

Weekly Update

Online Safety



Some of our children are beginning to talk about playing games on VR, chatting online and playing Gorilla Tag. Please find some information below you may find useful.

Virtual Reality (VR)

VR is a 3D computer generated environment that users can explore wearing a VR Headset.

Meta Quest Parental Controls

Meta Quest are one of the more popular VR Headsets. Users aged 13+ can use Meta Quest (children between 10 and 12 years old can use it through a parent managed account). Meta Quest state that VR Headsets are not recommended for use by younger or smaller-sized children for a variety of reasons including eye strain. Optional supervision tools are available for those aged 13–17. Find out more here:

<https://familycenter.meta.com/uk/our-products/horizon-and-quest/>

Meta Quest has a Safety Centre; it includes health and safety warnings and how to set privacy settings.

<https://www.meta.com/gb/quest/safety-center/>

Gorilla Tag

This is a popular game and whilst rated as PEGI 3 (even though young children should not be using VR), it is important to note that it does include in app purchases and players can interact so there is a risk of offensive/ inappropriate language.

<https://www.esrb.org/blog/a-parents-guide-to-gorilla-tag/>

For more information, please check out our online safety page on the website.

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Thank a Teacher Day



Wednesday 18 June is Thank a Teacher Day, recognising educators' extraordinary contributions to young people across the country. The day celebrates professionals across all educational settings – from early years providers through to schools and colleges. Staff at Overdale Infant School work incredibly hard throughout

the year and it would be great if they could receive a shout out from parents and carers.

Please get involved by:

- sending a [Thank You card](#) to an amazing teacher today

Recognition and thanks for our school governors and for OAK trust governance.

Our trust has received high praise in a recent external governance progress review conducted by the National Governance Association (NGA), highlighting the Trust's significant strides in leadership, accountability, and strategic growth.

The report, authored by NGA consultant George Craig, commended OAK's governance as "highly effective at all levels", citing strong ethical leadership, impactful decision-making, and a culture of continuous improvement.

Some key areas included:

- **Improved board structure and performance:** The introduction of a comprehensive governance handbook, enhanced trustee recruitment, and a more diverse and skilled board have helped build a stronger, more resilient governance framework.
- **Enhanced committee effectiveness:** With dispersed leadership and better-prepared members, committee work is now more purposeful and impactful.
- **Strong ethical and community leadership:** Trustees and governors are praised for their understanding of, and responsiveness to, the communities they serve – especially in how they have handled sensitive parent communications and strengthened PTA engagement.
- **Commitment to school improvement and staff development:** The Trust is recognised for fostering a high-performing and supportive working culture while continuing to invest in infrastructure and training.

Andrew Wilson, CEO of OAK Multi Academy Trust, welcomed the report's findings:

"We're delighted to see the progress we've made reflected so clearly in this review. Our board, governors, and leaders across the Trust are united by a shared commitment to growing great schools – rooted in values, powered by ambition, and strengthened by community."

Chair of Trustees Jane Doughty added:

"This recognition from the NGA is a real credit to the collaborative spirit and determination of our governance team. We're proud of the journey so far and are excited about what comes next."

I would like to add my thanks to that of our Governance Lead, Danni Benyon-Payne, who highlighted the vital role played by local governors and trustees across the Trust:

“It’s important to recognise the tireless commitment of our governors and trustees. Their guidance and support are central to the success of our schools and the Trust as a whole. Over the past 12 months, I’ve had the privilege of working more closely with them – and I look forward those relationships continuing to strengthen.

Much of their work happens behind the scenes, yet their willingness to give their time, insight, and expertise is instrumental in shaping the future of our Trust and ensuring every child receives the best possible start.”

Reminders

- Please sign up to volunteer at the school fete if you can.

👉 <https://tinyurl.com/Overdale-PA-Volunteer-Form>

Important Dates

Wednesday 11 th June	Pre-school trip– Stonehurst
Thursday 12 th June	Yr 2 trip – Twinlakes
Wednesday 18 th June	Ladybirds/Butterflies trip– West Lodge Farm Park
Thursday 19 th June	Yr 1 trip – Twycross Zoo
Monday 9 th June to Friday 13 th June	Phonics Screening Check week for children in Year 1 and children in Year 2 who did not pass the check in Year 1. Full attendance this week is very important.
Tuesday 24 th June	KS1 Sports Day 9:15am – 11:00am
Wednesday 25 th June	EYFS Sports Day 9:15am – 10:30am
Tuesday 1 st July pm	Year 2 concert – 2pm
Wednesday 2 nd July am	Year 2 concert – 9:20am

