

# Oakwood Primary School

## Newsletter



Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a lot we have managed to fit in over the last two weeks! We have been really pleased to see so many parents in school for our Open Classrooms, New to Year 3 Meeting and our Metacognition Workshop. Thank you so much for sharing your enthusiasm for your children's learning. Thank you also to our wonderful pupils! Our Governors were delighted with the articulate contributions of pupils this week on our Governor Visit Day.

Our Year 6 pupils have worked hard on their Bikeability training and have been enjoying their visit to the Isle of Wight, we are looking forward to having them back in school next week! Well done to our Year 5 pupils who have taken on some Year 6 roles for the week with great success.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend, and if you are attending Oakfest – enjoy!

The Oakwood Team

### Learning around Oakwood: Cherry

In Art this term we have been creating paintings, sketches and drawings inspired by the natural world. We have learned to make observational drawings, looking closely at the parts and colours that are contained within fruits, plants and flowers. Cherry have also worked to create 'sculptures' in the style of Andy Goldsworthy, exploring line, shape, colour and texture in natural forms.



This week we looked closely at some of the art work of Georgia O'Keefe, discussing how she drew flower heads in close detail. We then drew out our own flower heads, taking inspiration from some images of Georgia O'Keefe's paintings. We used the watercolours to bring our initial sketches to life. We are very proud of our work!

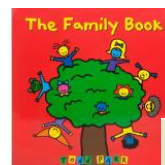
### Recommended reading...

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

*The Family Book*  
By Todd Parr



#### Key Stage 1

*I Want My Hat Back*  
By Jon Klassen



#### Lower Key Stage 2

*Girl Wonder and The Terrific Twins*  
By Malorie Blackman



#### Upper Key Stage 2

*The Boy at the Back of the Class*  
By Onjali Q Rauf



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...

Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	LKS2 visit to Rye Meads Nature Reserve
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July, 6pm	New Acorns Parent Meeting
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> July, 2.15pm	EYFS Profile meeting for current Acorns Parents
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Florence Nightingale Workshop
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Sports Day</b>
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	9.15am – Reception 10.30am – Years 1 & 2 1.30pm – Years 3 - 6

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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 – Rowan and Maple



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



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

NEW! The 'Golden Toilet' for the cleanest and most looked after class toilets – Ash and Poplar



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

- Ash – Joseph H, Phoebe and George
- Beech – Harry and Jamie
- Cherry – Evie and Frank
- Lime – Ethan and Olivia K
- Maple – Jehaan and Chloe
- Poplar – Britta and Dominic
- Rowan – Ahnaf and Rosie
- Sycamore – Ned and Darcy
- Willow – Thanisk



# Learning around Oakwood: Poplar

Poplar class have been exploring poetry this week. They have learnt how to perform a poem with expression using tips from the famous poet, Michael Rosen. Poplar class have looked at free verse poetry and analysed 'The Magic Box', by Kit Wright. The children have also enjoyed creating their own mini 'Magic Box' poems using alliteration, noun phrases, numerical and the impossible. Here are some creative poems from Poplar class:

I will put in the box...

A Victorian villa built in the vast terrain of the desert  
 A tall, towering skeleton wearing a bright red scarf from the Underground,  
 Three mangrove logs from the marvellous marsh,  
 and a dusty diamond sold for free!  
 My box is made from spruce wood with a skull from  
 some PURE gold!  
 I shall chill in my box in the villa!

I will put in the box  
 a cold cat crying on the diggs  
 a glower from a sweet, pretty meadow,  
 seven waves splashing onto the shore  
 and a never ending carrot cake  
 my box is now green, with cheese in the corner  
 I shall live happily in my box.

# 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.



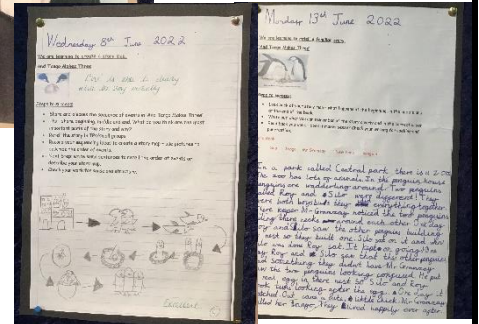
Along with the rest of Oakwood, Beech and Cherry classes have been focusing on the text 'And Tango Makes Three'. We have spent time looking at the characters, story sequence and vocabulary. We drew our own story

maps and followed this up by writing out our own retell.

## Evie in Cherry



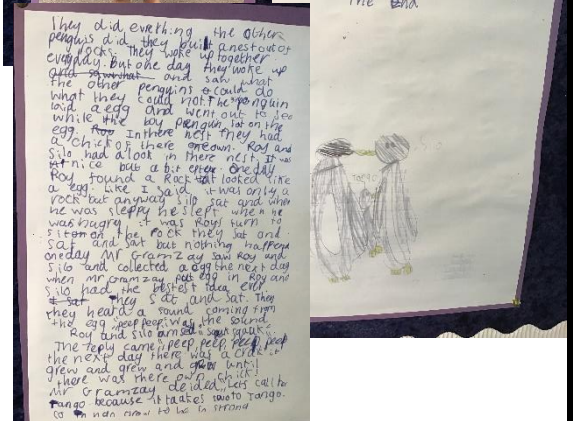
Evie produced a carefully presented and well thought through retell using significant phrases from the text.



## Scarlett in Beech



Scarlett worked really hard to write her retell. She even used some story language from the book.



Well done Evie and Scarlett!

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!