

Oakwood Primary School

Newsletter



Monday 18th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the first newsletter of the academic year. We have thoroughly enjoyed welcoming the children back to school and have been impressed with how well they have settled into their new classes. A warm welcome to all our new families, and a huge thank you to the PTA for organising the coffee morning and picnic for the Acorns parents.

We hope you have found the Meet the Teacher meetings useful, we know that our teachers welcome the opportunity to meet you face-to-face.

We welcome seven new members of staff this term: Mrs Stein and Miss Davies, Class Teachers in Acorns 1; Miss Akthar and Miss Hunt, TAs in Acorns; Mrs Frankl, TA in Acorns and KS1; Mrs Jurgenson, Class Teacher in Ash; Mrs Radomska, Class Teacher in Poplar.

We will be sending out a newsletter every two weeks to share and celebrate the successes and achievements of our community here at Oakwood with you. We will also include key dates for your diary of upcoming events, important reminders and useful links. All staff work incredibly hard on our school newsletter and we would welcome any feedback (What do you like/find useful? What could be improved?) via the school office.

If you have any questions or queries, the best person to ask is your child's class teacher. We are always happy to help.

The Oakwood Team

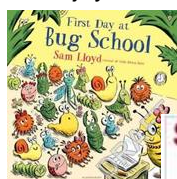
Recommended reading...

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

First Day at Bug School
by Sam Lloyd

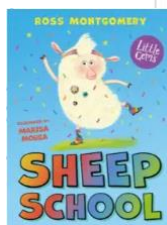


Splat the Cat



Key Stage 1

Splat the Cat
By Rob Scotton



Lower Key Stage 2

Sheep School
Author: Ross Montgomery
Illustrator: Marisa Morea



Upper Key Stage 2

Jaz Santos vs. The World
By Priscilla Mante

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 19 th September, 3.30pm	Boys' football vs. St John Fisher (away)
Thursday 21 st September	Year 4 swimming starts
Thursday 21 st September, 4pm	Cross Country League, Colney Heath School
Friday 22 nd September, 9am – 9:30am	Briefing for parent volunteers
Friday 22 nd September	Aglica Trio Music Workshops
Tuesday 26 th September, 9am – 9:30am	Briefing for parent volunteers
Wednesday 27 th September to Friday 29 th September	Year 6 PGL residential visit
Friday 29 th September	LKS2 Earthquakes and Volcanoes workshop
Sunday 1 st October	PTA Lend a Hand Day

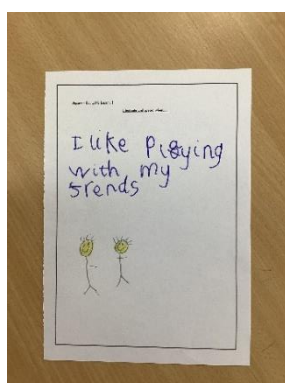
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01727 753930

Learning around Oakwood: Beech

In Beech class, we have had a fantastic first week of school! They have loved making new friends and working together in both learning and in play.



In PSHE, we have been learning about how we can make our class a safe and happy place for everyone. We welcomed Jigsaw Jack to our class and shared with him all of the things that make us feel safe and special when we are at school. In English, we read 'Five Minutes Peace' and the children used their imaginations to create ideas of where their adults at home could escape to for some peace!



Work of the week!

We will be starting our 'Work of the Week' display next week. Every week an exemplary piece of learning is chosen to be displayed in our school dining hall. This is an excellent opportunity for students to learn from one another because the knowledge, or skills exemplified in the piece are highlighted for all to see and celebrated in our newsletter.

Important reminders – school uniform

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of some important school uniform policy:

- School shoes should be black, sturdy, closed toe shoes
- Long hair (below shoulder level) should be tied back throughout the school day. This is for both PE and non-PE days and includes break and lunchtimes.
- Hair accessories should be Oakwood colours (green, white or black) and should sit close to the head
- Earrings must be studs only – no hoops or dangly earrings. Please take earrings out on PE days. If earrings do need to be worn they must be taped over on PE days.
- Nail varnish, bracelets, necklaces and wristbands should not be worn.

Please ensure all clothing and personal items are named!

Our uniform is outlined on pages 9 and 10 of our New Parent Handbook which can be found on our website here:

[New Parent Handbook | Oakwood Primary School](#)

Thank you for supporting us in following this policy to ensure the health, well-being and safety of all our pupils.

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...

Over the last two weeks, the following prizes were awarded to...



'Golden Dustpan and Brush' for the tidiest classroom – Willow

'Golden Clock' for the class with the best attendance and punctuality – Acorns 1



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



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

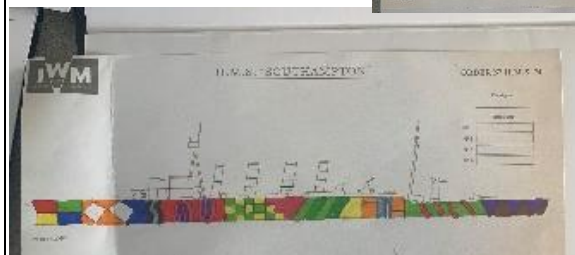
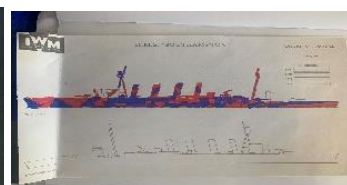
'Person of the Week' for demonstrating values which are important to everyone in our school:

Ash – Elodie H and Jake
Beech – Alan and Freya
Cherry – Charlie and Aaliyah
Lime – Cameron and Tara
Maple – Kaiya and Benjy
Poplar – Audrey and Frank
Rowan – Olivia and Sienna
Sycamore – Isla and Alice B
Willow – Bethany and Evie



Learning around Oakwood: Willow

This week in Willow we have done lots of work on place value including reading, writing and ordering numbers up to 10,000,000, resulting in a very competitive game of bingo. World War II features throughout this term; in history we have been looking at the causes of the second world war and who fought, and our artwork has been exploring dazzle design and how the navy used this technique during the wars to evade submarine attack. We have created our own dazzle ship designs.



In English we have been studying the poem "The Highway Man", extracting detail from the text and using our own research to write a job description of a highway man. We are then moving on to explore the various techniques used by Noyes to create a powerful image of each character, which will guide in writing a description of a chosen character.

Important reminders – parking near school

Please park with consideration of our whole community. We have been made aware of parents/carers parking on the yellow zig zags and leaving engines running for over 15 minutes whilst dropping off and collecting children.

"Idling increases the amount of exhaust fumes in the air.

These fumes contain a number of harmful gasses including carbon dioxide, which is bad for the environment and contributes towards climate change, as well as a range of other **harmful gasses including nitrogen dioxide, carbon monoxide and hydrocarbons which are linked to asthma and other lung diseases.**" [Engine idling - why it's so harmful and what's being done | RAC Drive](#)

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!