

# Oakwood Primary School

## Newsletter



Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much for your messages of thanks and support this week as we have managed a significant number of staff absences. We have been really pleased that we could keep all classes open. Well done to all the children for coping so well with all the change. Our thanks also go to our amazing staff team for their flexibility and positivity!

In other news, Mrs Thompson had a productive meeting with the PTA parent reps at the end of last week, and we are looking forward to supporting some exciting events this year. It was great to hear all about the wonderful Oakwood Olympics from our children on Monday.

Have a wonderful weekend, and our very best wishes to our Year 6 pupils who are off on their PGL visit on Monday!

The Oakwood Team

### 'Who's who?'

#### Miss Defelice

Welcome back Oakwood families, Miss Defelice here! I am currently working in Maple Class as a TA, helping to support and grow all the children in the class to become the best they can be. Helping gain confidence, knowledge and important life skills is my passion. I thoroughly enjoy being a support to all children across the whole school during lunch and break times. I have a passion for sports, so I really enjoy getting involved in all the sporting activities we have here at Oakwood. I work Monday to Friday 8.30am-3pm. It would be lovely to be introduced to parents who I have not yet managed to get to know.

#### Mrs Hooper

Hello! I am one of the class teachers here and have the pleasure of teaching the Year Five children in Rowan Class. There's never a dull moment in our class- one minute we are flipping place value counters learning all about six and seven digit numbers, the next we are voyaging around South America! In addition to my class teaching responsibilities, I lead on the teaching of mathematics across the school and work closely with some of our Early Career Teachers.

### 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

*Where the Wild Things Are*  
By Maurice Sendak

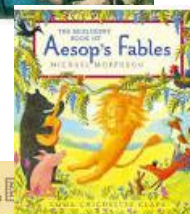


#### Key Stage 1

*The Orchard Book of Aesop's Fables*

Author: Michael Morpurgo

Illustrator: Emma Chichester Clark



#### Lower Key Stage 2

*The People Awards*

Author: Lily Murray

Illustrator: Ana Albero



#### Upper Key Stage 2

*Black and British*

By David Olusoga



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 3 <sup>rd</sup> October to Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 6 PGL residential visit
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October 3:30 – 5:00pm	Open Classrooms Acorns 1, Ash, Lime Maple
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October 3:30 – 5:00pm	Open Classrooms Acorns 2, Beech, Poplar, Rowan
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> October 3:30 – 5:00pm	Open Classrooms Cherry, Sycamore, Willow
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Nasal flu immunisations – whole school
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October 4pm – 7pm	Parent Teacher Consultations (Online)
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	UKS2 visit to Fleetville Mosque
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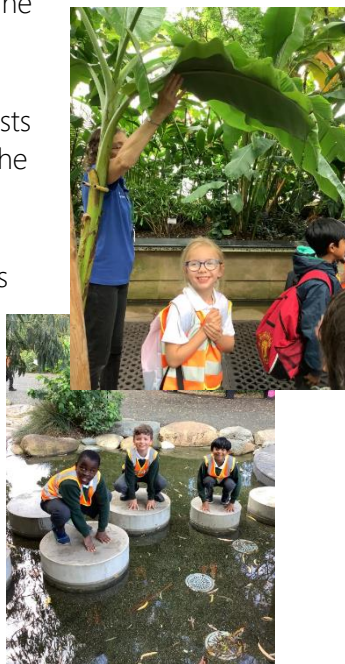
## Learning around Oakwood: Maple

Maple have been busy learning about the rainforest. In art, we studied Henri Rosseau and gave our opinions on some of his paintings. We found out Rosseau painted many jungle scenes, however he had never visited a jungle!

In geography, we have been learning about where rainforests are located in the world and the layers of the rainforest. We gathered in a circle, and discussed which layers animals might live in. We thought scorpions live on the forest floor whilst bird-eating tarantulas may live in the canopy as this is where the birds will be.

Finally, to enrich our rainforest learning, we visited Kew Gardens in London!

We took part in a rainforest workshop which involved using scientific equipment in the Palm House. We also got to play in the Children's Garden looking at all the nature around us. We had a lot of fun!



## 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.

### Ted in Sycamore



Sycamore class used the cover of the book 'Wonder' by R J Palacio as inspiration for their own artwork. Pupils wrote words around their portrait that signify their individual talents and interests to show how difference should be celebrated.

As well as taking time and care to present his writing neatly, Ted used his blending skills with watercolours to create the beautiful effect seen here.

### Well done Ted!

## Celebration Assembly

Every week, a celebration assembly is held to mark children's successes, efforts and achievement individually and as a class. We have welcomed the opportunity to begin Key Stage Celebration Assemblies once again.

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



'Golden Dustpan and Brush' for the tidiest classroom – Lime and Cherry

'Golden Clock' for the class with the best attendance and punctuality – Acorns 2 and Maple



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



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

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

Ash – Finley and Georgie  
Beech – Iela and Hannah  
Cherry – James and Evie  
Lime – Billy and Olive  
Maple – Jasper and Tilly  
Poplar – Leo and Sophia  
Rowan – Britta and Bethany  
Sycamore – Lily and Vihan  
Willow – Harry C and Stella



**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!**