived at school to find all the windows and doors were black! We went into our classroom and found magical lights on the ceiling that looked like a big galaxy!



Miss Walls had painted stars and planets on the black paper to make it look like space! We were very excited when we arrived and we spent the morning busy creating rockets, estimating how far they would travel and making aliens with the playdough. We watched a video of a rocket being launched into space that was going to land on the moon in 3 days! We had lots of conversations about space and what we think our new class text, *The Way Back Home* by Oliver Jeffers, will be about!



We even got to explore the stars and galaxies with an immersive experience inside the inflatable planetarium! It was amazing, we were awe struck!

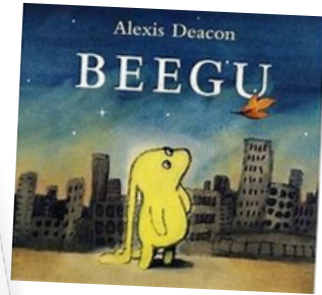
YEAR 1

Our visitor from... OUTER SPACE

DAILY NEWS

Word • Business • Finance • Lifestyle • Travel • Sport • Weather

A spaceship crashed into our school carpark a few weeks ago! There were broken pieces all over the place and we gathered them together to investigate what had happened. We realised that Beegu must have been in the spaceship and we wanted to find out if he was ok so we have been sending her messages and writing letters too. Beegu wrote back! Beegu told us that she is safely back home now with her mummy and daddy and was not hurt. We have invited Beegu to come back to visit us soon.



We saw all of the constellations and we think we spotted Beegu's planet too. It was very dark there but we didn't mind because we are explorers!



Alongside reading the story and all of our amazing writing we have been busy finding out about our Solar System. We had the chance to spend time in the giant Planetarium and it was fantastic.



We also have been making Beegu puppet shows, cooking special alien food and finding out what Aliens eat!

YEAR 2

CRIME SCENE · DO NOT CROSS · CRIME SCENE · DO NOT CROSS ·

YEAR 2'S

Investigation

On Monday 6th March, when Year 2 arrived in class – it was clear something strange had happened and needed investigating! There was rubbish – food wrappers and boxes – all over our floor. Mrs Rowe had taped it off so that we could look at the evidence and try to work out what had happened!

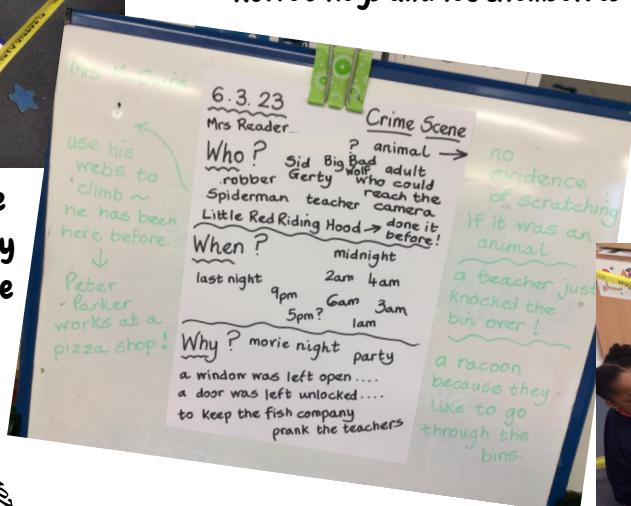


We came up with loads of theories about what had happened....Mrs Reader had a party at the weekend, Jerry the cleaner forgot to clean our room or even that some of our class had stolen Mrs Rowe's keys and let themselves in!



We checked the school cameras for evidence but....would you believe it they had been wiped! We cleared up but kept the evidence...just in case!

The next day a letter arrived via the school office to say that some friendly beasts had used our classroom to have a feast on Sunday afternoon – they even used our TV to watch Monsters Inc!



They were so full of food – they fell asleep.....only waking when Mr Scovell opened up early on Monday morning....at which point they left everything and ran away!



To say sorry, as well as the letter – they sent us a fantastic new book – Beast Feast! It is great – we have enjoyed reading it and doing some amazing bits of writing!

Spanish

Find out all about Easter in Spain by visiting
<https://www.euroclub-schools.org/easter-in-spain>.



Year 5 did an Easter egg hunt. Inside the eggs were Spanish words to do with the religious festival.



Try to match the following Spanish words to the English meanings:

La iglesia

Cuaresma

Domingo de Ramos

Jesús

Miércoles de Ceniza

Ash Wednesday

Jesus

Lent

Palm Sunday

the Church

You can find the answers on the website, above.

