

Oakwood Primary School

Newsletter



Friday 13th May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

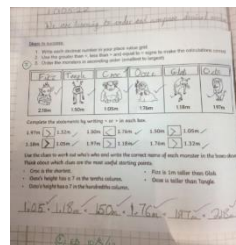
This week has seen the return of KS2 SATs for the first time in three years! Well done to our Year 6 pupils for all their hard work in their preparations for SATs and their impeccable behaviour and attitude this week. A 'well done' must also go to the rest of our pupils, who have shown respect and consideration for the Year 6 pupils this week. We hope everyone enjoys a well-earned rest this weekend!

Staffing news: over the last two weeks we have said farewell to Miss Jones, who has moved on to a new career opportunity, and a temporary farewell to Mrs Ludlow who has now started her maternity leave. We wish Miss Jones and Mrs Ludlow good luck in their exciting new journeys!

The Oakwood Team

Learning around Oakwood: Maple

Maple class have really been enjoying learning about decimals over the last week. We have been using place value counters to help us build decimals and part whole models to partition the numbers into their tens, ones, tenths and hundredths. We used our hundred square to count from 0 in tenths (Year 3) and hundredths (Year 4) to help us understand the order of decimals. A particularly exciting lesson was when we had to use our understanding of ordering decimals to compare aliens and give aliens their names.



Last week, we also started our Food Technology lessons where we are cooking parts of an afternoon tea. When designing our own afternoon tea menu, we thought about a balanced diet of carbohydrates, fruit and vegetables, dairy, protein and fat. This week, we made cheese scones. We had mixed opinions on how good they tasted but at least we

got to take some home for our adults to enjoy too!

If you would like to bake this recipe at home, follow this link:

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/classic-cheese-scones>

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 Giant Jam Sandwich

By John Vernon Lord and Janet Burroway



Key Stage 1

The Book with no Pictures

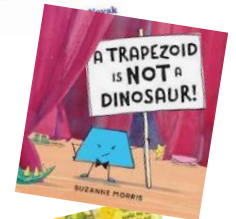
By B. J. Novak

The Book With No Pictures

Lower Key Stage 2

A Trapezoid is not a Dinosaur

By Suzanne Morris



Upper Key Stage 2

The Book of Not Entirely Useful Advice

By A.F. Harrold



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 16 th May	Walk to School Week
Thursday 26 th May	Class photographs Year 6 Leavers' photographs
Friday 27 th May	Platinum Jubilee Learning and Celebration: children can wear red, white and blue
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

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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 – Sycamore and Rowan

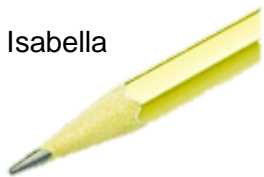
'Golden Clock' for the class with the best attendance and punctuality – Cherry and Willow



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

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

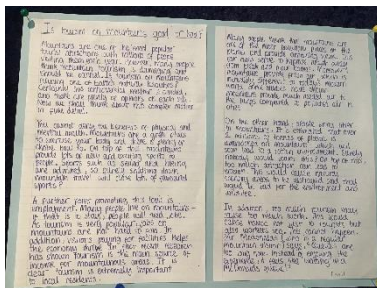
- Ash – Sophie
- Beech – Orla and Zach
- Cherry – Elizabeth and Kamran
- Lime – Digby
- Maple – Connie
- Poplar – Freddie
- Rowan – Gweni and Isabella
- Sycamore – Poppy
- Willow – Finley



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.

Fenil in Willow



Willow have been learning about the pros and cons of tourism for mountainous regions. Fenil wrote a balanced argument, outlining the effect of tourism to an area. He used a formal tone to encourage readers to take all views seriously and information from experts to add weight to a viewpoint.

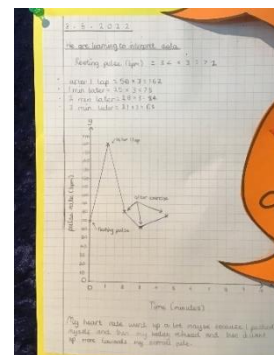
Olivia in Sycamore



Sycamore have been learning about our circulatory system, which is how the heart and lungs get oxygen into our blood.

The class measured their resting heart rate, then measured their heart rate again after exercise. They collected data by recording their heart rate each time.

In maths, Olivia thought carefully about the best way to show the data and then analysed the data to draw conclusions about how our pulse rate changes during exercise.



Well done Fenil and Olivia!

Learning around Oakwood: Acorns 2



In Acorns 2 we are continuing to learn about 'Terrific Tales'. This week we have concentrated on the story *The Gingerbread Man*. We have been learning to create story maps to help us retell the story, focusing on the story language we can hear in this, and other, familiar stories. We have also chosen to



write our own story books during Active Learning, which we have enjoyed reading to our friends.

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!