

# Oakwood Primary School

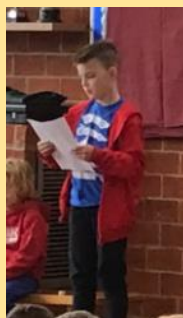
## Newsletter



Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Although it has been a short week, we have managed to pack in some great learning! Children in LKS2 enjoyed combining history learning with some dance moves in their coronation workshop and the whole school gathered together for an informative and interactive assembly that was brilliantly led by our school council.



Thursday was a staff INSET day and we explored ways to represent diversity within the curriculum and refreshed our knowledge on a positive approach to behaviour.

We hope you enjoy any celebrations you may be sharing this bank holiday weekend!

The Oakwood Team

### 'Who's who?' Miss Stubbs

Hello everyone! I'm Miss Stubbs and I teach the Year 1s in Ash Class. What I particularly love about teaching in Ash is supporting the children's transition from EYFS. I enjoy weaving some of the National Curriculum into continuous provision opportunities, particularly at the start of Year 1, giving chance for children to rehearse and consolidate their learning as we move into a more formal style. I love seeing the children continue to develop their independence and Growth Mindset.

I am also Oakwood's Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCo). I am committed to inclusion throughout the school. It's a varied role which I am passionate about. I have regular contact with children, staff, parents, governors and external professionals in order to coordinate support for the learning and development of all of our children with special educational needs and disabilities. You can find out more, including how to contact me, by reading our SEND Policy and Information Report. <https://www.oakwood.herts.sch.uk/inclusion-and-send-1/>

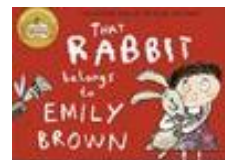
### Recommended reading...

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

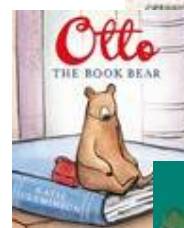
*That Rabbit Belongs to Emily Brown*

Author: Cressida Cowell  
Illustrator: Neal Layton



#### Key Stage 1

*Otto the Book Bear*  
By Katie Cleminson



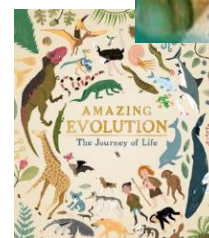
#### Lower Key Stage 2

*The Lost Homework*  
By Richard O'Neil



#### Upper Key Stage 2

*Amazing Evolution*  
Author: Anna Claybourne  
Illustrator: Wesley Robbins



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 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	UKS2 NSPCC Workshops
Week beginning Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Year 6 Bikeability (all week)
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Half term SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Pupils return to school

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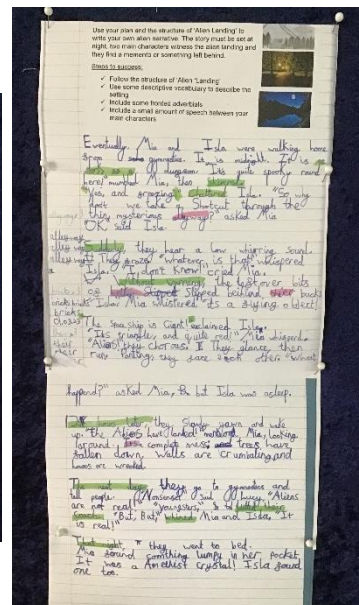
## Learning around Oakwood: Poplar – Coronation Dance Workshop

This week, Poplar Class had the exciting opportunity to take part in a King's Coronation themed dance workshop. This was led by a professional dancer and used dance and drama to enhance the children's knowledge and understanding of this historic event. The session started with a short history lesson about past British monarchs and then used dance to portray the processions, greetings, the anointing and the crowning. The final section of the dance involved celebrations, street parties and games. It was a great way of combining fun historical facts, movement, music and drama to mark this special occasion.



