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OAKFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL
& NURSERY UNIT

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Monday 29 April 2024

Updated closures list Term 3

Please note Oakfield Primary School & Nursery Unit is closed to all pupils on the following dates.

- Monday 6 May 2024 - May Day
- Tuesday 7 May 2024 - Staff training
- Monday 27 May 2024 - Whitsun Holiday
- Thursday 30 - Friday 31 May 2024 - Staff training

Retirement of Mr George McCluskey

The end of an era is approaching as Mr McCluskey has announced his decision to retire at the close of this academic year. Mr McCluskey was appointed as Principal of Oakfield Primary School and Nursery Unit in January 2004. During the last 20 years he has worked tirelessly and diligently to serve the whole Oakfield school community. On behalf of our Board of Governors, staff, parents and pupils, we wish to thank George for all his efforts and to send our best wishes to him, his wife Lucinda and his two daughters Katie and Lucy.

Anyone wishing to contribute towards a retirement gift for Mr McCluskey, please do so by forwarding this to your child's class teacher in a clearly marked envelope by Friday 31 May 2024. Gifts will be presented to Mr McCluskey at the end of June 2024.

Mr McCluskey, we hope you enjoy a long and happy retirement, with exciting new adventures ahead.

KS2 Sports



Your heart is a muscle that needs frequent exercise to help it keep fit and healthy. Many Key Stage two pupils have loved having the opportunity to increase their fitness and confidence through Pilates, football, hockey and P6 and P7 pupils participated in a six week rugby coaching programme with Adam



Anthony from Carrickfergus Rugby Club.

A famous sports person once said, "Do you know what my favourite part of the game is? The opportunity to play."

Some P6 and P7 girls had a great opportunity to play hockey at Mossley Hockey Club. The girls showed excellent defensive skills throughout all their games and worked hard to attack and score two goals.

Sport builds leaders and Oakfield boys and girls have stepped up to captain various teams showing brilliant leadership, and real Oakfield passion!

Four teams took part in a rugby tournament at Acorn. Some incredible tries showing fantastic skill and strategy were scored.

The girls' football team have been particularly busy! They drew 1-1 in their first football match against the Model

Primary School. They also played in the Carrick Schools girls' 5-a-side tournament at Carrickfergus Amphitheatre and were narrowly knocked out on penalties in the semi-finals. Well done to everyone involved and watch this space for more sporting fixtures!



Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is available each day to all Oakfield children from Nursery to P7! The children enjoy a delicious breakfast priced at £2 per day, with a choice of cereals, breads, fruit and fruit juice. When breakfast is over there is time to play. Come along and join the fun from 8am-9am for Nursery pupils and 8am- 8.45am for children from the Primary School.





New Interactive Whiteboards for Oakfield Primary School & Nursery Unit

We are thrilled to have been able to purchase 2 new interactive whiteboards for our school. One has been installed in Mrs Wylie's Nursery classroom and the other in Mrs Barrow's Primary 3 mobile. These interactive resources are an absolute necessity in modern teaching classrooms and the children are already benefitting from having access to new technology.

Sealife Day

As part of our current World Around Us topic of 'Sealife', P4 recently enjoyed a Sealife Fun Day. They decorated (and ate!) mermaid, shell and star fish biscuits, and made a range of crafts including mosaic and scratch sea creatures, sponge paint printing, sharks, a weeto octopus, a jellyfish wand and a moving goldfish in a bowl. The highlight of the day, though, was definitely the visit from Exploris. Both of our Nursery Unit classes also enjoyed examining the sea life within the Exploris tank.



Cycling Proficiency

Primary 7 pupils have made a great start to Cycling Proficiency Scheme 2024. In our first lesson we looked at bicycle maintenance and can now perform simple bicycle checks. We know how to wear our cycle helmets correctly and we learned the 'pedal ready position' when moving off. A super start, P7!



Information for Parents : Oakfield Safeguarding & Child Protection Team



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