

## Message from Mrs Byron

As we get near to the end of term we look back over the past academic year and celebrate the achievements of the children and staff at Oakway.

We were delighted in January when Ofsted came and recognised all of the hard work that has been put in across the Academy and graded us as a 'GOOD' school. We were particularly proud of the recognition that as a school we have high expectations for all pupils and that behaviour is good both in and out of lessons with pupils being respectful of each other. Ofsted recognised the opportunities that pupils have to develop beyond the classroom and the pastoral support that they receive from adults across the Academy.

We will continue to work towards improving pupils attendance over the coming year and ask that parents ensure that their child attends school on time each day, in the correct uniform ready to learn unless they are unwell.

This year has seen the introduction of the 'Exceptional Learners Awards' with children having received bronze, silver and gold badges across the year. Exceptional learners recognises those children who continue to be role models to their peers by showing determination and always trying to do their best; being in the 100% club; using a strong voice and showing STAR. We have approx. 40 children who will be receiving their gold badge later this week which means that they have been a true role model for the whole year. Well done to everyone who has received an award this year!

We are thrilled that Oakway continues to be recognised for the arts and sport having achieved the Artsmark Silver Award and the Bronze School Games Mark for sports. Children have represented Oakway in sports at football, boccia, cross country and gymnastics this year to name a few. The school choir have also been busy singing at the national Play Therapy UK conference where they debuted the PTUK song as well as taking part in the Derngate Big Sing organised by NMPAT.

As we start to look forward to the summer can I take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful summer break.

For those children leaving Oakway we wish you every success in your new schools and know that you will continue to be amazing and do yourselves proud. For those returning to Oakway in September we look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 6th September at 8.45am ready for the 2023/24 academic year!

Mrs Claire Byron



## Summer Activities in Wellingborough!

As we get close to the summer holidays there are a number of different activities, many of which are free, taking place in Wellingborough for children to take part in. A link to a number of different activities can be found [here](#).

For parents who receive free school meals vouchers for funded holiday clubs, vouchers will be emailed directly from HAF.

Northampton Town Football Club will be holding a HAF club here at Oakway from Monday 24th to Thursday 27th July for the mornings only. Bookings can be made via their website [HAF - Northampton Town FC Community Trust \(ntfccommunity.co.uk\)](http://HAF - Northampton Town FC Community Trust (ntfccommunity.co.uk))

## Oakway Achieves Silver Artsmark Award!

We are delighted to share with families that Oakway have been awarded an Artsmark Silver Award in recognition of the work that has been done across the curriculum. Artsmark noted that: *'Oakway Academy's first Artsmark journey has seen the Arts emerging as one of the priorities in your strategic improvement plan. The curriculum has been rewritten in Art/Design, Music and DT and protected curriculum time has been secured for these subjects.'*

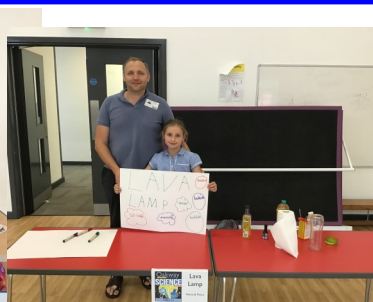
Oakway were delighted to share some of their art work in the Swansgate Shopping Centre earlier this year as well as art work being showcased in the Oakway Art Gallery where pupils can see work from across the different year groups.

Congratulations to everyone who has helped achieve this award!



**Artsmark  
Silver Award**  
Awarded by Arts  
Council England





Thank you to all the entrants for our Science Fair! It was great to see so many families taking part in the event and the amazing experiments that they shared.

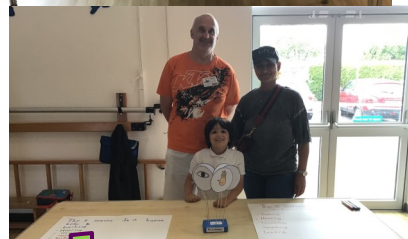
Congratulations to the winners:

1st prize - Poppy- Mae & Oscar (Year 4 & 6)

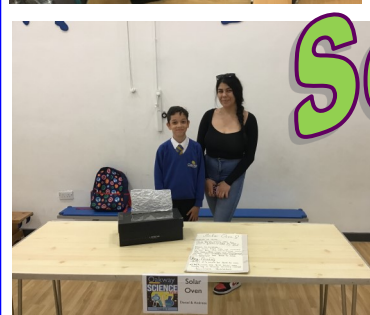
2nd prize—Alexa C (Year 2)

3rd prize—Elijah (Year 5)

The children won some scientific related prizes!



## Science Fair



## Staffing updates

As we reach the end of term we say goodbye to some members of staff as they leave for new adventures!

Mrs Emma Larsen—3B

Miss Abby Skinner—RA

Mrs Lisa Lewell—2C

Mrs Gemma Young—3B

Mrs Marli Uys—Birch

Mrs Rebecca Hawker—1C

Miss Meera Nagar

Miss Devon Hatchwell

We also say congratulations to the following staff who are getting married over the summer and we look forward to seeing them in September with their new names!

Miss Erin Jones becomes Mrs Erin Collis and Miss Sarah Rowse becomes Mrs Sarah Bird.



## New Staff:

In September we welcome Miss Charlotte Panther, Miss Jodie Cunningham and Mrs Tara Jarrett to our teaching team. We look forward to welcoming them to Oakway.

## UNIFORM POLICY

We would just like to remind you all of our uniform policy ahead of the summer holidays. Please find below the compulsory academy uniform details and remember Oakway logo items should be purchased via the Parentmail shop. Any orders placed over the summer holidays will be made up in readiness for September when they will be sent to your child's new class.

### Early Years to Year 4

- Round Neck Sweater or Cardigan with Oakway Academy Logo
- White Polo Shirt with Oakway Academy Logo or Plain White Polo Shirt
- Black or Grey Trousers, Skirt, Pinafore Dress (no leggings)
- Plain White, Black or Grey Socks or Tights



### Years 5 to 6

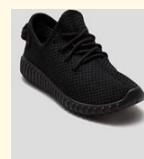
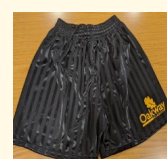
- V-Neck Sweater or Cardigan with Oakway Academy Logo
- Plain White Shirt with Collar
- School Tie
- Black or Grey Trousers, Skirt, Pinafore Dress (no leggings)
- Plain White, Black or Grey Socks or Tights



### PE Uniform

- *Blue T-Shirt with Oakway Academy Logo or Plain White T-shirt*
- *Black PE Shorts*
- *Plain Navy Tracksuit or Oakway logo tracksuit*

*Please note that children should come to school in their PE kit on the day when they have PE.*



Please note that from September any child coming to school in the incorrect uniform will be given an item of our pre-loved uniform to wear that day. We will then ask that you wash and return this item to school once you have bought the correct items. Please note that football shirts or patterned t-shirts are not acceptable wear for PE days and either a plain white or an Oakway PE t-shirt must be worn. Thank you for supporting us.