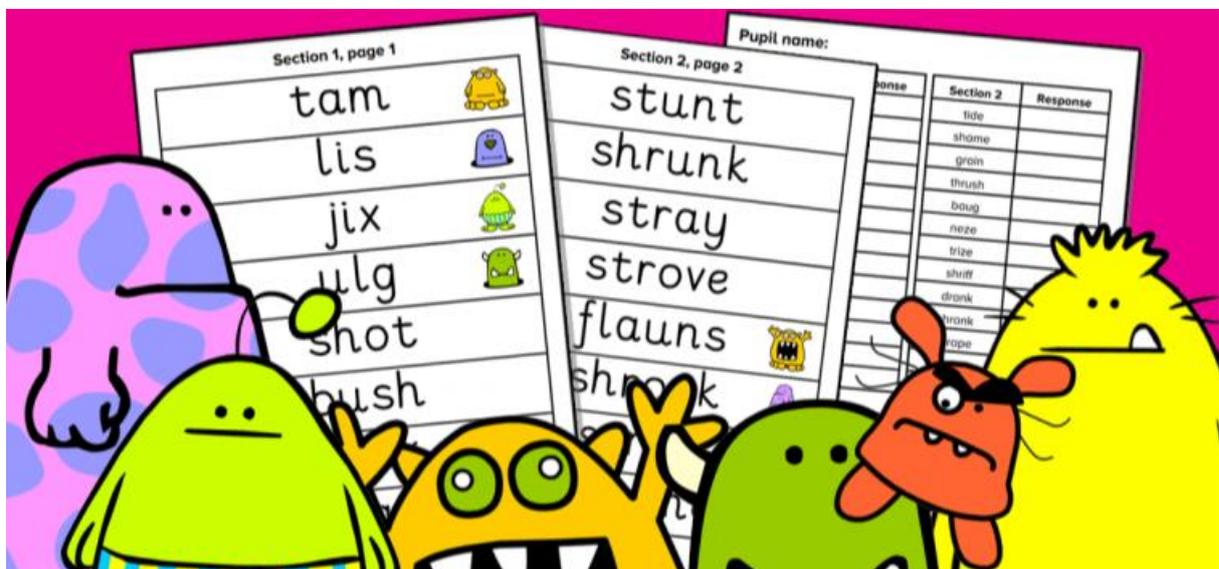




Oakfield Schools Federation

10th June 2022

Well Done Year 1!



Dear Parents and Carers

I wanted to dedicate today's introduction to the Year 1 team and your amazing children in Year 1! We must say a huge **Well Done** to all of the Year 1 children for their incredible hard work with their phonics and reading this week, and indeed this year! The children have shown such enthusiasm and determination to become readers and their perseverance has most definitely paid off. **AMAZING!** Thank you to all the parents and carers who have supported the children on this very important journey.

Kind regards

Executive Headteacher

New events added are highlighted in yellow		
Date	Event	Time
30/05/22	Half term	
6/06/22	Summer 2 term begins	
w/b 6/06/22	Phonics Screening Check Y1	All week
06/06/22	2022/23 Incoming Reception Parents Meeting	5.30
08/06/22	2022/23 Incoming Reception Parents Meeting	5.30
6 – 24/06/22	Window for year 4 times tables tests	
7/06/22	Sportability – children from across junior school	10.00 – 14.00
8/06/22	Quad Kids Athletics (year 4)	pm
9/06/22	Year 6 boy's football	3.30
10/06/22	Girl's cricket (Y5/6)	All day
14/06/22	Year 3 trip to Segedunum	All day
15/06/22	Dance Festival	pm
15-16-17/06/22	Whickham School transition (vulnerable pupils)	
Wk bg 20/06/22	Federation Diversity Week	All week
20 – 23/06/22	Gateshead Stadium week (juniors)	
23/06/22	Year 5/6 orienteering tournament (on waiting list)	All day
27-28/06/22	Lord Lawson transition days	
28-29/06/22	Grace College transition days	
28-29/06/22	Whickham School transition days	
28-29/06/22	XP transition days	
28/6/22	Year 1 OAA Festival (small team)	
30/06/22	New to year 3 parents meeting	5.30
01/07/22	Gateshead Schools Jubilee Bank holiday	
4-5/07/22	Cardinal Hume Catholic School transition days	
5-6/7/22	Oakfield inhouse transition days (children move up to their next year group for 2 days)	
6-7/07/22	Emmanuel College transition days	
08/07/22	Athletics Festival	
08/07/22	Bradley Lowrey Charity Day – wearing a football shirt	
11/07/22	Year 6 SATS results and reports out	
13/07/22	Mini tennis tournament (Y5)	
13/07/22	School reports sent home	
14/7/22	Year 2 Trip	
14/07/22	Girl's football Y6	am
15/07/22	Jubilee Garden party & summer fair	2.30 onwards
18/7/22	Reception trip	
18/7/22	Year One trip	
18/07/22	Sports day (non-competitive) Y2-6	pm
18/07/22	Peripatetic Music Lessons celebration performance	9.00 am
19/07/22	Sports Day (competitive) Y3-6	pm
20/07/22	Infant sports fun afternoon	
20/07/22	Year 6 leavers assembly	5.30
21/07/22	School Closes for summer	3.30
07/09/22	School reopens for Autumn 1	

