

Oakley Vale Newsletter

Educating the next generation of inspirational adults

Welcome back and Happy New Year!

Dear Parents and carers,

Happy New Year and I hope you all had a restful and peaceful Christmas. I would like to thank you all for your support with our 'Ambition for All Month- Reach for the Stars'. All the activities were a great success including the children publishing their own books. We are very proud that we were able to raise over £2,000. We have plans to develop some outdoor areas around school later in the year and we intend to use the money towards these projects. We are now in a new term and all the children are working hard and enjoying their new units of work and we hope that you will continue to help and support them with their learning throughout the rest of the year.

Best wishes, Emma Goodwin, Principal.

Christmas festivities at Oakley Vale

The whole school enjoyed the run up to Christmas and we celebrated with nativity plays, sing-alongs, trips to Christmas shows, a fantastic Christmas fayre and Christmas parties and discos. Here are just a few of the highlights in photos.



Key dates for your calendar

31 January - Year 4 Victorian trip

7 February - Year 3 make Greek pots with parents

7 February - Year 5 graduation banquet with parents

9 February - Break up for half term

19 February - Back to school

Ambition for All

November was our 'Ambition for All' month and the students all enjoyed a range of activities from meeting an author and writing their own books to visiting a space planetarium and creating their own piece of artwork relating to our 'Reach for the Stars' theme.



Year 1 puppet show

To compliment their topic 'The Toy Maker' Year 1 dressed up as Pinocchio for the day and watched a traditional puppet show with the whole of KS1 where they were shown puppets from all over the world and learnt about the different materials they can be made from.



Year 2 'Lady with the Lamp' assembly

To celebrate the end of their topic 'The Lady with the Lamp,' Year 2 invited parents and carers into assembly to tell the story of Florence Nightingale and her incredible work during the Crimean War.

Year 3 Catwalk and Sewing afternoon

As a finale to their topic 'Step into my Shoes,' students in Year 3 held a fashion show where they brought in their favourite pair of shoes from home and showed them off on our shoe catwalk, walking up and down like models. They also invited parents into class to help sew a pair of slippers they had designed.



Year 5 trip to the Blitz Cafe

Students in Year 5 visited the Blitz Cafe in Kettering as part of their topic on World War II. They enjoyed an afternoon tea while music from the 40's played, interspersed with the BBC news broadcasts and speeches by Winston Churchill and the sound of an air raid siren.

