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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 May newsletter. We are approaching the end of another half term and have enjoyed many new learning experiences. Thank you all for your continued support and for sharing all your positive comments and pictures on Twitter.

Mental Health Awareness Week

Mental and Health awareness week was a huge success with the Mental Health Champions taking the lead to promote our well-being in a variety of ways. Lots of classes took on the challenge of connecting with nature in their daily lessons, providing children with the opportunity to understand the benefits nature can have. Examples include Y1 who went on a nature walk to see what living things they could find; Y3 who have been investigating shadows throughout the day in their Science lesson and Y6 who combined an orienteering PE lesson with maths challenges – all these experiences boosted our mental health through connecting learning with nature!

Congratulations to our photography competition winners:



The Big Ask



Get your child's voice heard and make a difference

Just a reminder that a new survey has been launched by The Children's Commissioner for England – The 'Big Ask'. It's an exciting opportunity to help us think big and it's a chance for every child in England to have their voice heard. Please can we ask that as many children with their parents / carers get involved and complete this survey:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/>

Thank A Teacher Day



National Thank A Teacher Day is on the 23rd June.

Anyone can thank any member of staff working in UK schools and colleges; school leaders, teachers, teaching assistants, and all support staff such as lunchtime supervisors, caretakers and cleaners. You can even send your card to the whole school.

Click the link to find out more:

<https://thankateacher.co.uk/national-thankateacherday/>

Mental Wellbeing

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

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

Outwood Mental Wellbeing Website

Digital Leader's Sustainability presentation

During this half term the Digital Leaders have collaborated on a website, which brings together the learning across the Academy about Sustainability.

The children have been incredibly passionate about what we can do to be more sustainable to protect our planet. The website includes information, pictures and examples of work that have been produced in each class. Next week the Digital Leaders will be sharing these with their classes.



Please note that the academy will be closed on the following days:

Friday 28th May (INSET day)

Monday 7th June (INSET day)

Monday 26th July (INSET day)

Click the link to see our term dates:

<https://www.kirkhamgate.outwood.com/term-dates-and-closures>

Uniform

Outwood Primary Academy Kirkhamgate uniform consists of: purple sweatshirt or cardigan (with school logo); white polo t-shirt or white school shirt (see guidelines); grey skirt or trousers; dark grey socks or tights and black shoes. Summer dresses must be worn with white socks. Please ensure that your child is wearing the appropriate footwear as per our school uniform policy.

Earrings (including plastic, clear ones) and nail varnish are not permitted.



Attendance Matters

Attendance is essential for a child's academic progress and social interactions. Here at Kirkhamgate, we have an expectation that every pupil should aim for 100% attendance. By making regular school attendance a priority, you can help set your child on the path to success.

Attendance - every day matters



Our attendance year to date is 96.51% and our target is 97%.

So far this month, we have had 37 lates - please ensure your child arrives on time as every minute late is a minute lost learning.

Healthy Snacks

At Outwood Primary Academy Kirkhamgate we like to promote healthy living. Please remember that chocolate bars and sweets are not permitted, but if you wish send your child to school with a healthy snack for break time, this could include a piece of fruit or chopped up vegetables.



Risk Assessment

A reminder that the most recent and up to date copy of our Risk Assessment is on the school website.

Polite request

Please continue to social distance, follow the one way system and wear a face covering whilst on the school site. Could we ask you to pass this on to members of your extended family who might also drop off / pick up your child.