2022-23 Term Dates	
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Autumn 1	07/09/22 – 21/10/22
Autumn 2	31/10/22 – 22/12/22
Spring 1	09/01/23 – 17/02/23
Spring 2	27/02/23 – 31/03/23
Summer 1	17/04/23 – 26/05/23
Summer 2	5/06/22 – 21/07/23

Gateshead Junior Fun Run

What a fantastic day 300 pupils across the federation had at the fun run in Saltwell Park on the Friday before half term. Firstly, it was a return to the norm; the first large scale event for 3 years! The children's faces were a picture seeing 5000 runners gathering in one place. Secondly, the weather was perfect.

Following a mass warm up, children were set off in waves. We waited holding our breath for 300 to be counted in at the end... and sure enough, a huge well done to all! Everyone completed in their own time and in their own way.

While we share congratulations, there was also an elite race with Poppy coming second in the girls race and James and Arlo second and third in the boys. Fantastic, well done.

We stayed in the park for a picnic and games before heading back to school. A great day- one we will repeat next year!

Infant School

The side gate for the Infant school will be locked at 3.30 pm and reopen ten minutes before clubs are due to finish. This is to ensure that we are safeguarding the children from the Lamesley after school club when they are playing outside. Can we ask parents to please ensure they have left the Infant site before the gates are locked at 3.30. Thank you for your cooperation with this. Lamesley Childcare will be placing a bell at the side gate so that any parent wishing to collect their child can ring it to alert staff they are there.

The Big Sing – All KS2 Pupils

The Sage has invited the KS2 children at Oakfield to take part in 'One Big Sing - Sing for the Earth.' This will take place in our school hall on Friday 17th June. The children have been practising the songs and are sounding fantastic. For the event, children can bring in a cuddly animal (such as a polar bear, monkey, tiger, lion etc) so the hall can be decorated with animals, who live in different environments around the world. Toys need to be labelled with the child's name. We are all looking forward to taking part in this performance.

Microsoft Forms deadlines

- **Gateshead Stadium Day – Monday 14th June, 12 noon**

Please see your emails for all forms links.

Safeguarding and attendance

The Metaverse

'Metaverse' is a relatively new term to many, however the concept has been around for some time. Videogames, for example, use many aspects of the metaverse; avatars, digital currency, mini-games, and open communication. A metaverse can also take many forms; Fortnite can be seen as a metaverse, as is Roblox. Put simply, a metaverse is an online environment where people interact, play games and express themselves. Away from traditional videogames, there are newer and more 'dedicated' metaverses such as Decentraland, The Sandbox and Somnium Space which are akin to Second Life.

In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as anonymity, psychological impact and unsafe areas.



Tik-tok bullying

We have been made aware of an alarming trend where children are creating school TikTok pages and playing a game called #guesswho. This is where children are posting extremely derogatory comments about peers in their school and other children are guessing who they are meaning. We thought it may be wise just to check, if your children are accessing Tik-tok that they are protected against such cyber bullying.

Age Ratings

A game's age rating can be used by adults to make an informed choice as to whether or not a game is suitable for their child. The PEGI (Pan European Game Information) system rates games and, instead of indicating the level of ability required to physically play a game, it indicates the suitability of content for that age group. 3, 7, 12, 16 and 18 are the labels that can be awarded to games and a variety of content descriptions such as violence, bad language and fear are used to further clarify why the label was assigned.

In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as inappropriate content, peer pressure and online spending.



Thank you for continuing to support us in our attendance over the past term. As you will see, despite some covid and an influx of chicken pox and Noro virus we have kept our attendance at a much higher figure than previously this year. The national average is currently 92% so we are sitting well above this. Also improving is children's punctuality. I thank you again for this.

School / Year	Summer 1	
	Attendance	Minutes late
	10/06/22	
Junior Overall	94.4	1 hr 43 min
Infant Overall	92.3	8 hr 31 min
6	90.5	5 min
5	97.0	5 min
4	94.2	1 hr 29 min
3	96.2	4 min
2	93.0	56 min
1	93.5	16 min
R	90.8	7 hr 19 min

Thank you for reading our newsletter this week. We are delighted to share with you all the wonderful things which are happening.

Warmest regards

Miss Chisholm - Executive Head Teacher

Miss Hartness – Acting Head of Infants

Mr Thompson – Head of Juniors