

Oakwood Primary School

Newsletter



Friday 7th March 2025

Dear Oakwood Community,

The second half of the spring term is well underway and as usual we have been busy with our learning across the curriculum as well as a range of extra-curricular activities.

Last week, UKS2 visited the Globe Theatre, and impressed the team there with their understanding of Macbeth.

Amongst other sporting events, some pupils from Year 4 attended a cricket tournament – read on to find out more! Well done to the Year 6 netball team for their 8-2 win against Park Street on Monday and to both teams for their performances against Fleetville yesterday.

This week, rehearsals for the Royal Albert Hall Gala took place with other schools, and the Oakwood pupils did us proud! We are eagerly anticipating the performance later this month.

We held our second School Development parent event on Wednesday, with some excellent questions raised by parents. We will be adding the slides to the website soon.

And finally, today we have been celebrating a wide variety of books for our World Book Day celebration, starting with a whole school assembly reading of "I am Nefertiti" by Annemarie Anang.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend, and best of luck to the Year 6 netballers attending the tournament tomorrow.

The Oakwood Team

Communicating about Behaviour

The recent Ofsted inspection found that at Oakwood, "Pupils like the many 'golden' rewards available and are clear on behaviour consequences. Pupils behave well, from early years upwards." We continue to focus on the behaviour of our pupils and have high standards for all.

For concerns pertaining to your child, please contact class teachers. They will have a clear picture of events and can answer most questions you may have. It is important to gain information from the teacher, rather than relying on second hand accounts. If you continue to be concerned about behaviour after meeting with your child's class teacher, you can email the office to contact our Behaviour Lead, Miss Bird.

Oakwood provide educational and protective consequences for behaviour incidents. These consequences are communicated to the child's parent. We do not share consequences that were given to other child for GDPR reasons. For more information on this, please view our case studies [here](#).

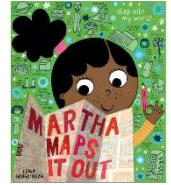
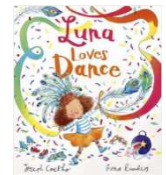
Recommended reading...

We value reading and see it as the gateway to knowledge and one of life's key pleasures!

Reception

Luna Loves Dance

By Joseph Coelho



Key Stage 1

Martha Maps It Out

By Leigh Hodgkinson

Lower Key Stage 2

The Wishkeeper's Apprentice

By Rachel Chivers Khoo



Upper Key Stage 2

The Last Boy

By Eve McDonnell

Please do visit your [local library](#) to select from a fantastic range of books.

Important dates for your diary...

Monday 10 th March	Year 6 SAPSMA rehearsal at Garden Fields
Thursday 13 th March	Y1 Great Fire of London Workshop
Friday 14 th March	Y2 Great Fire of London Workshop
Tuesday 18 th March	Year 5 Football vs St Columba's
Wednesday 19 th March	Governor visit morning
Thursday 20 th March	Netball match vs Alban City
Friday 21 st March	Netball match vs Garden Fields
Sunday 23 rd March	Hertfordshire Schools' Gala at Royal Albert Hall

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Work of the week!

Aditri in Sycamore

In Sycamore, the children have been writing balanced arguments. Aditri has shown wonderful use of modal verbs, cohesive devices and the subjunctive form to show formality.



Teo in Ash

In Ash, they have been creating their own characters thinking carefully about their names and personalities. Teo did a brilliant job using capital letters and full stops. The character was creative and well thought out.



Learning around Oakwood: Maple

In Maple class we have had a fantastic first week of learning after the half term holiday.

This week we began our learning around our new history topic, *'The Bronze Age'*. In this lesson, we were focusing on the historical skill of ordering events chronologically. As part of this, we undertook a historical scavenger hunt to find historical facts around the room, to then plot in chronological order on our own timelines. This activity sparked the children's curiosity and fascination, whilst also bringing out some of their competitiveness in racing to be the first to find all the information!

We also began our new science topic, *'Teeth and Eating'* this week. As part of this, we learnt how to construct and interpret food chains. The children then had great fun putting all their learning to use in creating their own food chains. Maple are looking forward to learning more about this topic this half term, which will conclude by creating our own digestive system models!