YEAR 3

SHAKESPEARE

WORKSHOP



In year 3 this term, we were lucky enough to take part in a 2 hour Shakespeare workshop where we took part in a range of activities all around Shakespeare's play 'The Tempest.'

The workshop started with the children arriving on an Island in Italy where they had a message to piece together. This message was a quote from one of the 6 main characters which were a focus for the day. They explored the characters throughout the workshop and even dressed up and walked down a catwalk like their character.

As well as exploring the characters, the children looked at creating the atmosphere of the storm through movement and music. They had to create the rising and falling of a storm by following a weather meter. Additionally, the children had a go at drawing to a piece of music which resulted in the creation of a massive piece of art! The children absolutely loved the workshop and had so much to say about it afterwards!



'I enjoyed dressing up my friend because it made me laugh.'

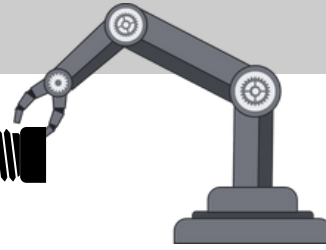
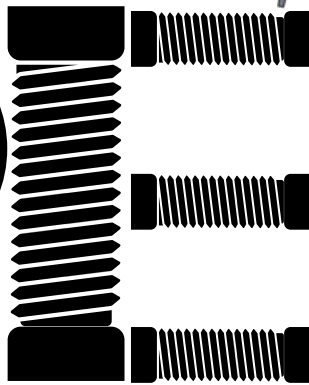
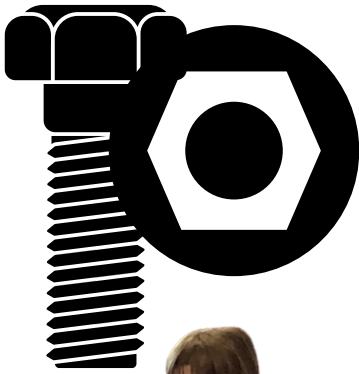
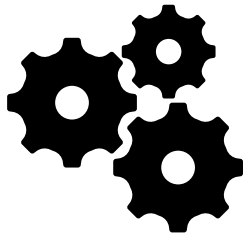
'I enjoyed drawing to the music because it was something different and it was relaxing.'

'I loved everything! It was amazing! Thank you. Please come back!'

'I enjoyed the island because I got to see things that the characters would have.'

'I loved all of it because it was fun.'

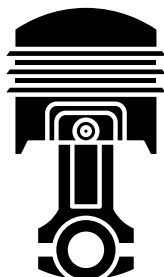
YEAR 3/4



This half term we have been getting creative in our PE lessons. Our theme was factories and the machinery inside factories.



We watched videos to see the parts of machinery, such as the cogs, levers and pistons. We listened to the sounds that these components would make when they all worked together on the machinery. These sounds became the soundtrack to the sequences we created, using our own actions for the cog, the lever and the piston.

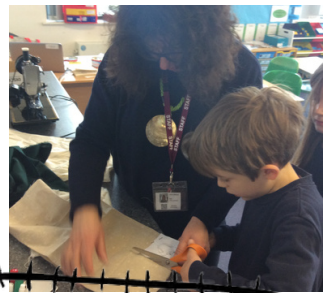


We learned to move to the beat and create our sequences to the count of eight. We worked as individuals, in pairs and then in groups to recreate our factory, using movements involving spinning and turning, push and pull, balance and a whole range of creative movements. We even created a sequence to show our machinery breaking down!

YEAR 4

sewing

This half term in Design Technology, we were tasked with the challenge of designing our own mini cushion. We learnt many new terms such as applique, cross-stitch and running stitch and after a lot of hard work (and a few moans) we finally succeeded in producing our very own cushion.



We cut it down to the size we wanted it to be.

We chose the type of material we wanted to use for our cushion.

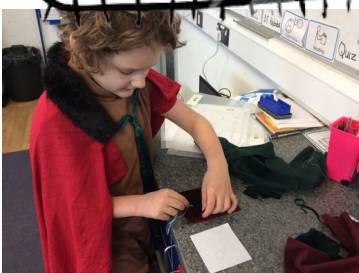


We cut it out and sewed our design onto the cushion..

We designed and drew what we wanted to go onto the front of our cushion.



We stuffed our cushion and sewed it up to produce our finished product.



We were delighted with the end results!

