

Head teacher's note

Firstly, thank you to all of you who have very kindly bought things for OPAL from our Amazon wish list - the pile in the upper hall is growing by the day and the children are looking at it impatiently! Also thank you to those of you who have donated wellies, things that your children no longer play with or kitchen-ware that you are replacing.

I have popped a photo of the Y5/6s playing on the field with the OPAL loose parts that are out there already. I cannot tell you how fantastic it was to witness the team work, imagination and absolute joy that was caused by the building of their pirate ship!

Wishing our Jewish families Happy Purim and our Hindu families Happy Holi. We hope that you had/have great celebrations.



Friends of Fishergate

Mother's Day Flower Stall

Children can share their love with mothers, grandmothers and others by visiting our stall after school on Friday 13th March. Daffodil pots will be sold at £2.00 each, plus we'll have badges and card-making kits for sale too!

Book vending machine progress

Our fundraising is going strong! We've reached out to the local press to share our effort. Thanks to amazing donors, we've raised £740.00. Doubling this will help us to reach our goal by Easter. Keep an eye out for ways to help spread the word!

Bake sale

Thank you to all who came to support our bake sale earlier this week, and we couldn't have done it without the Year 1/2's brilliant bakes and our lovely parent helpers who ran the stall. The money raised will go towards various school projects, from which your child will benefit.



Dates

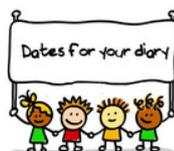
Mon 9th - OPAL begins

Mon 9th - Y3/4 HC pedestrian training pm

Tues 10th - Parents Evening

Thurs 12th - Parents Evening

Fri 6th - Y3/4 Music Workshop 2pm



Phase group updates

Early Years The highlight of our week was World Book day, we had so much fun coming into school in our pyjamas and bringing in our favourite books. Some lovely older kids come down from Year 5/6 to read us stories and we loved sharing books with our new big buddies. In Drawing Club, we have been reading 'Billy and the Beast' and in Maths we have been working on repeated patterns.

Year 1/2 have continued to explore the world of art. Taking inspiration from the story 'Katie and the sunflowers' the children have used different mediums to create their own gallery. We also had a lovely morning in forest as a whole key stage where the children climbed trees, explored seasonal changes and created art in nature.

Year 3/4 The Yr3/4 children looked great in their pyjamas on World Book Day. This week in English we have been working on writing descriptive sentences ready for our retelling of The Spider and the Fly next week. The children are good at using expanded noun phrases. We just need to make sure we use a range of conjunctions to extend our sentences.

Year 5/6 - Year 5 enjoyed their visit to Dick Turpin's grave, where they read the opening stanzas of Alfred Noyes' The Highwayman. Continuing our commitment to reading for pleasure, we all walked to Waterstones in our pyjamas (teachers included!) and collected our chosen £1 books. In DT, we developed our woodwork skills and started to make the frames for our electric cars.



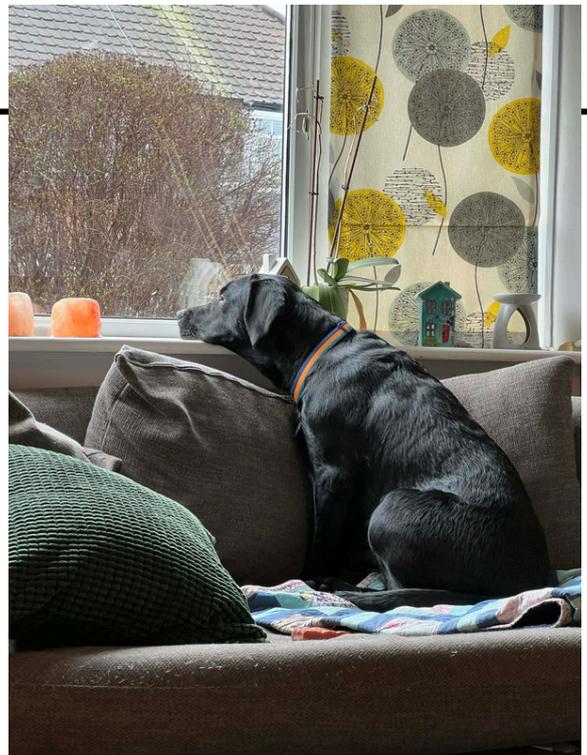
Bodhi Corner

Hello everyone! 🐾

I have been very excited this week because I have been watching all of the preparations for OPAL happening around school. There are lots of interesting things to sniff and look at, and it all looks very exciting. I can't wait for it to start! I think all of the children have been brilliant at waiting patiently. Waiting is a very special skill (even for a dog!) and it can be quite tricky sometimes. I have been practising waiting too – especially when I have to wait for Tina – and I have discovered that it is not always easy. Sometimes I have to sit very nicely and try not to wiggle too much!

