



MERITS

We love to celebrate our children at Bank Leaze and one of the ways we do that is with merits. The main purpose of merits is to encourage hard work. They are rewards for achievements that have taken perseverance and are above expectation for a particular child. This could be a continued improvement in handwriting over a number of days or weeks, working really hard on a Maths concept, learning at home or outstanding manners and behaviour. Children receive a bronze badge for earning 20 merits, a silver badge for earning 40 merits, a gold badge for earning 60 merits and a platinum badge for earning 80 merits. These reset at the start of every academic year. Your children are welcome to wear their merit badges on their collars. Why not ask your child how many merits they have or what their last merit was for?



ECO TEAM

This week Eco Team looked at our environmental review to decide the 3 areas we will be focusing on this year. The 3 areas are: Marine, healthy living and school grounds. We will be looking at these areas and how we can develop to make the school more environmentally friendly. Next week we will be deciding what changes need to be made in each area. If you have any ideas on how to make the school more eco-friendly, please share these with your class teacher.



BIRD WATCH WEEK NEXT WEEK! BIRD FEEDER COMPETITION!

Bird Watch Week is next week; week 4! Children in EYFS will be learning more about Birds next week and engaging in some bird themed activities inside and outside. Children in KS1 and 2 will have chance to go on their own Bird Watching adventure around our KS1 and KS2 playgrounds. **All children are invited to enter our bird feeder competition**- home made bird feeders need to be brought into school and shown **to Mrs Fitz-Gerald by Thursday the 25th January!** Winners will be announced on Friday the 26th in Celebration Assembly!



ALEX THE BEAR

Alex the Bear is looking forward to celebrating good attendance in Reception class.

If your child has attended school for 100% of the week then they will have the opportunity to take Alex the Bear home. We have even given him a special book to tell us all about his adventures! I wonder who Alex the Bear will visit first?



SPOTLIGHT ON PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Each week we want to let you know a little bit more about the subjects we teach at OABL.

Our Personal Development curriculum is aimed to help our children develop their character, competence and their sense of community. As well as their academic achievements we help them to develop themselves personally as they move throughout our school.

Did you know there are many parts to our Personal Development curriculum? (see below!) Many of these core concepts are taught through our Personal Social and Health Education (PSHE) lessons. PSHE is taught in class each week, and is linked to our overall themes of the term.

This term our PSHE theme is linked to our over-reaching theme in each year group of Heritage and Culture. Through this the children in each year group are exploring how to; "Develop a culture of safety". This means that they are learning how to keep themselves safe in a range of different environments and situations. One example of this would be that they know the emergency phone number 999 if they needed to call for help in a certain situation. Our 9 habits are: Hopeful, Joyful, Patient, Compassionate, Forgiving, Considerate, Self-controlled and Humble. Learning for our 9 habits builds throughout the year and as you are notified in our class newsletters, each month we focus on a different habit. We have whole school assemblies and lessons linked to these habits to help us think about how we can practise these habits and use them to help us deal with situations in everyday life.



Core Concepts in Personal Development					
Healthy Lifestyles	Keeping Safe	Mental and Emotional Health	Relationships and Sex Education	Living in the Wider World	9 Habits Character Education



R	Reegan Berry	For always being ready to learn and listening so carefully to adults so that he can then have a go at activities independently! What a great attitude to learning you have Reegan! Well done!
1	Cally Cockle	For great engagement in history lessons and remembering facts we have learnt about past monarchs.
2	Musab Hussein	For: showing compassion and putting the needs of others always above his own.
3	Naevia Anstey	Naevia has used inverted commas in her writing this week to show the speech sentences. She has worked really hard to present her writing neatly and make sure the punctuation is in the correct place.
4	Joey Parsons	Joey showed great teamwork this week in PE, he was encouraging his team and was a great role model in this lesson. The Y4 team have also noticed how hard he has been trying in all his lessons this week. Well done, Joey!
5	Cece Goodfield	For trying her best in writing this week and for contributing to whole class learning.
6	Poppy Powell	Poppy has made fantastic progress with her handwriting. She has produced some beautiful work, which is proudly displayed in the Year 6 classroom. Well done, Poppy.
Teacher	Alison Williams	For always giving 110% to everything and for making sure the children get lots of extra curricular fun such as forest school and rugby!



Habit of the Month

Our January habit is Patient. We will be looking for children who have:

- Developed some simple practices and techniques to be patient and stay calm.
- Spotted the physical signs when they aren't feeling patient and knows what to do to feel calmer.
- A calming influence on others.

CLASS ASSEMBLY DATES

This term we are Y4 and Y5 are excited to share their learning with parents in a class assembly. Parents and families of Y4 and Y5 children are warmly invited to attend these assemblies on the following dates:

Y4 class assembly will be on Thurs 1st February @ 9am

Y5 class assembly will be on Fri 8th February @ 9am and will be a Young Voices Special!

COMMUNITY LIBRARY @ OABL- COME AND BORROW A BOOK!

We are really aware that we are not blessed with a library in the area. As a result of this we are opening our school library to the community.

At certain times you will be able to come and borrow books from our library to read at home and return once you are finished with them.

Come and take advantage of this and experience the joy of borrowing books for FREE! This offer is open to all family members of Bank Leaze

not just children registered at OABL. Pop along to our library door (where Y3 used to come in and out of) and come to our library.

Community Library- Thursday 3:10-3:45 (Open to all families)

Library Tots- Fri 8:50 (after drop off)- 9:30 (Open to all children not yet at school age- this session will include a story and sing song from Miss Pope too!)



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
◇ Bird watch week	◇ Police visit– Nursery	◇ Nursery: Stay&Read	◇ Club: Tag Rugby	◇ 8:45: Library Tots
◇ Club: Dance	◇ Food Pantry	◇ Club: Gymnastics	◇ Club: Craft & Lego	◇ Club: Drama
◇ Sunset Explores	◇ Club: Girls Football	◇ Sunset Explores	◇ Sunset Explores	◇ Sunset Explores
	◇ Club: Boys Football		◇ 15:10-15:45: Community Library	
	◇ Sunset Explores			

Week Attendance

Reception	94%	
Year 1	95%	
Year 2	89%	
Year 3	98%	
Year 4	95%	
Year 5	96%	
Year 6	95%	
Whole School	96%	