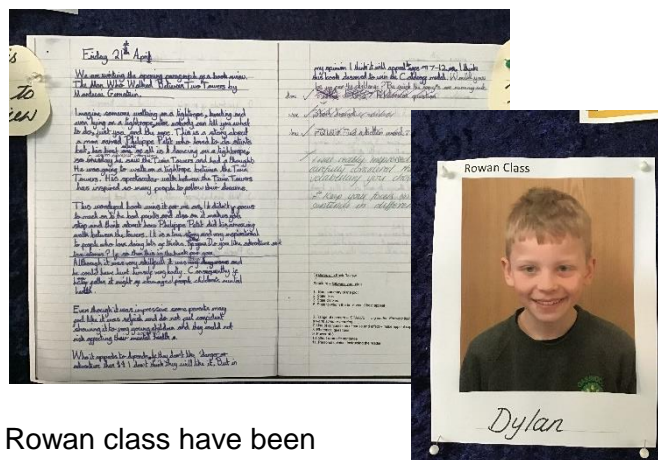
## Work of the week!

### Gabriella in Lime



Lime class read Pie Corbett's *Alien Landing* story before making their own version with a focus on descriptive language and speech. In her work, Gabriella worked hard to include simile, fronted adverbials and a range of speech verbs to make her retelling of the story come alive!

### Dylan in Rowan



Rowan class have been learning to write a book review. First, we looked at how the experts write; we identified all the features of a good book review. Then we read the book *The Man who Walked Between the Towers*. Dylan planned his book review. Next he practised using conjunctions of cause and effect to help him add details to the points that he made. Dylan then used his planning and the steps to success to write his own review. Finally, he worked with his partner to edit and improve his writing.

Well done Gabriella and Dylan!

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!

## Staffing update:

We have recently said farewell to Mrs Covey-Crump and Mrs Ludlow who have decided to spend more time with their families at the moment. We wish Mrs Covey-Crump and Mrs Ludlow all the best. We are pleased to announce that Miss Reeve has joined the EYFS team as Acorns 1 Class Teacher. We have also welcomed Mrs Rhodes, Teaching Assistant in Acorns 2, and Mrs Kumar, Teaching Assistant in Maple.

## Spotlight on... PE:

PE and physical activity is more important than ever and there is lots of evidence that at least 60 minutes of physical activity daily is vital for our mental and physical health.

At Oakwood, every class has at least 2 PE sessions per week and we involve external coaches to add external expertise to our provision. In addition, we run several school teams and clubs and enter tournaments in a variety of sports wherever possible.



This year, our school football and netball teams competed in the local leagues and we qualified for the finals of the year 5 and 6 boys' football tournaments, as well as the indoor athletics finals. This term, we have entered a team into the mixed cricket league.

The key to primary school sports is to get as many children participating as possible and we look to give opportunities wherever we can. We have signed up to the Sports Slam initiative later this term, with the goal of getting children active for 60 minutes each day in a fun way.

**For more information about how we support all children's wellbeing at Oakwood, please visit our updated website page under our 'Curriculum' tab:**

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## Celebration Assembly

Every week, a celebration assembly is held to mark children's successes, efforts and achievement individually and as a class.

This week, and in the weeks before Easter, the following prizes were awarded to...



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

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



'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 – Beech



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

Ash – Connie  
Beech – Albert  
Cherry – James  
Lime – Leen  
Maple – Ellis  
Poplar – Jehaan  
Rowan – Isaac  
Sycamore – Oscar  
Willow – William J



## 'Who's who?' Mrs Hurst

Hello my name is Mrs Hurst and I am a Teaching Assistant in Acorns 2. I am thoroughly enjoying working within the early years setting at Oakwood School and helping the children grow. We do lots of fun activities in Acorns including painting, baking, planting and many more. Every day we have a variety of creative challenges for the children which I enjoy supporting them with. Working as a Teaching Assistant I support the children within the class and at lunchtimes on the playground. I love seeing the children flourish in their environment and become wonderful learners.

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