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Dear Parents and Carers

Oaklands is one of the most diverse school communities in Hampshire, with students and staff from many different cultural backgrounds. This is something that we would like to be able to celebrate and so have designated this week as our 'Cultural Week'.

Many of the lessons that students will attend during the week will help them explore an aspect of culture and will also emphasise the importance of recognising our cultural heritage. Each day of the week, the Canteen staff will provide a dish from a different part of the world for students to try.

Yesterday, we began the week with a guest speaker sharing with Key Stage 3 students why culture is important to them. The highlight and end of the week will be on Friday, when students will attend a performance including song, dance and 'catwalk' showcasing different cultures in our school.

As you are aware, Friday is a non-uniform day and so our usual guidance applies – we are collecting a £2 donation per student which can be either be paid in cash to your child's Form Tutor or via your child's ScoPay account. Money raised will be sent to the Catholic Association for Racial Justice.

To mark the end of our Cultural Week, students are encouraged to wear their cultural dress on Friday if they have one and would like to.

A full report on the week's events and activities will be in the next edition of Oaklands News.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Quinn
Headteacher

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