

Oakwood Primary School

Newsletter



Friday 3rd November 2023

Dear Oakwood Community,
We hope you had a restful half term break. Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our recent parents' evenings. We hope you found these meetings helpful in gaining insights into your child's wellbeing, progress and development. Your participation and engagement are greatly appreciated.

Behaviour Policy Update

Your feedback on our Behaviour Policy was invaluable. We received numerous constructive suggestions, many of which have been incorporated into our new policy. You can access the updated policy on our website here: [Policies | Oakwood Primary School \(secure-primariesite.net\)](https://www.secure-primariesite.net/Policies/Oakwood%20Primary%20School)
Details of parent and pupil feedback is also on our website here: [Information for Parents | Oakwood Primary School \(secure-primariesite.net\)](https://www.secure-primariesite.net/Information%20for%20Parents/Oakwood%20Primary%20School)

Values Assemblies

This week, Ms. Buckley led some special values assemblies, focusing on our School Values of Kindness, Curiosity and Ambition. These assemblies are a part of our ongoing aim to embed our new values across the school.

Have a great weekend!

The Oakwood Team

Parking reminder

Our neighbours have reported that their driveways have been blocked by cars at 3:15pm. We would like to kindly ask everyone to be mindful of where you park and the impact it may have on others. Please show our Oakwood value of Kindness by ensuring that parking doesn't inconvenience our neighbours. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated, and it will make a positive difference for all of us. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Recommended reading...

At Oakwood, we really value reading and see it as the gateway to knowledge and one of life's key pleasures!

We hope you and your children enjoy this week's selection of books.

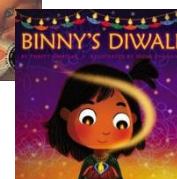
Reception

Pumpkin Soup
By Helen Cooper



Key Stage 1

Binny's Diwali
By Thirty Umrigar



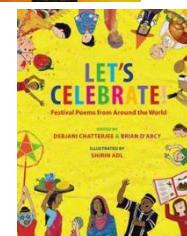
Lower Key Stage 2

Let's Celebrate! Festival poems from around the world

Edited by Debjani Chatterjee &

Brian D'Arcy

Illustrated by Shirin Adl



Upper Key Stage 2

The Golden Acorn
by Catherine Cooper



Please do visit your local library to select from a fantastic range of books. [Locations and opening times are here.](#)

Important dates for your diary...

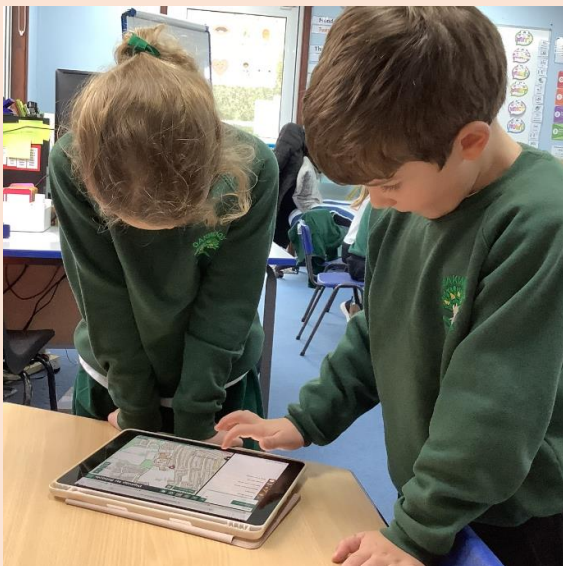
Tuesday 7 th November	Lancaster Model for Year 6 pupils (School Nursing Team)
Tuesday 7 th November	6pm – Acorns phonics meeting (via Zoom)
Thursday 9 th November	KS1 visit to The Abbey
Thursday 9 th November	Cross Country League – Wheatfields School
Friday 10 th November	Armistice Day Assemblies in Key Stages
W/C 14 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Wednesday 15 th November	LKS2 visit to Verulamium Museum

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Spotlight on... Geography

In Geography lessons, our aim is for all children to learn about, understand and appreciate the world around them and to pique their curiosity in places and people. They become fascinated by their surrounding wider world and are encouraged to deepen their understanding by asking questions.

