

Oakwood Primary School

Newsletter



Friday 8th October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another busy and exciting two weeks of learning at Oakwood! You can read more in our articles below.

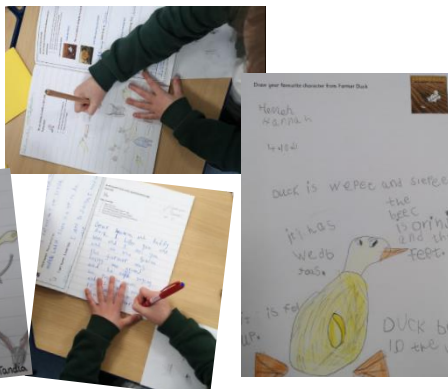
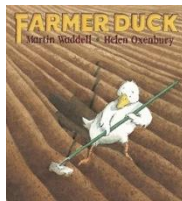
As you know, we are following COVID safety guidelines including keeping doors and windows open and we understand that children may be cold in class. We ask that children put their Oakwood sweatshirts on first and, if they are still cold, that parents supply an additional indoor layer that is in keeping with school colours: bottle green, black or dark grey. Thank you for your understanding.

Have a great weekend!
The Oakwood Team

Learning around Oakwood: Beech

This week in English, Beech Class have been reading the story Farmer Duck by Martin Waddell and Helen Oxenbury. The story is about a lazy farmer who makes a poor duck do all of the work! Beech Class have discussed the themes of kindness and fairness and what this looks like. As part of our PSHE curriculum, we have also talked about how important it is to work as a team and help each other. We have drawn our own story maps showing the correct sequence of events in the story and have written letters about the lazy farmer. We have also been learning about what makes a good sentence and how using adjectives can make our writing even more interesting!

We have really enjoyed reading this book!



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.

Reception

Each Peach Pear Plum
by Janet and Allan Ahlberg



Key Stage 1

The Day the Crayons Quit
Author: Drew Daywalt
Illustrator: Oliver Jeffers



Lower Key Stage 2

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
by Roald Dahl



Upper Key Stage 2

The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas
by John Boyne



Important dates for your diary...

Tuesday 19th October 3:30pm - 6:30pm	Parent consultation evening (online)
Wednesday 20th October	Last day for bringing in Harvest donations
Wednesday 20th October	Years 5 and 6 visit to Lincolnsfield
Thursday 21st October 4pm - 7pm	Parent consultation evening (online)
Friday 22nd October	School photos
Monday 25th October – Friday 29th October	Half term SCHOOL CLOSED
CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL ON MONDAY 1ST NOVEMBER	

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Our trip to Lee Valley Water park – written by the children of Year 6

On Friday 24th September Year Six had a fantastic experience! We went to this water park and had fun kayaking and on a 'total wipeout course'!

First, we changed into wetsuits, and then prepared for our adventures. My group did kayaking first. Most of us were given a single kayak, then wearing a life jacket and a helmet we carried it into the water. We were taught some basics: how to paddle, what to do if you fall in and how to steer. Then we set off to the poles through which we had to weave, unfortunately there were no rapids to negotiate. When we had become really quite good at this, our instructor had us playing a water version of 'stuck in the mud' – to release someone you had to tap their kayak with your paddle three times. Finally, we finished our session with some 'challenges' which included sitting at one end of the boat without falling in, standing up in the boat and many more.

All too soon, we had finished this activity but the day was by no means over. Onto the 'total wipeout course' a series of inflatables in the water. This tested your balance and your sense of adventure. Again we were set challenges – one favourite was negotiating the obstacles without letting go of your partner! We loved jumping off the inflatables, sliding down the slides and jumping to another inflatable.

We had great fun and this day out is to be recommended to people who like a challenge, learning new skills and having fun.



Celebration Assembly

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



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



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

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

Ash – Olivia and Alex
 Beech – Hannah and Thisan
 Cherry – Mondira and Lars
 Lime – Amaan
 Maple – Isaac and Adriana
 Poplar – Bertie, Isabel and Harry
 Rowan – Luka and Jago
 Sycamore – Alexis and Olivia
 Willow – Tristan and Thanisk



Learning around Oakwood: Acorns 2

In Acorns 2 we have been learning about how we can look after our bodies and minds. We shared our ideas and agreed we need to exercise to keep fit, think about the foods we eat, relax to help our minds, and remember to drink lots of water, clean our teeth and sleep. We did an experiment to see why we need to wash our hands. We put dirty hands onto pieces of bread and left them for a week. We were amazed at how much mould grew!

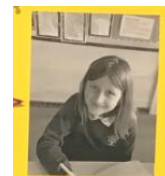


Work of the week!

Every week an exemplary piece of work is chosen to be 'Work of the Week' and is displayed in the school dining hall. When restriction have eased, we would encourage you to come and have a look.

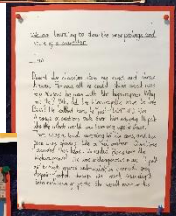
Daisy in Sycamore Class

As part of their topic on World War II, Sycamore class have been exploring 'Dazzle Ships'. These were ships painted with camouflage designed to confuse submarines so that they did not get sunk by torpedoes. Sycamore class looked carefully at the art of Edward Wadsworth, who worked with the British Navy helping them to protect their ships from enemy attack. The class then created their own 'dazzle ship' art.



Lily in Rowan Class

Rowan class have been reading 'The Highway Man', a poem by Alfred Noyes. The poem tells the story of the landlord of the inn; Bess, the daughter of the landlord of the inn; and Tim, the ostler who looked after horses. It is set over 200 years ago. The class have been learning how to show the inner feelings of a character in their writing.



Well done Daisy and Lily!

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!

