

Oakwood Primary School

Newsletter



Friday 1st April 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

The absence of some school staff due to COVID has not stopped the fantastic team of teachers and teaching assistants from ensuring another learning-packed two-weeks for our enthusiastic pupils! We have enjoyed two visits this week: one from Emma Williams to teach us more about Easter, and one from Maniza Younas to teach us more about Ramadan.

We would like to say a huge thank you to all who supported the Reach out for Refugees day on Monday 21st March and the cake sale on Friday 25th March. We raised £221.90 in cash for the Herts for Refugees charity and your contributions to the Just Giving page have helped the St Albans Schools Network to raise £18,092 for Herts for Refugees. Well done to the Year 6 pupils for organising a successful cake sale, raising an additional £732.90 for Choose Love.

Thank you for all your support this term and have a wonderful break, whether you are celebrating Easter, Ramadan, Holi Spring, Passover or simply taking a break from the usual routine.

The Oakwood Team

Learning around Oakwood: Acorns 1

Last week as part of science week, we got to experience lots of experiments!



We also learnt all about growing which was the theme for the week. We each planted some cress seeds and have been

watching them grow as well as having the ducklings in our class too! We had a very exciting week learning all about science and the children were very inspired.

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

Golden Domes and Silver Lanterns

Author: Hena Khan

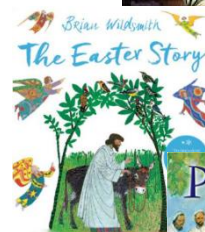
Illustrator: Mehrdokht Amini



Key Stage 1

The Easter Story

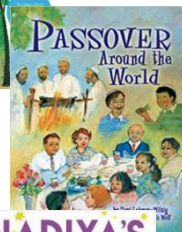
By Brian Wildsmith



Lower Key Stage 2

Passover Around the World

By Tami Lehman-Wilzig

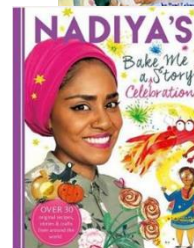


Upper Key Stage 2

Nadiya's Bake Me a Celebration Story

Author: Nadiya Hussain

Illustrator: Clair Rossiter



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...

Tuesday 19 th April	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR PUPILS
Wednesday 20 th April	First day of term for pupils
Thursday 21 st April	Year 3 swimming starts
Thursday 21 st April, 4:30pm	Year 6 parent meeting - online
Wednesday 27 th April	History Off the Page visit to LKS2 (in school) – Vikings!
Wednesday 27 th April, 7pm	Governors Vision and Values workshop for parents – school hall

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Celebration Assembly

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 – Rowan and Poplar



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

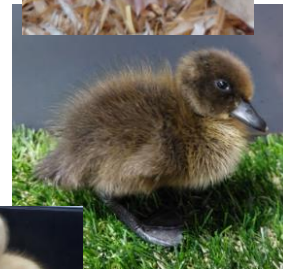
'Person of the Week' for demonstrating values which are highly valued in our school:

Ash – Bethan, Oliver and Bethan
 Beech – Evie and Billy
 Cherry – Joey and Lisia
 Lime – Alex and Emilia
 Maple – Jack and Dylan R
 Poplar – Dominic and Isabel
 Rowan – Isla and Josh
 Sycamore – Henry and Annabel
 Willow – Neve and Daniel



Oakwood Ducklings

Oakwood has had some very exciting visitors over the last few weeks. At the school, we now have six ducklings chirping away! The ducklings arrived to celebrate the start of science week, with the theme this year of 'Growth'. Our ducklings have also helped Beech and Year 5 and 6 learn about the lifecycle of a duck.



Here are some fun facts about our ducklings:

1. They are different breeds of duck. Some are Pekin and others are Indian Runner ducks.
2. Their feathers are waterproof. So much so, when they swim their under-layer of feathers stays dry.
3. Our ducklings come from Woodside farm, which is the farm our ducklings from last year went to.
4. One duckling was born at Miss Bird's house during the power cut.

Want more information? Come and talk to our duckling expert Ms Cheek!

Work of the week!

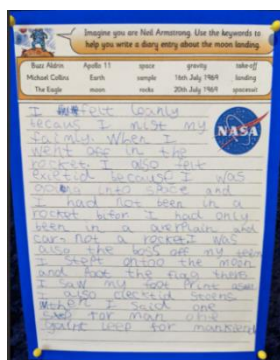
Every week an exemplary piece of work is chosen to be 'Work of the Week' and is displayed in the school dining hall.

Sophia in Ash



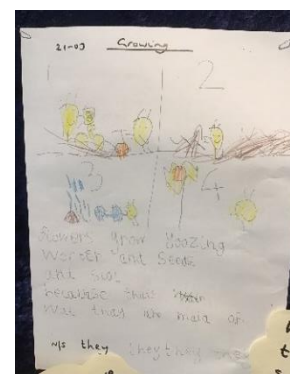
Ash class have been learning about Neil Armstrong and the impact that the moon landing had

on the world. Sophia wrote a diary entry describing the moon landing and how Neil Armstrong might have felt about it.



Lizzie in Acorns 2

Acorns have been learning about the theme of 'growing' during Science Week and have observed cress growing. Lizzie wrote about how flowers grow, using phase 2 and phase 3 sounds, finger spaces and full stops.



Well done Sophia and Lizzie!

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!