

# FOUR OAKS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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**Dear Parents and Governors**

### Welcome Back

A big welcome back to each and every one of our pupils. It was great last week to see so many smiling, happy faces come through the school gates, full of energy and a positive attitude to learning. The Summer Term promises to be an exciting and busy one, with many family events going on, including.....for the very first time.....our Four Oaks circus event!



### Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancies

We have two Lunchtime Supervisors vacancies at present, so if you or anyone you know, are interested, then just visit our school website and head for the 'Vacancies' page to read more details and get hold of an application form. Our team of supervisors are a really happy band who have created lovely relationships with the pupils, so we are looking for someone with a really positive team ethic to join them. Who knows, you may also want to apply for the FOSBACS vacancy just below and take on two roles at school!



### FOSBACS Vacancy

We also have a vacancy for a playworker at FOSBACS. If you are interested in working with our children who attend this before and after-school club, then just visit our 'Vacancies' page on the school website and read more details and grab an application form.

### Drinks Price Increase

Our catering company has had to increase the prices of some of the drinks which our junior children can buy at lunchtime, so I am passing this information on to parents so that they can adjust any money which they give to their junior children each day if needs be. These are the updated prices:

Radnor Flavoured Water - £1.20

Calypso Flavoured Water - 70p

Plain Water - 70p

### Parent Parking

I will ask all parents yet again to please make sensible and safe decisions when parking on Edge Hill Road at the beginning and the end of the day. If cars are already parked along the school side of the road then please do not then park on the opposite side of the road and, by doing this, making the gap down the middle of the road very narrow. I will also point out that it is not safe to park with two wheels of the car on the pavement. We have many children and parents walking to school, some with pushchairs, and putting obstacles in their way on the pavement is obviously an unsafe thing to do.

I know I am talking about a minority of parents, but we must act sensibly to keep all of our children safe.

### Strike Days

As parents may be aware of, various teaching unions have turned down the pay offer set out by the Government, and are asking their members to withdraw their labour on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023**. At the moment I am not aware of any members of staff at Four Oaks going on strike, but if this situation changes as we get closer to this date, then I will inform parents as soon as I know.

### Coronation Celebrations

On the afternoon of Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May, pupils and staff will be celebrating the coronation of King Charles III by taking part in a variety of activities in school. They will begin by taking part in a celebratory buffet party lunch put on by Debbie and her team, and will then all come together for a whole school assembly where they will sing the National Anthem, and think about the new King's hopes and wishes for his reign. As a school we will talk through what will actually happen during the coronation, and the significance of the events that pupils will witness over the weekend. They will listen to our school choir who have been practising a musical celebration for a few weeks now, and then they will go back to classrooms to take part in artistic activities based around the coronation event.



To further enhance the sense of celebration we would like to ask all parents to arrange for their children to come to school on this day in their best party clothes. (We would ask that no children come to school in any sportswear.)



A reminder to all parents that school will be closed on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May, as this is now a bank holiday in light of the coronation.

### New Reception Intake

April 17<sup>th</sup> was National Offer Day for pupils looking to start school in September 2023, and yet again we have been inundated with requests for places. We had 96 first preference requests, which means that we have filled all of our places for September, with 36 families going onto our waiting list. From this point onwards, we will be working really hard to make sure all of our new families benefit from our tried and trusted Induction system so that they look forward to joining the Four Oaks Family by the start of September!

### Year 6 & Year 2 SATs

We would like to wish all of our hard-working Year 6 pupils and staff the very best of luck as they head into their SATs tests between Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> and Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May. They have put in so much effort from the very first day of this academic year, and I'm sure that they will all try their very best, which is all we can ask. Go for it Year 6.....show us what you can do!



May is also the month that our Year 2 pupils will be assessed for their SATs levels, so a big good luck to them too!

### Class Photographs

Class photographs were taken on Thursday. We will send out the proofs when we receive them.

### GB Gymnast Visit



On Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May we are looking forward to welcoming to school Claudia Fragapane, a retired Great Britain gymnast who won the overall team gold medal in the Commonwealth Games 2022.

She will lead an assembly for our Junior children and will talk to them about her journey in gymnastics, and what it's been like to compete at the highest level. She will then stick around in school to help coach the pupils in our after-school gymnastics club. We want to say a big thank you to Premier Sport for organising this exciting event for us.

### Birmingham Primary Panathalon

On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April, 8 children from the Juniors competed in the finals of the Birmingham Panathalon at Birmingham University's Sport and Fitness Centre. The Panathlon is a national charity which gives young people with disabilities and special education needs the opportunity to take part in competitive sport. After achieving silver medals in the heats in November, the children were very excited to be back and competing again! Approximately 50 schools competed in total, with the top 10 teams reaching the final. All children were a credit to our school and performed with determination and enthusiasm and finished 4<sup>th</sup> overall. This is an incredible achievement especially as it was the first time our school has ever entered such an event. A huge well done to our team of super-humans!!



