

Oakwood Primary School

Newsletter



Friday 10th December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are nearly at the end of term! Well done to everyone in the Oakwood community for all your hard work this term.

In addition to all our hard work in school, our sports teams have been working hard throughout the term and showing exceptional commitment. A special mention to the girls' football team who braved the driving wind and rain to put in an amazing performance at Samuel Ryder, earning them a draw. Both the girls' and boys' teams have celebrated wins recently against Bowmansgreen and Aboyne Lodge respectively. The netball team have also had some excellent results – well done!

Have a great weekend, and enjoy any celebrations you will be sharing over the coming weeks.

The Oakwood Team

Learning around Oakwood: Acorns 1

We have been learning all about animals. We used the story of owl babies to inspire and help our understanding of nocturnal animals.



We also decided to write a letter to Mummy Owl to tell her how her babies were feeling. We pegged our letter to a tree so that she could get it at night. To our amazement when we came into school the next day, she had written a letter for us! We couldn't believe it. It was so exciting and some of us continued to write her

letters. We also made our own owl baby pictures by using different materials as well as doing our own writing. To top off our learning, we were extremely lucky to have a very special video from the Illustrator-Patrick Benson (who is the Great Uncle of a member of our class).



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!

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

Reception

The Jolly Christmas Postman
Postman by Janet and Alan Ahlberg



Key Stage 1

Lucy and Tom at Christmas
By Shirley Hughes

Lower Key Stage 2

Letters from Father Christmas
by J.R.R. Tolkien
edited by Baillie Tolkien



Upper Key Stage 2

A Boy Called Christmas by Matt Haig

Important dates for your diary...

Monday 13 th December	PTA £2 Room Year 5 and Year 6 carol singing at Orchard Care Home	
Wednesday 15 th December	Christmas Lunch – pupils may wear a festive jumper	
Thursday 16 th December	Carols on the playground	Ash Class 2:50pm
Friday 17 th December		Cherry Class 9:05am Beech Class 2:50pm
Monday 20 th December		Acorns 1 and 2 2:50pm
Tuesday 21 st December	LAST DAY OF TERM No lunches No Jousters after school School finishes at 12:20pm for Acorns 12:25pm for KS1 12:30pm for KS2	
Wednesday 5 th January 2022	INSET Day SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS	
Thursday 6 th January 2022	First day of term for pupils	

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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 – Ash and Rowan



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



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

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

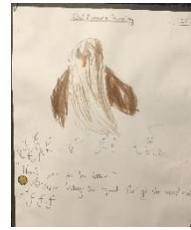
- Ash – Sasha and Ranya
- Beech – Tandia and Fergus
- Cherry – Kian and Paddy
- Lime – Tilly and Thomas
- Maple – Evie and Paris
- Poplar – Callum and Jake
- Rowan – Isabel and Will J
- Sycamore – Harry C and Max
- Willow – Jamie and Tristan



Work of the week!

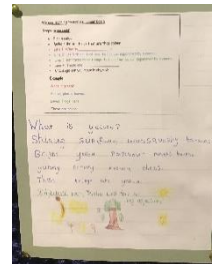
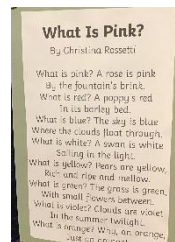
Alexandra in Acorns

Acorns 1 have been using the story 'Owl Babies' by Martin Waddell. They created pictures of the owl babies and Alexandra wrote a letter to Mummy Owl. She sounded out her words carefully and included finger spaces.



Tandia in Beech

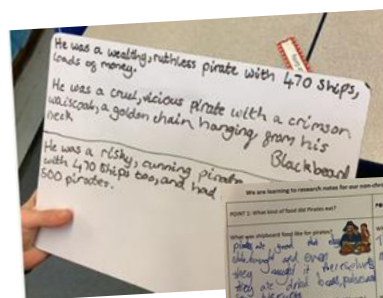
Beech Class have been learning about poetry. The class really enjoyed a poem by Christina Rossetti called 'What is Pink?' they made their own versions of the poem using different colours. Tandia challenged herself to use adjectives to describe the nouns in her poem.



Well done Alexandra and Tandia!

Learning around Oakwood: Poplar

This week in English, Poplar class have been learning about the different features of a non-chronological report and the impact it has on the reader. Following this, the class planned their own non-chronological reports on piracy, exploring contextual information about the famous pirate 'Blackbeard'. As a class, we wrote a short character description about Blackbeard, using factual language and 2A sentences (sentences with two adjectives).

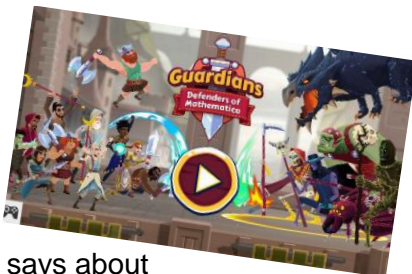


We have also been learning about the lifestyle

choices of a pirate through independent research and note-making for our reports. Poplar class have really enjoyed finding interesting facts about pirates and sharing them with the class.

Guardians: Defenders of Mathematica

The Key Stage 2 Team are very excited about a maths game they have been playing!



This is what the BBC says about the game:

"Choose a character, then add, subtract, divide and multiply your way to victory in this fun maths game. Challenge yourself across 10 different KS2 maths topics from the Mysterious Mountains of Multiplication to the Deadly Sea of Shapes...Battle courageously and you'll be rewarded with many great riches to apply to your character."

This game is suitable from Year 3 to Year 6. You can play the game on the [BBC Bitesize website here.](https://www.bbc.com/1/learning-education/guardians-defenders-of-mathematica)

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!