

Oakwood Primary School

Newsletter



Friday 15th July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had an exciting and eventful fortnight. Highlights have included our 'move-up' days where children have all had the opportunity to meet their new teachers and our EYFS and KS1 sports day. Well done to all the children who took part. We look forward to our rescheduled KS2 sports day next week. Ms Buckley and Mrs Thompson met with all KS2 children for a 'Q & A' session. The summary can be found on the school website [here](#).

At the end of term, we will be saying farewell to Miss Geis, Mrs Jordan, Ms King, Miss Mckeever, Ms McMillan and Miss Peers, we would like to wish them all the best for their future roles.

Have a wonderful summer break!

The Oakwood Team

Learning around Oakwood: Willow

Year 6 have recently completed a successful trip to the Isle of Wight, where the children thoroughly enjoyed the archery (William scoring 3 bull's eyes!), tree climbing, theatre, bowling, and the aquapark. On the final night we held a sand sculpture competition at the beach and paddled in the - not quite - Mediterranean Sea. (It was considerably colder!)



The visit enabled the children to grow in confidence, work in teams, try new experiences and spend time with friends. Now we

are preparing for our show - lots of hard work is going into the performance, as well as children choreographing dances and preparing props.

Recommended reading...

At Oakwood, we really value reading and see it as the gateway to knowledge and one of life's key pleasures!

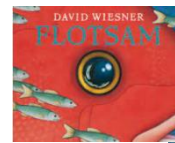
Remember that the Hertfordshire Libraries 'Gadgeteers' Summer Reading Challenge has now launched! We hope as many children as possible take up this challenge! More information available [here](#):

We hope you and your children enjoy this week's selection of books.

Reception

Flotsam

By David Wiesner



Key Stage 1

The Mousehole Cat

Author: Antonia Barber

Illustrator: Nicola Bayley



Lower Key Stage 2

The Railway Children

By E. Nesbit



Upper Key Stage 2

Great Adventurers

By Alastair Humphreys



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 18 th July 9:30am	Year 6 Performance – dress rehearsal
Monday 18 th July 6:30pm	Year 6 Performance
Tuesday 19 th July 6:30pm	Year 6 Performance
Wednesday 20 th July 9:30am – 11:00am	KS2 Sports Day
Thursday 21 st July 12:15-1pm	Year 6 parents drinks reception
Thursday 21 st July 1– 2pm	Year 6 leavers assembly
Thursday 21 st July	LAST DAY OF TERM No Jousts after school School finishes at 1:55pm for Acorns 2:00pm for KS1 2:05pm for KS2
Thursday 1 st September	INSET DAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR PUPILS
Friday 2 nd September	
Friday 2 nd September	Acorns Family Meetings
Monday 5 th September	First day of term for pupils Acorns Family Meetings

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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 – Beech and Lime



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



'Golden Knife and Fork' for the best manners in the hall at lunchtime – Acorns 1 and



NEW! The 'Golden Toilet' for the cleanest and most looked after class toilets – Acorns 2 and Sycamore

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

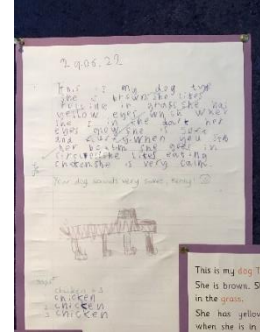
Ash – Jolie, Stanley and Benjy
Beech – Leen and Cameron
Cherry – Thomas and Lisia
Lime – Olivia T and Karson
Maple – Heidi and Jack
Poplar – Freddie and Eliza
Rowan – Will J and Elwyn
Sycamore – Mabel



Work of the week!

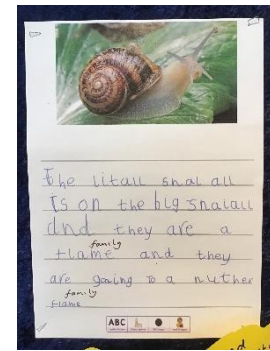
Every week an exemplary piece of work is chosen to be 'Work of the Week' and is displayed in the school dining hall. Please do come and have a look.

Henry in Ash



Ash class have been learning how to write a description. The children wrote a description about their pets or an animal that they know. Henry thought carefully about the range of **adjectives** he could use to describe his dog. For example, he wrote that she is brown, has yellow eyes, she is soft and fluffy and she is calm.

Connie in Acorns 2



Acorns have been learning about the artist Matisse. The children looked at his picture 'L'Escargot' and were inspired to create their own art. Connie wrote about a photo of a real snail. She practised self-edited her writing, looking for where she could correct her spellings to improve her work.

Well done Henry and Connie!

Learning around Oakwood: Lime

Last week LKS2 went on an educational visit to Rye Meads. Lime Class got to take part in a Minibeast activity in the morning and Pond Dipping in the afternoon. The children were able to use different skills such as using a net in a shape of an eight to try and catch some minibeasts within long grass. The children were very excited to identify what minibeasts they had caught.



The children used the skills they had learnt in the morning to try and catch and identify some animals in the pond. They worked as part of a team throughout the day and they all did a superb job of listening well to each other within their groups. The children have used some of this knowledge in a recent geography lesson where the children created information boards about lapwings.



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!