

Oakwood Primary School

Newsletter



Friday 24th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another wonderful two weeks of learning here at Oakwood. Ms Buckley and Mrs Thompson went on a learning walk of the school last Friday and were thoroughly impressed at the level of focused learning in each classroom. The pupils are clearly already following our Golden Rule of working hard! Well done Oakwood pupils!

We like to take this opportunity to remind you of some important school uniform policy: long hair (below shoulder level) should be tied back throughout the school day. This is for both PE and non-PE days and includes break and lunchtimes. School shoes should be sturdy and suitable for doing the daily run. Earrings must be studs only – no hoops or dangly earrings. Please take earrings out on PE days. If earrings do need to be worn they must be taped over on PE days. Bracelets and wristbands should not be worn. Please ensure all clothing and personal items are named!

Thank you for supporting us in following this policy to ensure the health, well-being and safety of all our pupils.

Have a great weekend!

The Oakwood Team

Learning around Oakwood: Acorns 1

On Friday 17th September Acorns 1 had their first PE lesson in the hall. We discussed the importance of listening and following instructions. After we had explored and looked around the hall, we then played some parachute games! The children listened and followed the instructions really well and we had so much fun. The children were surprised at how hard it was to lift the parachute up and down continuously! We can't wait for our next PE lesson!



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 over the summer holiday to select from a fantastic range of books.

Reception

Supertato

by Sue Hendra and Paul Linnet



Key Stage 1

A Bear Called Paddington

by Michael Bond



Lower Key Stage 2

The Bee is not Afraid of Me

Edited by Fran Long and Isabel Galleymore



Upper Key Stage 2

I Ate Sunshine for Breakfast

by Michael Holland



Important dates for your diary...

Friday 1 st October, 9:00am	PTA Year 1 Coffee Morning
Tuesday 5 th October	Whole School Nasal Flu immunisations
Thursday 7 th October	Year 6 visit to fire station
Wednesday 20 th October	Years 5 and 6 visit to Lincolnsfield
Friday 22 nd October	School photos – individual & siblings

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Learning around Oakwood: Cherry

This week in Art **Cherry Class** have been learning about the Austrian artist and architect

Friedensreich Hundertwasser.

Hundertwasser's style of painting was very unique. He preferred using lots of bold colours, uneven lines and often made his own paints. Hundertwasser was very much influenced by nature: he believed that humans should live in harmony with nature and incorporated grass, trees and plants into many of his designs. He noticed that there were no straight lines in nature: this is reflected in his Hundertwasser houses'



Cherry Class looked closely at some of Hundertwasser's painting and designs. The children then explored line, colour and shape to create their own 'Hundertwasser' houses.



We sketched out our designs in pencil and then used poster paint to add colour. We used a black felt tip to separate the colours, shapes and forms. We are very proud of our finished products!

Celebration Assembly

Every week, a celebration assembly is held to mark children's successes, efforts and achievement individually and as a class. During these uncertain times, classes have been celebrating their successes within their own classrooms.

Over the last week, the following prizes were awarded to...



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



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

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

- Ash – William J.
- Beech – Cameron
- Cherry – Sophia
- Lime – Felicity
- Maple – Sophia
- Rowan – Rosie
- Sycamore – Harry T.
- Willow – William G.



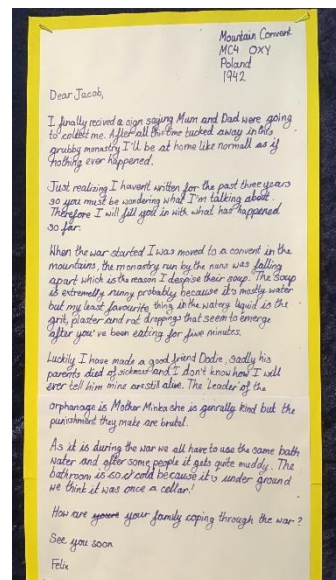
Poplar – Watch this space: two Golden Pencils will be given next time!

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.

Olivia in Willow Class

Willow Class have been reading the book *Once* by Morris Gleitzman to link in with their topic on the Second World War. Using the text to gain information, the class wrote letters to a friend. Everything in the letter must have been retrieved from the first chapter. The class also analysed the text looking at the different sentence lengths used and the emotions shown. Plotting them on a graph showed how effective different sentence lengths can be. **Well done Olivia!**



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!

