

Oakwood Primary School

Newsletter



Friday 27th May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had so much to celebrate over the last two weeks! Well done to everyone who took part in Walk to School Week – what a great way to exercise and help the environment.

Staff would like to thank the PTA for funding thought-provoking “Protective Behaviours” staff training to support pupil well-being. Watch this space for more information...

It was uplifting to see everyone arriving in their red, white and blue today to celebrate The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee. There is a buzz of excitement around the school as we learn songs to share and anticipate our whole school picnic lunch!

Have a wonderful half term and enjoy the bank holiday!

The Oakwood Team

Learning around Oakwood: Sycamore



In Sycamore class, we have learning about the human circulatory system. We learned about how the heart pumps blood around the body, the role of blood within our body and how exercise affects our heart rate. We have made models to show how these different aspects work.



Sporting Achievement at Oakwood!



This has been a very successful year for both the boys’ and girls’ football teams at Oakwood with both teams winning their respective leagues and receiving trophies. The most impressive aspect of this is the inclusive team spirit with which both teams have played. Everyone who has wanted to play in the school team this year has had that opportunity and their teammates have fully

supported them. They should be very proud of their achievements and attitudes.

There were several other key players not pictured here, who were integral to the teams’ successes. Well done!

Recommended reading...

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

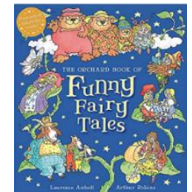
We hope you and your children enjoy this week’s selection of books.

Reception

Funny Fairy Tales

Author: Laurence Anholt

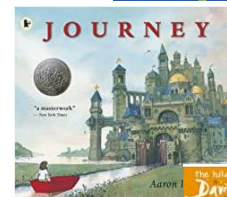
Illustrator: Arthur Robins



Key Stage 1

Journey

By Aaron Becker



Lower Key Stage 2

The boy in the dress

By David Walliams



Upper Key Stage 2

Secrets of a Sun King

By Emma Carroll



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 30 th May – Friday 3 rd June	Half term SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Monday 6 th June	INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Tuesday 7 th June	Pupils return to school
Week beginning Tuesday 7 th June	Year 1 phonics screening check Year 4 multiplications check
Tuesday 14 th June	‘Shakespeare in a Day’ visit to UKS2 (in school)
Thursday 16 th June, 6pm	New to Year 3 meeting for current Year 2 parents (Maple classroom)

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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 – Maple and Sycamore

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



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

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



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

Ash – Chloë and William S
 Beech – Poppy (*Well done Poppy for demonstrating our values two weeks in a row!*)
 Cherry – Noureen and Jonida
 Lime – Sienna, Tilly and Jessica
 Maple – Emily, Leo and Bethany
 Poplar – Elsie and Danae
 Rowan – Stella and Jake
 Sycamore – Joe and Harry C
 Willow – Bella and Jamie

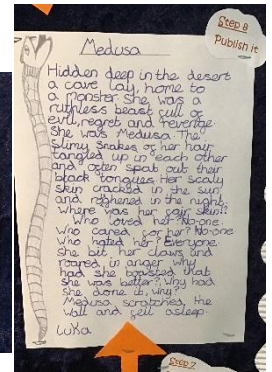
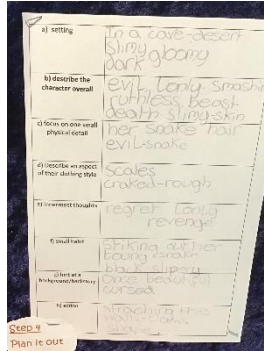


Work of the week!

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.

Luka in Rowan

Rowan class have been learning how an author builds and develops a character. Luka carefully planned his ideas, gathering useful vocabulary to describe Medusa. He began his character description by introducing a setting and describing Medusa's innermost thoughts and feelings, before describing physical appearance and small habits.



Harry in Poplar



As part of their learning on Mega Cities, the children wrote their own leaflets encouraging people to take a trip to the best holiday destination. Harry included a variety of informative features, which makes up an engaging leaflet. He has structured his leaflet well in paragraphs, providing information about the history of Beijing, sports and the best tourist attractions within the city. Harry has also included rhetorical questions, 3ed sentences and alliteration to encourage the readers to visit 'Brilliant, breath-taking Beijing.' Has he managed to convince you to visit Beijing yet?

Well done Luka and Harry!

Learning around Oakwood: Ash

There has been so much exciting learning in Ash class that it has been difficult to choose which bits to share! The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning how to Maypole dance. Maypole dancing is a tradition on May Day so what better way to spend one of our weekly PE lessons during the month of May than learning how to dance the Spider's Web?

We did it!

We needed to listen very carefully, not only to keep time with the traditional music but make sure we followed the instructions too. We practised our maths vocabulary of direction (in, out, under, over, in front and behind) and our problem solving skills when untangling the ribbons.



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!