



Dear Parents,

GREETINGS

We hope all parents had a good week. Please read our newsletter for the week and diarise all important dates.

SEND OFF FOR MR FRANKLIN ADJETEY

You are cordially invited to Mr Franklin Adjetey's send off on Monday 27th March 2017 at 11.00am at the school premises. For the sole purpose of planning, kindly indicate whether you will or will not attend this programme. Only parents are invited as we are not able to accommodate other members of the extended family at this event. If you did not receive a hardcopy letter from school, kindly acknowledge or decline by SMS to **0909 998 9643** or email to **headadmin@oaklandintlschool.com**.

END OF EXAMS

End of term exams in key stages 1& 2 have ended this week. The calendar was put together with lots of thought and the end of exams does not signify the end of meaningful work. Rather, as teachers mark the scripts the feedback from pupils' performance will be immediately put to use in the classroom as this is formative assessment. Teachers will immediately work on correcting misconceptions and use this information in their planning.

TEACHING AND LEARNING CONTINUE

As a result of the above, teaching and learning will continue in earnest. Please do not take children out of school for any reason. Travel plans should not have been made to encroach

into term time. Pupils who miss school days will be at a disadvantage, we therefore appeal to parents to leave their children in school up until the last day of term.

REPORTS

End of term reports will be issued on Monday 3rd April 2017.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent/Teacher interviews for second half term will be held on Thursday 6th April 2017. Reminders will be sent closer to the date and we encourage all parents to book a slot to speak with their child's teacher.

READING TIPS FOR EARLY YEARS ...Ms Vicky

Reading is a lifelong unending journey, regardless of your age. It can be fun if we know what and how to do it.

The early years are critical to developing a lifelong love of reading. It's never too early to begin reading to your child! The tips below offer some fun ways you can help your child become a happy and confident reader. Try a new tip each week. See what works best for your child.

1. Give everything a name

Build your child's vocabulary by talking about interesting words and objects. For example, "Look at that airplane! Those are the wings of the plane. Why do you think they are called wings?"

2. Read with fun in your voice

Read to your child with humour and expression.

Use different voices.

3. Know when to stop.

Put the book away for a while if your child loses interest or is having trouble paying attention.

4. Be interactive

Discuss what's happening in the book, point out things on the page, and ask questions.

5. Read it again and again

Go ahead and read your child's favourite book for the 100th time!

6. Point out print everywhere

Talk about the written words you see in the world around you. Ask your child to find a new word on each outing.

7. Make it fun, be creative and bring the setting alive.

This may sound difficult but is quite easy to achieve. Use bed sheets over a bunk bed to create a cave, crawl in with a torch and a book with a cave setting. Does the book talk about a day in the park? Take your reading out to the park. Does it talk about shopping? Take your child shopping before and after reading the story. Such learning is more interesting and never forgotten.

MOTHER'S DAY



As usual, we will celebrate Mother's day twice this year. Dates are Sunday 26th March and Sunday 14th May. It is a day for families to show appreciation to Mothers and mother figures. It does not necessarily mean great expense; rather it is showing love and care. A cup of tea in bed, a bunch of flowers or a motivational book are all examples of perfect gifts to give. There are millions of gifts and gestures of appreciation to choose from. Have a great day Mums. We love you all very much.

HEALTH SPLASH

You are cordially invited to our Health Splash next week Saturday 1st April at 9.00 am. It is a family affair and there is something for everyone. Zumba Fitness, Yoga, Dance, Brisk walking, quick BMI check, Health talk about lifestyle choices, healthy snacks and drinks by Santi foods and lots more. There is child care and entertainment for the children too. You can't afford to miss this exciting package and it is free entry. Bring all your friends along, dress code is sports wear.

To move things along quickly at the Health check stand, please memorise your weight and height. The rest is easy for the Health team.

PHOTO GALLERY

Absolutely beautiful photographs this week from activities in the Playgroup class, Dr. Mrs. Jennifer Braimah's visit to Reception class and the Playgroup class assembly.



Playgroup pupils learning to take turns and explore their creativity



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Having good motor control helps a child explore the world around them and also helps with their cognitive development.

Fine Motor Skills: movements involving smaller muscle groups such as those in the hand and wrist are honed and tuned by threading objects onto a string.



Fine Motor Skills acquisition



Dr Mrs Jennifer Braimah visits Reception class to talk about her profession



Reception pupils listening to Dr Braimah



Children must have their blood-pressure measured as well when they visit the hospital.



Reception pupil breaking up a tablet in a handheld mortar and pestle.



Reception pupils received a reward from Dr Braimah for being "so good"



Reception pupils role-play being a Doctor.



Playgroup class assembly on shapes.

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