

Oakwood Primary School

Newsletter



Friday 14th October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy fortnight at Oakwood! The 1st October marked the start of Black History Month and classes have been thinking about this in their learning. For example: Sycamore class have been reading 'Black and British' by David Olusoga; Maple class have discussed the diversity of characters in their reading books and EYFS have looked at how we are the same and how we are different. Staff will be learning too! We are very excited about our staff training on racial literacy taking place next week.

This week also marked World Mental Health Day. Classes revisited the '5 ways to wellbeing' and 'Zones of Regulation' alongside our usual 'Jigsaw' PSHE lessons. We have also been busy learning poems within classes as part of National Poetry Day. The theme for this year was 'The Environment.'



And finally, congratulations to our football team for winning 3-2 against Cunningham Hill this week – well done!

The Oakwood Team

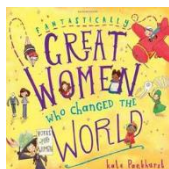
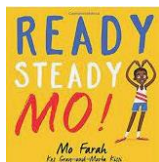
Recommended reading...

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

Ready Steady Mo
Authors: Mo Farah and Kes Gray
Illustrator: Marta Kissi



Key Stage 1

Fantastically Great Women who Changed the World
By Kate Pankhurst

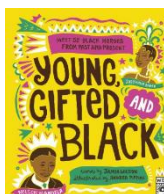
Lower Key Stage 2

Robot + Bike = Kitten
By Joe Mohr



Upper Key Stage 2

Young, Gifted and Black
Author: Jamia Wilson
Illustrator: Andrea Pippins



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

Celebration Assembly

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

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



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

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



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

'Golden Toilet' for the cleanest and most looked after class toilets – Acorns 1 and Lime



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

Ash – Cerys-May
Beech – Tara and Sophie
Cherry – Anaya
Lime – Keir and Scarlett
Maple – Maxim and Ishaan
Poplar – Aditri and Heidi
Rowan – Elsie and Danae
Sycamore – Jago and James
Willow – Avijit and Rosie



Important dates for your diary...

17 th – 19 th October	Harvest donations to be brought into school
Monday 17 th October	Lancaster Model for Year 6 pupils (School Nursing Team)
Tuesday 18 th October and Thursday 20 th October	Ash class parent teacher consultation meetings (online)
Friday 21 st October	PTA children's discos
Monday 24 th October – Friday 28 th October	HALF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED
CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL ON MONDAY 31 st OCTOBER	
Monday 31 st October	Deadline for Year 6 secondary school applications

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'Who's who?'

Mrs Nardelli

Hello Oakwood parents and carers. My name is Mrs Nardelli. I'm very lucky to be a part of Lime Class and work alongside Mr Jenkins. I aim to inspire our pupils to reach their potential in all the subjects we work on. It is very rewarding to see the children enjoying their work and developing their skills. I love being there every step of the way. The most important thing in Lime Class is we don't forget to have fun.

Mrs Murphy

Hello, my name is Mrs Murphy and I am a member of the lunchtime support team, I work Monday to Friday. My role is to ensure the safety and well-being of the children across all of the Key Stage groups during lunchtime. My main passion is to provide emotional support to the children, making sure that they have had an enjoyable morning at school. I especially enjoy listening to them and showing a genuine interest in what they have to say. The children always have fascinating facts about their classroom topics to share and I often learn new things from them! Outside of School my hobbies include reading, cooking, ice skating, reducing, re-using and recycling.

Learning around Oakwood: Cherry

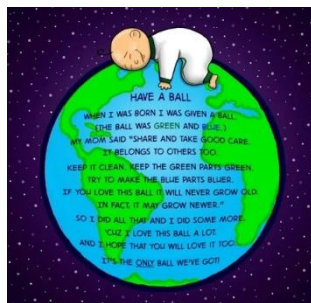
Cherry class have embraced all that has been going on around the school over the last two weeks! We learned what Black History Month is and why it is important. We read the book "Fantastically Great Women who Changed the World" and found out about the lives of Mary Seacole and Rosa Parks.



The children were shocked to hear how some people

of the past were treated because they were black. They said "we need Black History Month so that people in the future don't think like people in the past."

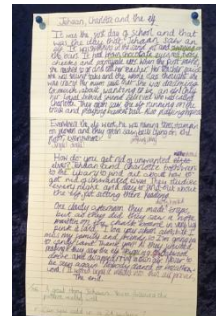
To celebrate National Poetry Day, we read the poem "Have a Ball" by Joe Mohr. What do you think this poem is about?



Work of the week!

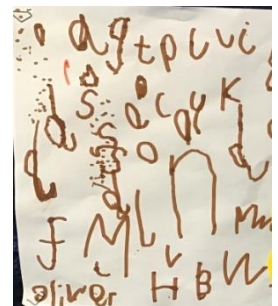
Every week an exemplary piece of work is chosen to be 'Work of the Week' and is displayed in the school dining hall. Please do come and have a look.

Jehaan in Poplar



Poplar class have been writing their own narrative on a mythical creature of their choice. Jehaan has chosen to write about the unusual appearance of an active yet mysterious elf. She has structured her narrative well in paragraphs and has included 2A sentences and a range of action verbs to demonstrate the elf's character. She reflected on her work and edited her narrative to describe the elf in detail.

Oliver in Acorns



Acorns have been practising their pen control and handwriting patterns. This helps to learn letter formation. Oliver has chosen to continue to practise during Active Learning too. He has also chosen to complete challenges using the phonics he has learned.

Well done Jehaan and Oliver!

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!