### Super Stars and Acorns



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

Bumblebees	Rishi
Ladybirds	Esmee
Owls	Damian
Hedgehogs	Arjun
Turtles	Carys
Sharks	Shan
3E	Amber
3R	Toji
4B	Zach
4W	Jacob
5AC	Wildan
5MC	Eleanor
6B	Maisie
6S	Maya



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

Bumblebees	Ava-Mae
Ladybirds	Avaani
Owls	Ben
Hedgehogs	Pavi
Turtles	Dylan
Sharks	Enzo
3E	Joshua
3R	Georgiana
4B	Jovan A.
4W	Harry M.
5AC	William H.
5MC	Daniel
6B	The Whole Class
6S	The Whole Class

### Courtesy Cup Winners ~ last week

Reception	Aaliyah / Troy
Year 1	Elliott / Poppy
Year 2	Lily / Adonis
Year 3	Ambika / Avleen
Year 4	Jamilla / Charlie L-M
Year 5	Sahaya / Lily-Mae
Year 6	Oliver G. / Jessie



Well done to all the winners!

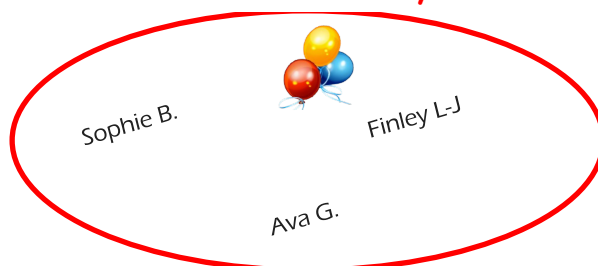
### Courtesy Cup Winners ~ this week

Reception	Adam K. / Tamara
Year 1	Finley / Jovan
Year 2	Finley L-J / Lucia
Year 3	Hector / Poppy
Year 4	Zach / Kyra
Year 5	Jayden / Oz
Year 6	Max / Sam H.



Well done to all the winners!

### Infant Birthdays



### Kindness Tree Award

Last Week Infants: Teddy (Hedgehogs) & Alex (Sharks)

Last Week Juniors: Kiran (6B)

This Week Infants: Rishi (Bumblebees)

This Week Juniors: Ned (4W)



### Science Fair

The Science Fair, which took place this week, was a fabulous showcase of the bright scientific minds which we have here at FOPS! Our young scientists impressed us with their unique take on the theme 'Connections' and projects included looking at connections across all three areas of our Science curriculum such as the connection between the environment and fossil fuels, electrical connections, connections within the human body, DNA, animals' habitats, food chains and even how to preserve a country house! The winners will be announced in our next newsletter and those projects will be taken to a judging panel of science leaders across the Sutton schools and overall winner will be invited to a special science event.

Thank you so much to all our children and their families for participating so enthusiastically in this event.

### Girls' Football Match

On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April, our girls' football team took to the pitch for their first game of the season, and the first time ever at Four Oaks. And what a game it was, with the girls winning 15-1 against The Deanery. Let's hope they can keep it up!



## THE FOUR OAKS NEWS

We are pleased to announce that the first edition of the Four Oaks News is now on our website for everyone to read. We had an amazing response to our request for stories with lots of children from across the school participating. We have many different articles for your enjoyment including: pet of the month, sports reports, restaurant and trip reviews, a yummy recipe, jokes, some art based on our creative curriculum, a short story and much much more... We hope you enjoy reading it, a copy was sent to each classroom for the children to read.

We are now looking for articles for our next edition! Please send in by Friday 19th May to owlteacher@fouroaksprimary.bham.sch.uk. A reminder that each child who submits an article will receive either 3 smiley faces or 3 house points.

Thank you to Mrs Glover for organising this and to her invaluable co-editor Louis in Year 6.

### Pupil Success

It's always great to hear about any of our pupils succeeding in their endeavours, and we like to celebrate the fact. This week we thought we would share news of success for Zachary in Year 3, who plays for Sutton Coldfield U10 boys hockey team. Over the Easter break they came overall 6th place at the Midlands In2 Hockey final, a major regional hockey tournament at the Nottingham Hockey Centre.



We are really proud of Zachary and all his efforts, and his success just reflects for all children that there are many sports and activities out there that they can all shine in!

### More Music Success!

More of our pupils have passed their copper and bronze awards for piano and violin. Well done to: Jai, Amber, Sheng, Thomas Mc, Heidi and Elena—all Year 3 as well as to Isabel and Amirah in Year 5, and Rhett in Year 4.



### ICT Tip of the Week

#### *Disinformation and Misinformation*

*It is common to see misleading information on the internet and particularly on social media. It's important to be aware that what you see may not always be what it seems.*

*Disinformation is where people intentionally create false or misleading information.*

*Misinformation is where people share disinformation not realising its false or misleading.*

*Some tips for verifying information:*

- *Check the quality – Low quality images may mean its old*
- *Check the source – Is it a trustworthy source?*
- *Reverse image search photo's or video frames – Reverse Image search allows you to search the web by uploading a photo, results may include objects within the image, similar images or website with the same or similar images.*

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

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