YEAR 5



At Oakfield, our RE lessons are a really important part of our curriculum and this term we have been lucky enough to have the Bible Explorers join us for our R.E. lesson each week. They have been teaching us about the stories found in the Old Testament. We have loved the way they act out the stories and even more so when we can join in and play some of the characters!



Bible Explorers

To find out more about Bible Explorers, click on the link below!

<http://www.bibleexplorers.org/>



Bible Explorers really help to bring our learning about the Bible alive and supports us in our understanding of our Christian values and ethos.

YEAR 5/6

For each of our English texts, we have a 'hook' session to get us excited about the book and introduce what we have to look forward to. In *The Night Gardener*, the character come out at night and creates beautiful topiary (tree sculptures). Our hook was to spot the different types of trees and plants around our school.



Following this, we had an art session where we designed and created our own topiary trees.



From this book, we are going to write character descriptions.

YEAR 6

Year 6 had a very exciting morning at the beginning of this half term! As the hook for our new Literacy text,

'The Man Who Walked Between the Towers' by Mordicai Gerstein, a circus workshop visited our school. The children have used this hook inspire them to write a recount, a character description, a diary and a story. The teachers have been impressed with the standard of writing that the children have achieved, but do not take our word for it – enjoy reading their work for yourself!



Philippe was a young man who was a street performer. He was a very talented man who juggled as many balls or fiery pins as he wanted! Philippe was a crazy young man who thought of walking between the twin towers.

He was going to make tightrope-walking history! Philippe was an agile man, flexible and careful. After a lot of practice, Philippe could try anything because he was brave and courageous with his acts. Although his tricks were dangerous, he never gave up!

Character description by Kaela



Recount by Jonah

On Friday, we did our circus skills, which was plate spinning, devil sticks, juggling pins, diabolo, hula-hoops, poi and batons.

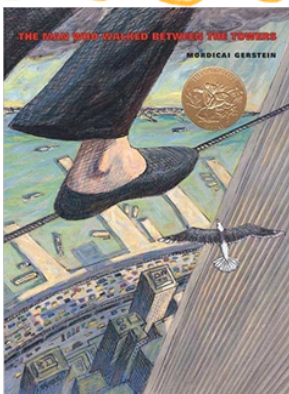
The diabolo was my favourite because you could go really fast with it and also do a jump - it was really fantastic! My second favourite was the juggling pins, all you do is yeet it and catch it, then it is the poi - you just throw it around and hold it.

The diabolo (a huge yoyo with sticks with a string) was fun, but I broke the string with one of the sticks, which was surprising.

The juggling pins (a plastic bowling pin) was pretty easy but it had its moments for sure, hands getting smacked by the pins, toes getting smacked, but it was fun.

The poi (a ball in a sock, nothing else) was probably the most fun even though it was not complicated.

The plate spinners (a plastic stick and plastic plate) was very hard because first you need to get the plate on the stick while spinning it, then you keep it up or pass it to someone else.

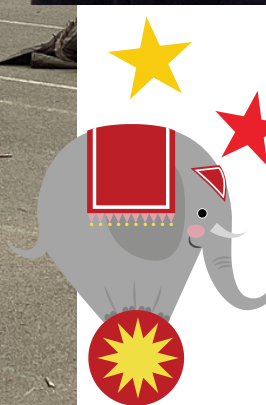


YEAR 6

FUN!



CIRCUS



APPLEY TOWER RESTORATION PROJECT



Earlier this half term, Oakfield CE Primary School were part of a group of specially invited guests, selected to take part in a project which is set to restore and transform Appley Tower.

Mrs Reader and our children's class champions headed down to find out what it is all about. Whilst enjoying the cake and orange juice on offer, they found out that...

Appley Tower has successfully been awarded a Heritage Lottery Grant, secured by Natural Enterprise, which will be used to restore the tower to its former glory.

Once the renovations are complete, expected Summer 2024, visitors will be able to take advantage of the amazing views from the top as well as activities provided by Monkton Arts, who will manage the tower.

We will be lucky enough to have art work linked to the project on show in the Monkton Arts Gallery.





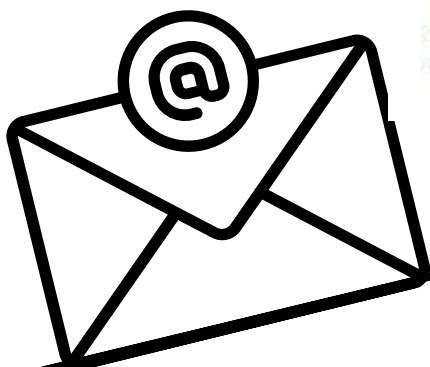
Well deserved 3rd Place for Oakfield Basketball Players

On Tuesday 21st February, eight of our budding basketball players took part in a mini basketball festival at Greenmount Primary School. This was the first taste of competitive basketball for most of the team, but they equipped themselves extremely well and improved greatly in each match they played. Matches were short and sweet, 4 minutes each way, which meant that results were very close. We eventually finished third, having won our 'play-off' for 3rd / 4th place. Special mention should go to Roman, who was an outstanding captain and also shot some fantastic goals.