The children have really impressed me with how patient they have been while everything gets ready. You have all shown great self-control – I think you deserve a big wag of approval! 🐶

Here is a photo of me showing how well I have been practising my waiting.



OPAL

Thank you to Bethan, Simon and Bryn for their help last Saturday - not to mention our very own Mick!

We were very productive - moving piles of rotten wood etc to make space for a mud kitchen and creating a digging pit. As well as clearing out some very spidery existing storage to make more space.

We can't wait to see it in action on Monday.



CHECK THIS OUT

<https://www.lotterygoodcauses.org.uk/open-week/offers?category=free-entry>



ENJOY FREE ENTRY OR SPECIAL OFFERS ON GREAT DAYS OUT THIS NATIONAL LOTTERY OPEN WEEK.

National Lottery Open Week will be back from 7 - 15 March 2026.

Head to the Offers tab above to discover a great day out near you. More offers are being added daily!

To say thank you for the £32 million raised for Good Causes every week by players, National Lottery funded venues are offering free entry, discounts and special offers throughout National Lottery Open Week.

ONLINE FAIR PLAY

The Dos and Don'ts of Online Conduct

Alongside individual skill, impressive teamwork and some truly epic matches, one of the most enjoyable things about this summer's European football championships has been the sense of sportsmanship and fair play. Players have competed fiercely, but they've (mostly) remembered that they're representing their country – and that bad behaviour, dangerous play or outright cheating tends to last in people's memories for a long time after tournaments are over. The same is true of how we act online – one error of judgement or loss of control might only take a second, but can have results that are difficult to forget. Instead, just like the heroes of the Euros, we should aim for people to see us and feel proud and inspired. So, in a five-a-side line-up (with five "dos" and five "don'ts"), here are our top tips for playing fair online.



FAIR PLAY

1 ORGANISE YOUR DEFENCE

Use strong passwords to protect your personal information, accounts and data. A trusted adult, like a teacher or a relative, can help you choose one that's easy for you to remember but hard for anyone else to guess.



2 KEEP POSSESSION

Only share personal information online with people you know well, like friends and family. A trusted adult will be able to help you change your online privacy settings so strangers can't find things out about you.



3 USE TEAMWORK

Before you use a device for the first time or download a new app, always check with a trusted adult. They'll be able to check if it's safe for you to use and make sure the privacy settings are right for you.



4 BE RESPECTFUL

Treat people online like you would treat them in real life. Remember your manners and be polite and kind in your posts, comments and messages.



5 CATCH ATTACKERS OFFSIDE

If someone is trying to bully you online, a trusted adult can help you to gather evidence and report that person to the authorities. You should also tell a trusted adult if you see anything online that makes you feel worried, upset, frightened or sad.



FOUL PLAY

1 DON'T IGNORE POSSIBLE DANGER

Never accept a friend request from a stranger. If somebody you don't know tries to contact you online, tell a trusted adult straight away.



2 DON'T LOSE CONTROL & RETALIATE

Although it can be tempting, it's best not to respond if someone attempts to bully you online or sends you hurtful messages. Tell a trusted adult what happened, and then block the person from contacting you again in future.



3 DON'T HURT PEOPLE DELIBERATELY

It's important to behave online just like you would in real life. Don't post anything that can make you look like a bad person, because the things we put online can stay there for a long time.



4 DON'T CHEAT YOUR WAY TO VICTORY

Don't copy another person's work that you found online or pretend that it's yours. This is called plagiarism and can get you into a lot of trouble.



5 DON'T PLAY FOR EXTRA TIME

It can be easy to spend too much time online. Instead, take a break to go outside for some fresh air and exercise. Not using your device just before bed will also help you get a good night's sleep so you can be fresh and focused the next day.



WORLD BOOK DAY IN YEAR R





Friends of Fishergate

Mother's Day
Gift Stall

After school on
Friday 13th March



**£2.00 a plant. Badges and card-making
kits also available for purchase**