

# Oakwood Primary School

## Newsletter



Thursday 20th July 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the past two weeks, we have been focusing on transition: we had a successful transition morning last week where children had the opportunity to meet their new class and teachers. New teachers have met with children's current teachers and we have had productive and engaging meetings. The children seem ready for the change – we are sure they will thrive in their new classes.

This week the Year 6 pupils have delighted us with their talented performances of *The Amazing Adventures of Superstan* which included great comic timing, beautiful singing and brilliant evil characters. We wish Year 6 all the best for their secondary transition.

Have a wonderful summer break!

The Oakwood Team

### Recommended reading...

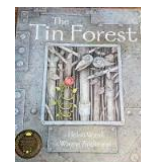
At Oakwood, we really value reading and see it as the gateway to knowledge and one of life's key pleasures. We hope you and your children enjoy this fortnight's selection of books.

#### Reception

*The Tin Forest*

Author: Helen Ward

Illustrator: Wayne Anderson



#### Key Stage 1

*Where the Forest Meets the Sea*

By Jeannie Baker



#### Lower Key Stage 2

*The Green Ship*

By Quentin Blake



#### Upper Key Stage 2

*The Lost Book of Adventure*

Edited and illustrated by Teddy Kean



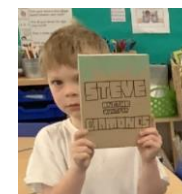
Please do visit your local library to select from a fantastic range of books. [Locations and opening times are here.](#)

### Important dates for your diary...

Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR PUPILS
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	First day of term for pupils
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Acorns Family Meetings
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	Acorns in school either am or pm session
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	Acorns in school full time
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September, 2:35pm	LKS2 Meet the Teacher
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September, 2:35pm	UKS2 Meet the Teacher
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> September, 2:35pm	KS1 Meet the Teacher
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> September, 4:00pm	Year 6 Parents PGL Meeting (via Zoom)
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	Individual and sibling photographs
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	PTA picnic for new Acorns families

### Beaumont Book Project and Ash Class Visit

Ash class were very excited to visit a Year 8 English group at Beaumont School! The Year 8s had been working on creating, writing and illustrating a personalised story for each child in Ash. Our children were absolutely thrilled to be presented with their books! The books were so beautifully put together; it was clear that a lot of time and effort had been made making them. Ash class spent time with their student discussing the book. They were impeccably behaved for the whole visit and were a credit to Oakwood. Big thanks go to Beaumont school. They set such a wonderful example to our Year 1s. We hope that the Year 8s enjoy reading the thank you letters we wrote to them.



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## 'Who's who?' Miss van Schalkwyk

Hi I'm Miss van Schalkwyk. I work part-time Monday to Wednesday as a Teaching Assistant and one-to-one with children in the school. I have a strong focus on pastoral care in education, and have a therapeutic approach to supporting the children. I am passionate about mental health and wellbeing, and enjoy getting to know the children and hearing about their interests and experiences. I am grateful for the opportunity to work at Oakwood as a trusted adult, who the children hopefully feel they can come to when they have any concerns.

## Celebration Assembly

Every week, a celebration assembly is 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 – Lime

'Golden Toilet' for the cleanest and most looked after class toilets - Ash -



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

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



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

- Ash – The whole class!
- Beech – Patrick
- Cherry – Bethan
- Lime – Mondira
- Maple – Tilly
- Poplar – Emily G
- Rowan – Harry K
- Willow – Olivia



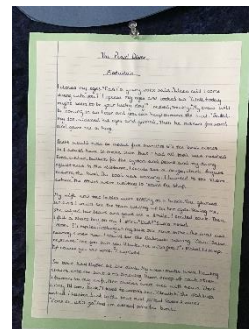
## Staffing updates

At the end of term, we will be saying farewell to Mrs Hewitt, Mrs Hurst, Mr Jenkins and Miss Reeve. We would like to wish them all the best for their future roles.

## Work of the week!

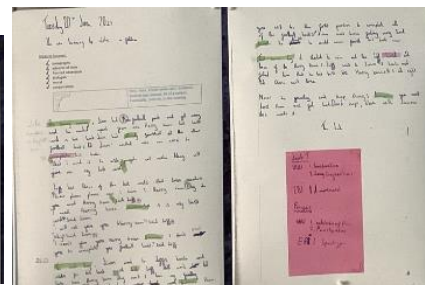
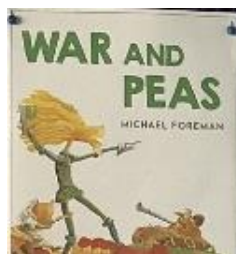
Every week an exemplary piece of work is chosen to be 'Work of the Week' and is displayed in the school dining hall. Please do come and have a look.

### Rakshanti in Sycamore



Sycamore Class have been reading *The Pearl Diver* by Julia Johnson. They then planned their own version of the story. Rakshanti used a range of sentence starters and figurative language to bring her story to life.

### Jacob in Lime



Lime Class read Michael Foreman's *War and Peas* to identify the key features of a fable before planning and writing their own. Jacob has used fronted adverbials of time to tell the reader when events in his fable are happening and has edited his work to make sure his speech punctuation follows all the rules perfectly!

**Well done Rakshanti and Jacob!**

## 'Who's who?' Miss Marshall

Hello, I'm Miss Marshall and I teach the vibrant Willow class. I love teaching the older children and watching their writing develop in stamina and sophistication. In the classroom, I particularly enjoy see their eyes widen, jaws drop, and hearing 'oooooh I get it now!'. In Willow we have enjoyed lots of practical science investigations which I believe ignites a curiosity about the world. If you ever have any questions, you can pop your head into Willow at the end of the day or arrange an appointment through the school office. I'm usually available.

**If you have any safeguarding concerns, including concerns about bullying, please email [safeguardingteam@oakwood.herts.sch.uk](mailto:safeguardingteam@oakwood.herts.sch.uk)**