The team were an absolute credit to the school, displaying our values and good sportsmanship throughout the afternoon, as well as playing some excellent basketball, a sport we do not often compete in. Well done to: Roman, Brooklyn, Ethan C, Alex, Jenson, Harry H, Izzy and Eloise.



WOW!



Hi everyone,

I hope I have done this correctly and it goes to all the teachers in the school!

I just wanted to say a massive thank you for all your support with the sponsored read. Thanks to 19 pupils we have raised, as of today, £758 and have a total of £1212 to spend with Usborne books!!! which is incredible.

We just want to give a massive congratulations to Miss Jackson/ Mr C's class who have raised £300 in total towards the books.

Thank you again for all your support and if you need help with any other fundraising please let us know.

Take care

Kirsten and Kirsty
PCG.

**Total
raised
£758**



FAMILY FRIDAY

Science
Edition



Mr Snelling is happy to report that the Oakfield Family Science morning was a great success! We had a wonderful turnout of parents in all classes and it was lovely to see them all engaging with the children's learning.

Our learning was varied and rich across the school.

Just look at the investigations we got up to.

WORLD BOOK DAY

2 MARCH 2023

This year we celebrated World Book Day bake-off style!

Each class were challenged to choose a book they love and create something edible for our Bake me a Story gallery. During the day the kitchen and classrooms were filled with delicious sights and smells as cakes, biscuits, salads and kebabs were made! In the afternoon we all joined together in the hall for the Bake me a story gallery and celebration. Each class chose a representative to describe to everybody what they'd made. We were blown away with the efforts of every class. The enthusiasm for their chosen story was a joy to see.



OAKFIELD CE
PRIMARY
SCHOOL
PRESENT...

MUSIC THROUGH THE

DECADES

70's

60's

90's

Review

WOW! What an amazing show this year, and very different to previous years. We delved into music from the 1930's up to 2020. From Rock around the clock and Elvis to George Ezra and the Script! Every class embraced their different era and danced, moved, marched and sang their way through their songs. The costumes all looked amazing, dressing the part of their eras!

Our main cast, who have been rehearsing since September 2022, sang their way through most of the songs and then entertained us with their version of George Ezra's Shotgun!

Even the staff got involved with their own rendition of Dolly Parton's 9-5 (or as we sang 5-9!)

Thank you to everyone who took part and contributed to a fabulous experience for our Oakfield children.

1930's

1950's

80's

1940's

2000

2010



EGGCITED FOR EASTER

TESCO



Tesco have been blown away by the number of entries for their Easter Art Work display! We sent over 100 beautifully decorated Easter eggs to Tesco which are now displayed in their Ryde store! Make sure you pop along to find your egg on display over the Easter break!

ISLE OF WIGHT MUSIC HUB PRESENTS



Saturday Morning Music Centre

Ensemble opportunities for players of woodwind, brass, percussion and bowed string players



Saturday mornings during term time

10.00am - 12.00pm

At Osborne House

York Avenue, East Cowes, PO32 6JT

Annual membership £105

The Hub also supports additional music making opportunities and ensembles during the week.

For further information please contact us using the details below

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SCHOOL DIARY DATES

Mon 3rd - Fri 14th April	Easter Break
Monday 1st May	May Day Bank Holiday
Friday 5th May	King's Coronation Beach Party
Monday 8th May	Closed for Bank Holiday - King's Coronation
Tues 9th - Fri 12th May	SATs week for Year 6
Wednesday 22nd May	Sports Morning (more info to follow)
Thursday 25th May	Charitable Careers Day 1pm-4pm (more info to follow)
Mon 29th May - Fri 2nd June	May Half Term
Monday 19th June	SCHOOL & Little Acorns CLOSED FOR TEACHER TRAINING
Tuesday 4th Wednesday 5th Thursday 6th July	Summer Term Parents' Meetings
Tuesday 18th July	Summer Fayre
Friday 21st July	SCHOOL & Little Acorns CLOSED FOR WHOLE STAFF TRAINING