Curriculum celebration: DT

Design and Technology is an inspiring, rigorous and practical subject. Using creativity and imagination, pupils design and make products that solve real and relevant problems within a variety of contexts, considering their own and others' needs, wants and values. They acquire a broad range of subject knowledge and draw on disciplines such as mathematics, science, engineering, computing and art. Pupils learn how to take risks, becoming resourceful, innovative, enterprising and capable citizens. Through the evaluation of past and present design and technology, they develop a critical understanding of its impact on daily life and the wider world.

Across the school last term, we learnt how to develop our sewing skills. In Key Stage One, children designed and created hand puppets to play with. Lower Key Stage Two children developed their running and over-stitching skills to make Christmas stockings for themselves. Upper Key Stage Two explored, designed and made their cushions mastering their stitching techniques. We have also been learning about some D&T role models (e.g. Diane von Furstenberg) and the impact designers/engineers have on the entire world.



If you have any safeguarding concerns, including concerns about bullying, please email safeguardingteam@oakwood.herts.sch.uk
For **urgent** concerns, please **telephone the school office**

Learning around Oakwood: Willow

Willow have been reading Shakespeare's Macbeth in English lessons. To enrich our learning, we were lucky enough to go to the Globe Theatre in London. We experienced a tour of the theatre and were surprised by the seating arrangements (or should we say standing?)! Then, we participated in an acting workshop where we styled our bodies as the meddling witches and chose which words to emphasise in a dialogue between Macbeth and Lady Macbeth. This learning has led to some excellent scene descriptions, diary entries and balanced arguments.

Willow have some questions to parents who also know the tale of Macbeth:

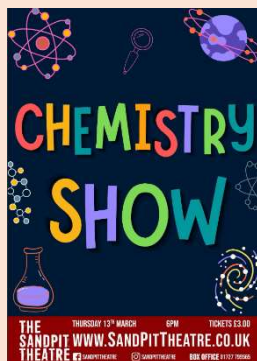
- Should Macbeth have killed King Duncan?
- Who do you think is responsible for the death of King Duncan?

Share your thoughts with us!



Calling all budding scientists

We have received word that the Sandringham School Chemistry Show is returning for 2025. If this is something that interests you, head over to the SandPit Website for tickets. See the attached flyer for a larger image than shown.



Celebration Assembly

Every week, Celebration Assemblies are held to mark children's successes, efforts and achievement individually and as a class. In the last two weeks, the following prizes were awarded to...



'Golden Dustpan and Brush' for the tidiest classroom – Acorns 2 and Ash



'Golden Clock' for the class with the best attendance and punctuality – Beech and Rowan



'Golden Knife and Fork' for the best manners in the hall at lunchtime – Beech and Cherry



The 'Golden Toilet' for the cleanest and most looked after class toilets – Lime and Willow

'Person of the Week' for demonstrating values which are important to everyone in our school:

Ash – Pen and Poppy
Beech – Daya and Nikita
Cherry – Rex and Junie
Lime – Connie and Cassie
Maple – Aaliyah and George
Poplar – William S and Sasha
Rowan – Leen and Ellis
Sycamore – Connie and Jacob
Willow – Ellie and Archer



Rapid Fire Cricket Tournament

Last week, Mrs Radomska took 8 of our Year 4 children to Beaumont for a Rapid Fire Cricket Tournament. Although the children started with little knowledge of the game, they



went on to win 3 out of their 5 matches. Mrs Radomska noted that the tactics and collaboration shown by the children were outstanding. Mrs Radomska also enjoyed her own match as the teachers faced off against the play leaders. As she says herself, the afternoon was her highlight of the week.

Important – Parking outside school

We have received messages from local residents informing us that parents are parked illegally outside of the school gates. Can we please remind you that the markings outside of the school gate are illegal to park on between the hours of 8am and 6pm. The police do have the right to tow cars parked on zigzag lines between these times.

Please remember if you have any queries or questions, do make an appointment to come and speak your child's teacher. We are always very happy to meet with you. Don't let a little worry become a big one!