

# Oakwood Primary School

## Newsletter



Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Two weeks in already! It has been a pleasure to welcome the children back to school and to see them settling into their new classes. We have all been impressed with how positively they have embraced the new term and the changes that a new school year brings.

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) team have very much enjoyed meeting the children and families joining Oakwood this year. It has been great to be able to help the children explore our classrooms and begin to settle.

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions this week, we hope you enjoyed having the opportunity to meet your child's class teacher face-to-face and found the information useful. All slides will be available on Google Classroom.

We welcome seven new members of staff this year: Miss Morley, Class Teacher in Acorns 1; Miss Greenwood, Class Teacher in Beech; Miss Denson, Class Teacher in Cherry; Mr Jenkins, Class Teacher in Lime; Miss Marshall, Class Teacher in Willow; Mrs Rowe, our new Health & Safety/Premises Manager and Miss Llorens Domingo, our new Midday Supervisory Assistant (MSA). We would also like to welcome back Mrs Brown (formerly Miss Edwards!) who returned from maternity leave in the summer term and is now teaching in Poplar class and covering PPA across LKS2.

We will be sending out a newsletter every two weeks to share and celebrate the successes and achievements of our community here at Oakwood with you. We will also include key dates for your diary of upcoming events, important reminders and useful links.

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

*Lost and Found*  
Oliver Jeffers



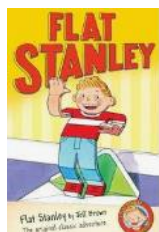
#### Key Stage 1

*The Rainbow Fish*  
By Marcus Pfister



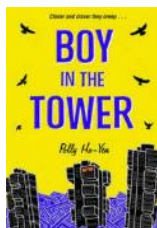
#### Lower Key Stage 2

*Flat Stanley*  
By Jeff Brown



#### Upper Key Stage 2

*Boy in the Tower*  
By Polly Ho-Yen



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 19 <sup>th</sup> September	Bank Holiday for the State Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II SCHOOL CLOSED
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Year 4 swimming starts
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	LKS2 visit to Kew Gardens
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	PTA Oakwood Olympics
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 6 height and weight checks
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	Individual and sibling photos
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	PTA Sip and Paint evening
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October to Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 6 PGL residential visit

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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. 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 – Ash

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



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

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



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

Ash – Finn  
Beech – Cassie  
Cherry – Charlotte  
Lime – Frank  
Maple – Milo  
Poplar – Connie  
Rowan – Joshua  
Sycamore – Luka  
Willow - Roberto



## Work of the week!

We will be reinstating our 'Work of the Week' display next week. Every week an exemplary piece of learning is chosen to be displayed in our school dining hall. This is an excellent opportunity for students to learn from one another because the knowledge, or skills exemplified in the piece are highlighted for all to see and celebrated in our newsletter.

## Important reminders – school uniform

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of some important school uniform policy: long hair (below shoulder level) should be tied back throughout the school day. This is for both PE and non-PE days and includes break and lunchtimes. School shoes should be sturdy and suitable for doing the daily run. Earrings must be studs only – no hoops or dangly earrings. Please take earrings out on PE days. If earrings do need to be worn they must be taped over on PE days. Bracelets, necklaces and wristbands should not be worn. Please ensure all clothing and personal items are named!

Thank you for supporting us in following this policy to ensure the health, well-being and safety of all our pupils.

## Learning around Oakwood

In each fortnight's newsletter, two classes will share some information and examples of their learning. Each class will contribute over the term. We hope this will be a good conversation starter for talking about your child's/children's learning at home.

## New Newsletter Feature – 'Who's who?' - Coming soon!

We are excited to announce a brand new feature for the Oakwood Newsletter!

Our staff are keen to introduce themselves to you all and, over the year, each member of staff will be sharing their introduction via the 'Who's who?' feature of the newsletter. We will start in our next newsletter with two members of staff, and by the end of the year we will have introduced everybody!

Staff will talk about their role and responsibilities at Oakwood and their particular areas of curriculum or pastoral interest.

They will also take the opportunity to share any important information that you need to know about their role in school as well as any links to relevant resources, websites or policies that may give you further information.

We hope you will be interested in this new feature!

**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!**