

Oakwood Primary School

Newsletter



Friday 23rd June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been busy as usual over the past fortnight with various visitors coming to school in addition to our usual curriculum.

We have been pleased to be working with external education advisors who visited school last week and this week. They visited classes, spoke to children and met with staff. We'll update you on their findings in due course.

This week we welcomed visitors from Marshalswick Library who came to talk about the Summer Reading Challenge. More information can be found below.

Next week is Diversity Week and we are very excited to be welcoming Electric Umbrella to Oakwood on Monday. Electric Umbrella are a charity that create live music experiences with learning disabled people. More information can be found here:

[Welcome to Electric Umbrella | Home](#)

Have a lovely weekend!

The Oakwood Team

Summer Reading Challenge 2023



Presented by The Reading Agency.
Delivered in partnership with libraries.

Designed to keep children reading over the summer holidays, the Summer Reading Challenge is a fun, free activity that broadens reading horizons, improves mental well-being, encourages a

healthy reading habit, and helps to maintain reading levels ready for the start of the next academic year. To complete the Summer Reading Challenge, a child reads six library books of their choice, returning to the library to share what they have been reading with staff and volunteers. Each participant receives a collector folder and is awarded stickers for every book they read. Children who complete the challenge are presented with a certificate, a medal and a special finishing gift.

It is free for children to join the library and to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge.

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

Knuffle Bunny
By Mo Willems



Key Stage 1

Fantastic Mr Fox
Author: Roald Dahl
Illustrator: Quentin Blake



Lower Key Stage 2

Ellie and the Cat
Author: Malorie Blackman
Illustrator: Matt Robertson



Upper Key Stage 2

The Last Bear
Author: Hannah Gold
Illustrator: Levi Pinfold



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...

Monday 26 th June	Diversity Week – Electric Umbrella visit to school
Thursday 29 th June	Year 6 visit to Lee Valley Water Park
Tuesday 4 th July, 6pm	Meeting for September Acorns parents
Wednesday 5 th July	LKS2 visit to Celtic Harmony
Wednesday 5 th July	Ash and Beech local library visit
Thursday 6 th July	Sports Day
Friday 7 th July	UKS2 visit to the Globe Theatre
Saturday 8 th July	Girls' Football Tournament

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Learning around Oakwood: Cherry

This week Cherry class have been exploring many areas of the curriculum including mass and capacity in Maths. The children explored mass using gram and kilogram weights and we discussed the objects that we would weigh using grams, like pencils, and objects we would weigh using kilograms, like cupboards. We then made the most of our beautiful KS1 garden area and explored capacity with boxes of water, jugs and cups. We learnt that capacity is the amount of liquid a container can hold.

In Art we continued our beautiful seaside Art. Last week, we sketched our seaside picture and this week we used watercolours to paint it. Cherry class should be very proud of the Art they created!



In English we are reading the book 'How to wash a woolly mammoth' and have used that book to inspire us to write instructions about how to wash flamingos and giraffes!

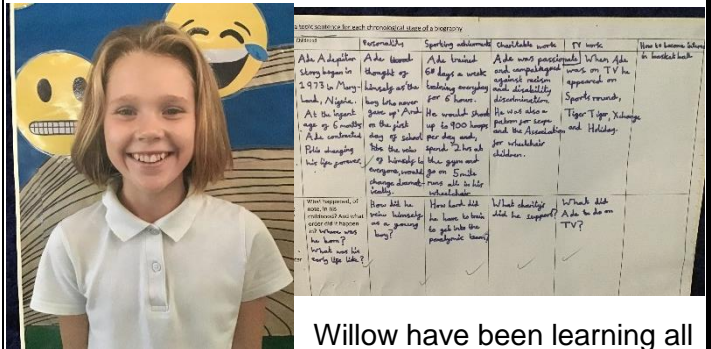
'Who's who?' Mrs Khan

Hello,
My name is Mrs Khan and I am a midday supervisor. I ensure the children's safety and supervision during the part of the day when they have the most energy - lunch times! I ensure they remain happy and safe. I love seeing the children play and like to hear the different stories they tell me every day. Children know they can always talk to me.

