

Oak Hill Church of England Primary School



Newsletter Friday 10th September 2021

School Visit

It was lovely to welcome Teresa Cross and Sandra Parker from Gloucestershire School Improvement Team in to school on Thursday. They toured both bases and looked at the work we have carried out with our new curriculum. They were very impressed with the manners and behaviour of the children. Well done everyone.

October Half Term Free School Meals

For the October half-term, Gloucestershire County Council is providing vouchers to parents who have signed up to their Holiday Free School Meals (FSM) scheme. These vouchers are provided by Gloucestershire County Council as part of its commitment to 'no child goes hungry'. The vouchers are funded through COVID-19 grant funding they have received and is separate to that of the term time free school meals.

Parents who have signed up to the scheme will receive a voucher for £15 for each child who is eligible for FSM which will cover the half-term week.

Parents who have signed up previously do not need to re-register, they have already been included, but, to ensure we get all who are eligible, we are encouraging new parents to sign up as soon as they can.

Applications for Holiday Free School Meal Vouchers for October Half Term is open from Monday 13 September until midday Friday 24 September. Vouchers will be sent out between Monday 27 of September and 30 of

September. Vouchers are being sent out this early due to Covid grant stipulations.

For more information and to sign up if you haven't already please visit our website: the [Holiday School Meal vouchers page](#) on our website. For any queries please contact: childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk

The Thrive Approach

We have started to organise and set up our new THRIVE hub. There are a few bits and pieces that we would love to have to make the room a welcoming and special environment for the children to work in. If anyone has any of the follow which they would like to donate we would gratefully appreciate it, ideally in pastel and neutral colours:

Small storage boxes

Wicker baskets and containers

Cushions

Rug (ideally low pile)

Blankets or throws

Photo frames

Small indoor plants

Finally, we would really love a small two seater sofa!

Work has started on repainting the room!!



Covid

Thank you to everyone for continuing to respect the changes school has made and continuing to be aware of the threat of Covid. We have updated our risk assessments and the Covid Management Plan, copies of which can be found on the school website.

Applications for Secondary School

The deadline for applications to secondary schools is 31 October 2021. All information can be found here:

www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Winchcombe Visitor.

On Monday 20th September at 5:30pm we welcome Mr Templeton, one of the deputy headteachers from Winchcombe, to talk to our current Year 5 and 6 parents. This is an opportunity to ask questions and find out more information about the school.

School Residential

The Year 5/6 school residential is due to take place the first week back after half term, 1st-5th November. This does present a staffing challenge for a small school, especially for one that has two sites. The plan is that, for that week, the whole school will be based at the Alderton base. I will confirm this shortly with

you all. I know that this approach has taken place in previous years.

Kings Gloucester Open Day

KING'S GLOUCESTER

King's offers academic excellence, outstanding pastoral care and a unique programme of co-curricular opportunities to over 680 pupils, aged 3 to 18.

We warmly invite you to our next
Open Morning
Saturday 2nd October
to discover more about our Senior School, meet pupils and teachers and experience our inspiring environment for yourself.

If you would like to attend please email admissions@thekingschool.co.uk or register via our website: www.thekingschool.co.uk

#DiscoveringKingsTalent

GLA 2020 WINNER
Independent School of the year

School Permissions

We are only sending photo permission forms to the new children in school this year. We will presume that all current children are staying with the same permissions. If you wish to alter your permissions, or can't remember what permissions you have given, then please contact the office.

Half Termly Christian Value

FRIENDSHIP AND RESPECT

Friend- a person you know well and like
Respect- admiration for a person's or thing's good qualities; politeness or consideration
(Oxford School Dictionary)

So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you
Matthew 7:12

Respect is one of the greatest expressions of love.

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me"
PHILIPPIANS 4:13

Church Service in Alderton

Our Services this week are:

9.00am Washbourne HC
10.30am Dumbleton HC - Harvest Service

Sir Thomas Rich's School Open Days: 23 and 24 September 2021

Sir Thomas Rich's School in Longlevens, Gloucester, is running face-to-face open days on 23 and 24 September for boys considering joining Sir Thomas Rich's in Year 7.

The open days are primarily aimed at current Year 5 and 6 boys and their parents or carers, however boys from any year group are very welcome to attend.

The booking form is live from Thursday 9 September on the home page of the school website: www.strschool.co.uk.

Sessions take place at 9am, 10am and 11.30am each day, with a welcome talk from the Headmaster in the school hall and the opportunity ask questions, meet current students and to tour the school and see lessons in action.

