

Oakwood Primary School

Newsletter



Friday 17th June 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the final half term of school! We hope you enjoyed the long Jubilee weekend.

Our pupils have continued to work hard over the last two weeks; well done in particular to those pupils who have had their phonics or multiplications check.

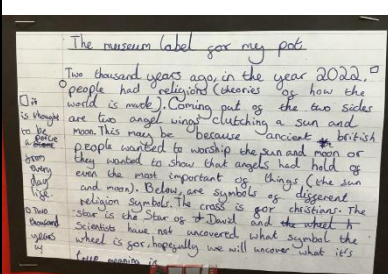
Next week is School Diversity Week, and the whole school have been exploring the book '*And Tango Makes Three*,' a delightful story about Central Park penguins Roy and Silo: a pair of male penguins who started a family together. Classes will be sharing a range of books exploring other themes of diversity.

We are excited to be welcoming you to our Open Classroom events next week, and look forward to seeing you then!

The Oakwood Team

Learning around Oakwood: Rowan

It's all Greek to us! In Rowan we have been learning about life in Ancient Greece over the past few weeks. We have discovered how to use evidence from artefacts such as Greek pots, ancient documents and even graffiti work to out what life was like over two and a half thousand years ago in Greece. We had great fun re-enacting the Battle of Marathon and like true military historians, we analysed the many factors that helped the tiny army of Athens beat the huge Persian army. We also worked out what everyday life was like for the Greeks from looking at the illustrations on their pottery, then we designed our own designs in the same style that would tell people of 4522 about our lives today.



Recommended reading...

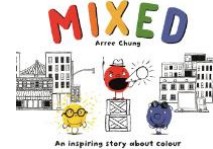
At Oakwood, we really value reading and see it as the gateway to knowledge and one of life's key pleasures!

We hope you and your children enjoy this week's selection of books linked to Diversity Week.

Reception

Mixed

By Arree Chung

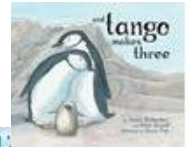


Key Stage 1

And Tango Makes Three

Author: Justin Richardson

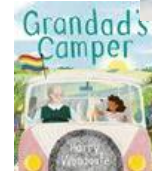
Illustrator: Peter Parnell



Lower Key Stage 2

Grandad's Camper

By Harry Woodgate

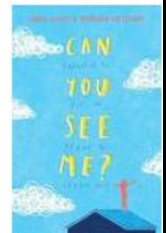


Upper Key

Stage 2

Can You See Me?

By Libby Scott and Rebecca Westcott



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...

Week beginning Monday 20 th June	Year 6 Bikeability all week
Monday 20 th June 3:30pm – 5pm	Open Classrooms: Acorns 1, Ash, Lime, Maple
Tuesday 21 st June 3:30pm – 5pm	Open Classrooms: Acorns 2, Beech, Sycamore, Willow
Thursday 23 rd June 3:30pm – 5pm	Open Classrooms: Cherry, Poplar, Rowan
Week beginning Monday 27 th June	Year 6 residential visit to the Isle of Wight (all week)
Wednesday 29 th June - 2pm	Metacognition Parent Workshop

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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 – Willow and Maple



'Golden Clock' for the class with the best attendance and punctuality – Willow – two weeks in a row!



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



NEW! 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 – Harriet and Iyla
- Beech – Alison and Finlay
- Cherry – Ellis and Isla
- Lime – Orli and Olivia
- Maple – Dylan S
- Poplar – Joshua and Alice B
- Rowan – Irene and James
- Sycamore – Alex and Riley
- Willow – William G and Joe



School Diversity Week (20th – 24th June)

Thank you to parents Jo and Kate Button-Card for sharing the below article about 'Grandad's Camper', a story written by a St Albans author to help promote understanding about LGBTQ+ relationships and families.

[Grandad's Camper book author in St Albans](#)

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At Oakwood, we have been exploring this theme using the book "And Tango Makes Three" as well as through our Jigsaw PSHE lessons on relationships through the year. Here are some

conversation starters that you may find helpful at home:

"What does the word 'family' mean to you?"

"What makes a family special?"

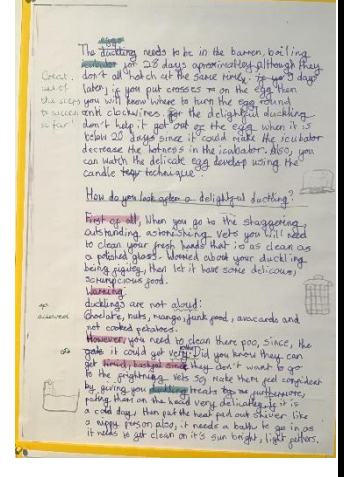
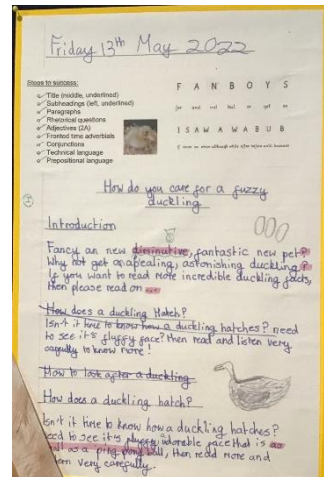


Work of the week!

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.

Isaac in Maple

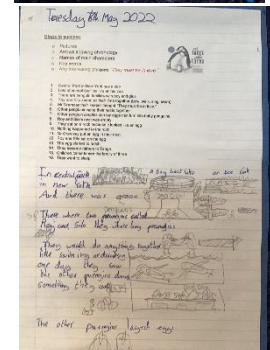
Maple class have been writing explanation texts about caring for ducklings, inspired by our Oakwood ducks! Isaac captured the audience in his leaflet by addressing the reader, including phrases that let the reader know he cares and using amusing phrases to engage the reader.



Ethan in Lime



As part of their learning on 'And Tango Makes Three,' Lime class have been learning to summarise key events of a narrative. Ethan captured the story well with his story map, using arrows to show the sequence of key events in the story. He included the names of main characters and settings.



Well done Isaac and Ethan!

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!