Work of the week!

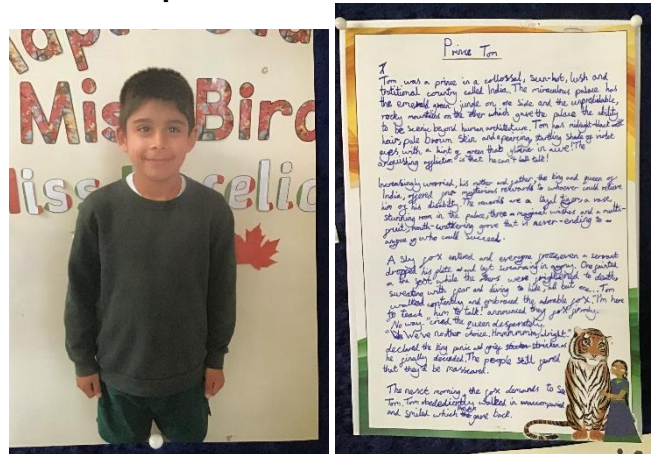
Every week an exemplary piece of work is chosen to be 'Work of the Week' and is displayed in the school dining hall. Please do come and have a look.

Olivia in Willow



Willow have been learning all the key skills to write a biography, including researching the person, sequencing their life in chronological order and choosing key words that describe them. Olivia has written some super sentences about Ade Adepitan, a Paralympic athlete. Olivia has identified and summarised the key ideas in each section, noticing what will make the reader want to learn more about Ade Adepitan. Olivia always puts 100% effort into her presentation and her handwriting here is super.

Ishan in Maple



Maple Class have written narratives inspired by the book "Cinnamon" by Neil Gaiman. This book is set in India and the main character is blind. Maple Class were challenged to include conjunctions, speech and emotive language in their pieces. Ishan's work was chosen as he used challenging conjunctions throughout his piece. His word choices were imaginative and unique to his narrative. You can tell Ishan is a reader who writes!

Well done Olivia and Ishan!

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!

Learning around Oakwood: Sycamore

Our learning around British Black History has been extremely well timed this year – with the 75th anniversary of the Windrush first leaving the Caribbean. We have been learning about Black British history since Roman Times which has been a fascinating topic.

On Tuesday, our Year 5s competed against each other to build cranes out of k'nex – this required not only good mathematical skills but also some excellent team work. Our class winners are pictured here alongside some of our constructions.



In English, we have been writing biographies. We had great fun finding out about Ade Adepitan and his fascinating life story and then we independently researched the life of Steve Irwin. What impressive lives they have both led, proving that if you want to achieve anything you have to keep working at it.

Our science work has been focusing on how scientists classify living things and the work of Carl Linnaeus. We have had great fun creating classification keys for different types of animals and plants.

**If you have any safeguarding concerns,
including concerns about bullying,
please email**

safeguardingteam@oakwood.herts.sch.uk

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 –
Cherry and Acorns 2

'Golden Toilet' for the cleanest
and most looked after class toilets
- - Acorns 2 and Ash



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

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



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

Ash – Rosabella and Ollie

Beech – Max and Albert

Cherry – Rosa and Tahj

Lime – Thisan and Gabriella

Maple – Theo and Amaan

Poplar – Ethan and Karson

Rowan – Lola and Josh S

Sycamore – Josh and Isabel DP.

Willow – Peggy and Alexis



Sport updates: Swimming Gala

On 10th June, 14 members of UKS2 took part in the annual primary schools swimming gala. The children competed hard all evening and came a respectable third in both the girls' and the boys' event.

Congratulations to our swimmers!

District Athletics

Children from KS2 have been competing this week in the St Albans District Athletics competition. They have shown great determination and resilience as they competed in events like the high jump and the long jump alongside both individual and relay running races. We are extremely proud of each of them and their desire to do their best. Congratulations to Phoebe and Edward, who came first in the 600m and the 100m respectively.

Well done to our fantastic children and many thanks to the parents and staff who supported at these events.