

# Oakwood Primary School

## Newsletter



Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have managed to fit a huge amount of learning, extra-curricular activities and whole school events into the past two weeks! Ms Buckley and Mrs Thompson held Question and Answer Time sessions with KS2 pupils – questions and answers are published on our website [here](#). This week has been Feeling Good Week; look out for an update of our learning across the school – coming soon! In addition, Year 6 have been having Well-being Workshops with Watford FC. We would like to thank all of our pupils, families and staff for their hard work and support this half-term, and we wish you all an enjoyable and restful half-term break!

The Oakwood Team

### Learning around Oakwood: Ash



This week is Feeling Good week at Oakwood and in Ash class we have been focussing on one of the 5 Ways to Wellbeing every day. On Monday, we had our Gymnastics PE lesson, focussing on 'Be Active'. We moved in different ways along and across various apparatus. After the lesson we evaluated our own

learning.

"I was brave at climbing and good at balancing. Next time I will try to climb a bit higher." Molly  
 "I worked so hard in PE. I concentrated on climbing. I wish to climb higher next time." Anaya



"I was good at balancing on the benches and being focussed. Next time I will climb high up the ladder." William S  
 "I climbed

the high bars and I listened well. Next time I will have more confidence." Rosa



### Recommended reading...

At Oakwood, we really value reading and see it as the gateway to knowledge.

We hope you and your children enjoy this week's selection of books!

Please do visit your local library to select from a fantastic range of books. [Locations and opening times are here.](#)

#### Reception

*Peace at Last*  
By Jill Murphy



#### Key Stage 1

*We're all Wonders*  
By R. J. Palacio



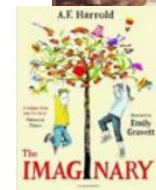
#### Lower Key Stage 2

*Fly, Eagle, Fly!*  
By Christopher Gregorowski



#### Upper Key Stage 2

*The Imaginary*  
Author: A.F. Harrold  
Illustrator: Emily Gravett



### Important dates for your diary...

Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	Half term SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Girlguiding Thinking Day – Rainbows, Brownies and Guides can wear Girlguiding uniforms to school
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 6 District Athletics at University of Hertfordshire
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	LKS2 visit to Verulamium Museum
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	KS1 London Transport Museum Virtual Workshop

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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 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 – Sycamore and Ash



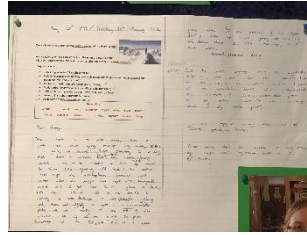
'Person of the Week' for demonstrating values which are highly valued in our school:

- Ash – Phoebe and Oliver
- Beech – Sajeev and Izzy
- Cherry – Kian O. and Sam
- Lime – Aqilah and Maxim
- Maple – Finley and Seb
- Poplar – Barney and Joseph
- Rowan – Elwyn and Clara
- Sycamore – Elizabeth and Daisy
- Willow – Anna and Ilyas



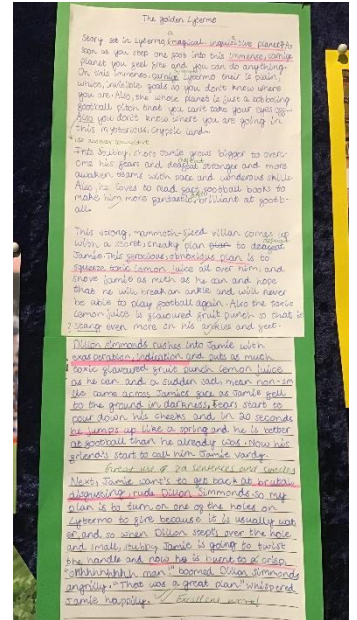
## Work of the week!

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



### Clara in Rowan

Rowan have been learning to present a clear viewpoint in their writing and have been working with a partner to improve their writing.



### Harry in Poplar

Poplar have been developing their use of adjectives to write "2A sentences" and Harry used an impressive range of vocabulary.



Well done Clara and Harry!

## Sporting achievements *By Eliza*

On Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January the Year 5 and 6 girls' football team had a closely fought match against Skyswood Primary. In the first half Eliza score the first goal, closely followed by a goal from Skyswood. At half time the score was 1-1. In the second half Oakwood fought on and Zara scored a great free-kick which was yet again followed by a goal from Skyswood. As a result of that the game went into extra time. Towards the end, it was looking as if we'd go into penalties. Luckily, Paloma scored an amazing goal from the halfway line followed by a great shot from Zara just before the time was up. Oakwood had won 4-2 and had made it into the semi-finals of the cup.



UKS2 have been learning about writing as journalists recently and were lucky to have a visit from BBC News

presenter, Martine Croxall. Martine explained what it was like being a broadcast journalist and fielded loads of excellent questions from the children, who will hopefully be inspired to use some of her advice in their own journalistic endeavours.

## Learning around Oakwood: Rowan

This term, Rowan class have been learning about mountains. We were fascinated to learn the story of Hilary and Tenzing who were the first men to climb Mount Everest. We imagined what they might have written in their diaries the night after their historic climb. We have also looked at the work of artists who have been influenced by a mountain landscape. We learned the technique of cross hatching from a study of the American artist Jen Aryani who lives in the Rocky mountains of America.



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!