At Oakwood, we aim to enrich their learning through trips, exciting visitors, literature and opportunities to apply their learnt skills through fieldwork. Geography is a subject filled with excitement. It helps the children to understand how and why places are changing and encourages them to consider their role in becoming a global citizen. Lower Key Stage Two became Earth Explorers this half term, learning about volcanoes and earthquakes. Key Stage One have enjoyed using digital mapping software and atlases to explore our local area and the features that make it a city.



KS1 are looking forward to visiting the Abbey Cathedral that they spotted on the maps! Soon, UKS2 will be learning about extreme weather conditions and how they cause natural disasters - keep your eyes and ears peeled!

For more information about how we support children's geography learning at Oakwood, please visit our updated geography page under the 'Curriculum' tab on our school website:

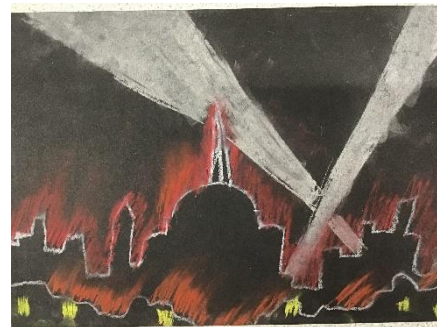
[Geography | Oakwood Primary School](#)

Learning around Oakwood: Sycamore

Sycamore have been busy learning about Sikhism this term and went on a trip to a Gurdwara, where they were fascinated by some of the rituals and traditions involved.



Last half-term, we also attended Lincolnsfield World War II Museum, where we experienced what it might have been like to be evacuated during the war, as well as what the schools and homes were like at that time.



We have linked our Art to the theme of World War II, creating images of St Paul's during the Blitz, the Dazzle battleships and the stained glass windows of the rebuilt Coventry cathedral.

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

Celebration Assembly

Every week, Key Stage 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 – Rowan

'Golden Clock' for the class with the best attendance and punctuality – Poplar and Acorns 2



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

The 'Golden Toilet' for the cleanest and most looked after class toilets – Beech, Cherry and Sycamore



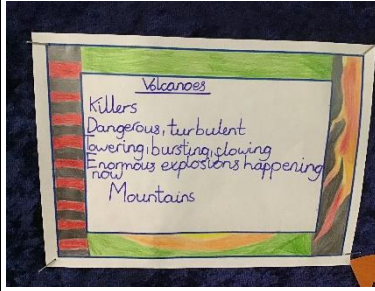
'Person of the Week' for demonstrating values which are important to everyone in our school:



Ash – Charlotte, Avery and Amelie
Beech – Hibah, Khalil and Thomas
Cherry – Annie, Lizzie and Arian
Lime – Tandia, Chloe and Harriet
Maple – Xanthe, Fergus and George
Poplar – Joseph E, Emily and Lisia
Rowan – Karson, Aqilah and Paris
Sycamore – Ellie G, Ethan and Elsie J.
Willow – Isabel D, Rosie and Iona

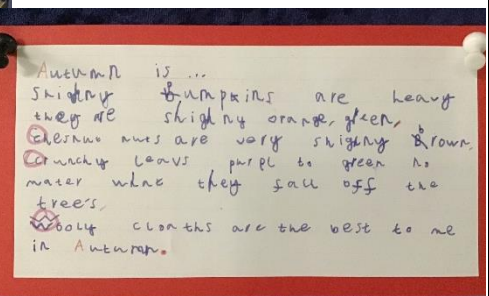
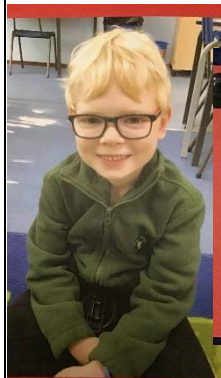
Work of the week!

Isla in Poplar



We started our poetry unit with recognising the features of haiku poems. We gathered suitable vocabulary and wrote haiku poems about some habitats. Next, we wrote haikus about volcanoes, which links to our geography lessons. After that we have learned about cinquain poems and wrote our own versions. Isla thought carefully about the number of words in each line as well as choosing powerful vocabulary. She also focused hard on her presentation.

Thomas in Beech



Beech Class have been looking at a poem called 'What is Autumn?' and then wrote our own poems. Thomas has thought really carefully about the adjectives he has chosen in his Autumn poem to create a picture in the reader's mind of what he imagines about Autumn. He used all of his senses to support him in this, for example, thinking about how the leaves feel under his feet. When publishing his poem, Thomas took careful consideration when forming ascending and descending letters.

Well done Isla and Thomas!

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