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# Oak Lodge School Termly Newsletter

## Summer 2018



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## Awards & Achievements



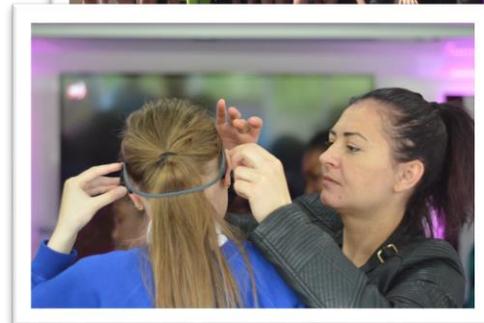
Students have taken part in lots of competitions this half-term including the Panathlon swimming competition in April where four of our year 8 students finished in 1<sup>st</sup> place! Year 7 & 8 pupils also took part in the Panathlon Tennis competition coming 5<sup>th</sup> and in the Panathlon finals as representatives of Wandsworth and came 4<sup>th</sup> overall.

## With My Own Two Hands

Year 7 & 8 students have been leading the school to learn a signed song as a part of their My Environment project this term. They have also focused on ways of reducing single use plastics. Year 7 & 8 students invite all families to watch the video and learn the signed song. There will be a group 'sign-along' at the Families Day on the 11<sup>th</sup> July. (Link: <https://bit.ly/2lxxXS>)



## NDCS Roadshow



We had a great visit from the National Deaf Children's Service Roadshow Bus as part of delayed celebrations for Deaf Awareness week (celebrations were delayed due to the residential trips). NDCS delivered workshops about technology and future paths for pupils and a 'Look, Smile and Chat' workshop for parents, designed to improve deaf awareness and reduce the communication barrier between hearing families and their deaf children. We also invited a local primary school along to the workshops and to meet our students. Everyone had the opportunity to try out new technology such as vibrating alarm clocks, flashing doorbells and Bluetooth devices and had a go at signing their names and favourite animals.

## Dates for your diary

- 4<sup>th</sup> June: First day back to school**  
**5<sup>th</sup> June: Eid-UI-Fitr: Islam**  
**19<sup>th</sup> June: Sports Day**  
**29<sup>th</sup> June: Roots & Wings Assembly & Prom**  
**5<sup>th</sup> July: Last day of Afterschool Club**  
**6<sup>th</sup> July: Inset Day**  
**11<sup>th</sup> July: Prize Giving Afternoon**  
**17<sup>th</sup> July: Winning House Trip**  
**18<sup>th</sup> July: Merit Reward Trip**  
**19<sup>th</sup> July: School Disco & House Cricket Competition**  
**20<sup>th</sup> July: Last day of summer term (1pm finish)**

## Water Bottles

We've been lucky with lots of nice weather recently. In the summer term, we ask all parents to provide their children with a bottle of water every day, labelled with their name. These can be refilled during the day from the water fountains in the classrooms.

## Money Mechanics & Deafie Blogger

We had an excellent team visit from The Royal Association for Deaf People (RAD) and prominent Deaf blogger, 'E' (also known as Deafie Blogger). RAD and E worked together to deliver the 'Money Mechanics' workshop which aims to work with young people between the ages of 14 - 25 who live with hearing loss to teach them about money. Of the workshops, 'E' said "The 'Money Mechanics' enterprise is a wonderful concept and the importance of educating young people around finance cannot be under estimated." She has also written a wonderful entry about her visit on her blog [www.deafieblogger.com](http://www.deafieblogger.com).

## Open Day

Prospective year 5 and 6 pupils from Frank Barnes visited Oak Lodge on 2<sup>nd</sup> May to look around the school and meet current students and staff. The visitors were given a tour around school by current students and feedback from the day was very positive. To register your attendance for future Open Days please email Assistant Head Ms Palmer at [admissions@oaklodge.wandsworth.sch.uk](mailto:admissions@oaklodge.wandsworth.sch.uk).

## IOW & Hindleap Warren

We had two great residential trips this half-term. Year 7 & 8's visited Hindleap Warren, an outdoor activity centre in Sussex whilst students in Year 9, 10 & Sixth Form went to the Isle of Wight for four days. Both groups really enjoyed their break away. Pupils in the Isle of Wight went buggy-boarding and had a go on a 3G swing. Year 10 student, Paulo, said: "We were very excited to go to the Isle of Wight because we had a lot of fun and played lots of different games. We really enjoyed the 3G swing and chatting with friends at dinner time."

At Hindleap, students did lots of activities ranging from a forest adventure, to archery, wading in the mud, team obstacles, swimming and bush craft activities. They all helped one another and learnt that it is important to work together as a team to build confidence and resilience. The group came back absolutely worn out but exhilarated but would have liked to have stayed one more night! Mr Kitchin came to visit for the day on the Wednesday and the children were impressed with his ability to climb through the dark tunnels and the mud!

