

Oakwood Primary School

Newsletter

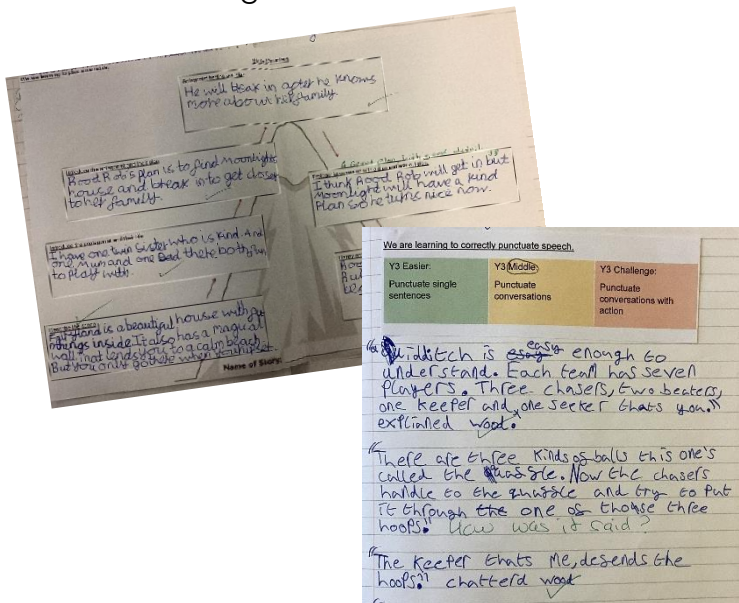


Friday 28th January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,
 We have had another busy two weeks at Oakwood! We hope you enjoy reading about our learning and celebrations as much as we have enjoyed being part of them. As well as celebrating our current learning, we have also been busy planning ahead for 'Feeling Good Week' which will take place across all classes between Monday 7th February and Friday 11th February. We would like to wish a Happy New Year to members of our community who will be celebrating the Chinese New Year of the Tiger next week. Have a great weekend.
 The Oakwood Team

Learning around Oakwood: Lime

Over the past two weeks, we have been preparing to write our own narratives in English. We have explored many language techniques we could use within our writing such as fronted adverbials and correctly punctuated speech, and we have been looking at how J.K Rowling uses these techniques in *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*. This week, we began planning our own story and we are very excited about the Lower Key Stage Two story-writing competition. The ultimate prize will be to read the story to Key Stage 1 children and to have the story sent to J.K Rowling!



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

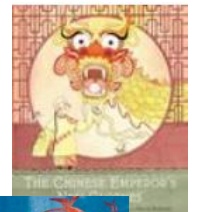
The Tiger Who Came to Tea
 By Judith Kerr



Key Stage 1

The Chinese Emperor's New Clothes

Author: Ying Chang
 Illustrator: David Roberts



Lower Key Stage 2

The Paper Kingdom
 Author: Helena Ku Rhee
 Illustrator: Pascal Campion



Upper Key Stage 2

It Began with a Page
 Author: Kyo Maclear
 Illustrator: Julie Morstad



Important dates for your diary...

Wednesday 2 nd February	Freshwater Theatre Company volcano workshop with LKS2 (in school)
Monday 7 th – Friday 11 th February	Feeling Good Week
Monday 14 th – Friday 18 th February	Half term SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS

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 01727 753930

Celebration Assembly

Over the last two weeks, the following prizes were awarded to...



'Golden Dustpan and Brush' for the tidiest classroom – Ash



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

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



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

Ash – Elodie and Noah

Beech – Harry and Jamie

Cherry – Jayda and Milo

Lime – Kareem, Theo and Archer

Maple – Max and Fleur

Poplar – Freddie and Lily

Rowan – Lily and Illy

Sycamore – Emily and Phoebe

Willow – Adil and Olivia

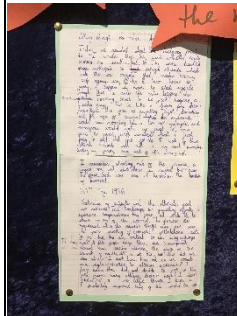
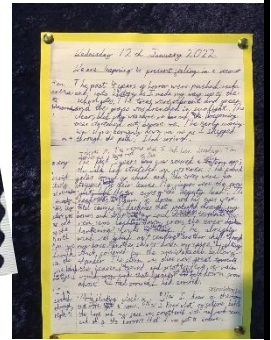


Work of the week!

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

George in Willow

Willow have been analysing diary entries and have noticed that a powerful diary entry shows emotions through clear description.



Dani in Sycamore

Sycamore have also been exploring diary entries and have written their own diary entry imagining what Sir Edmund Hilary may have written as he climbed Mount Everest.



Both classes have also worked on their editing skills: re-reading their work to improve it. George and Dani have carefully edited their work to ensure it has a clear structure, expressive vocabulary and a variety of punctuation.

Well done George and Dani!

Learning around Oakwood: Beech

In Beech Class we are learning about giving instructions and controlling devices in our computing lessons. We have been using a Bee-Bot programme on the iPads and have been learning skills such as predicting and running commands. We have had great fun practising these skills on our class friends and giving clear commands for them to follow. We had to ensure that our instructions contained clear language, which included vocabulary such as right turn, left turn, forwards and backwards. We had great fun!

"I liked making the Bee-Bot follow a route on the iPad."

"It was hard to make the Bee-Bot go the right way. I had to press how many times it should go forwards."

"It was funny telling my partner how to move round the room."

"We had to give clear commands so they would do what we wanted."



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!