When all sessions are fully booked there will be an option to join the waiting list, as we may be able to offer additional sessions subject to demand. There will also be an opportunity for Year 6 boys to visit the school after the Gloucestershire Grammar Schools Admissions Test results have been released in October (dates tbc).

We very much look forward to meeting some of the pupils from your school at our open days.

Maple Class

What a wonderful week we have had in Reception. It was the children's first week of full days and they have been brilliant. We have started to learn letter sounds in phonics and the children have been fantastic at holding their pencils with a good grip to form the letters.

The children have been practising recognising numbers in maths as well as taking part in lots of different activities to show me what they already know. In our topic 'Me and My Community', we have been painting self-portraits, dressing up and taking photos of ourselves. It has been great fun dressing up as princesses, astronauts and story characters! We have also been learning about how each family is unique and special.





Willow Class

This week in Willow Class we have focused on two stories during our English lesson, 'The Suitcase' and 'Rabbityness'. We started the week writing character profiles based on our favourite character from The Suitcase. We then read half of Rabbityness and came up with our own ideas of what might happen at the end of the story. We had lots of interesting story endings and I am keeping the children in suspense until next week to find out what actually happens!

In Maths, Year 1 have been busy counting and learning to write numbers as a word as well as a number. Year 2 have been recapping tens and ones and comparing numbers within 100.

This week we have also moved onto the 'Engage' stage of our Childhood topic and have been looking at photos of ourselves in the past. We created our own timelines and sequenced our photos in chronological order. In our Geography mini topic this term, we are looking at 'Our Wonderful World' and started this off by exploring Google Maps and finding where we live. We have also started our Art topic called 'Mix It' and have been learning all about Primary and Secondary colours which has been very messy!



Hawthorn Class

We have had another fabulous week in Hawthorn Class. In English we have been studying a book by Michael Morpurgo called Dolphin Boy. The children have analysed the text focusing on making notes and summarising. Next week, we will be looking at different grammatical features from another book by Michael Morpurgo called The Sandman and the Turtles.

We had a really fun Science lesson this week where children learnt about the scientific

names of our bones. The children sang and danced along to the 'bones' song and we finished the lesson by putting together our own skeletons in groups.

In Art, the children looked at different water colours and how different colours can be used to complement each other. I was really impressed with the two different paintings we created. We definitely have some future artists in Year 3 and 4!

In PE, the children have been developing their basketball skills and learn how to do three different passes, dribbling and practiced their shooting. In Music we have started learning the song 'Mamma Mia'. The children really enjoyed dancing and singing along and we hope to use some instruments next lesson.



Juniper Class

We started our week with our memorable experience. The children took on the roles of actors, props makers and producers and performed The Yellow Emperor and the Shang Dynasty. It was a fantastic day, with some fantastic acting and a confident performance.

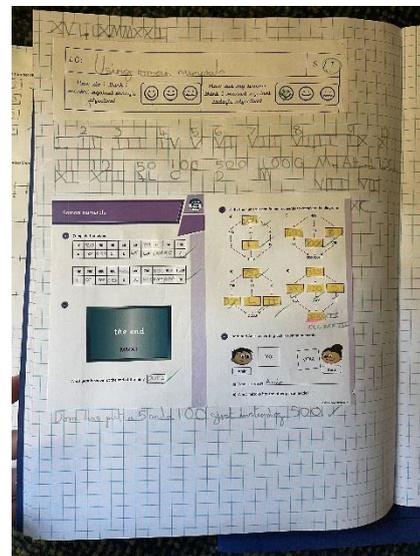
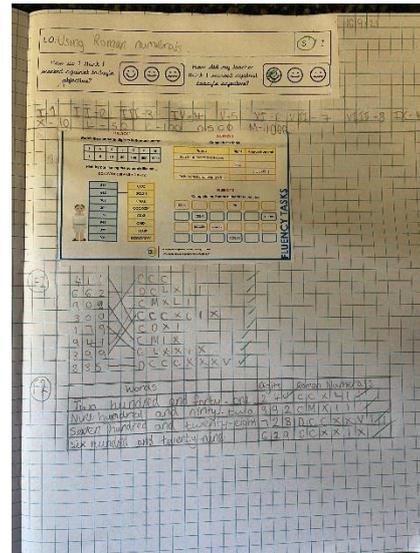
In English, the children have continued to explore the anthology 'Poems From Green and Blue Planet' comparing poems from different sections of the book. Then later in the week they developed their understanding of how punctuation is used in poems. Next week will be our final week on poetry, the children will be writing poems of their own inspired by those in the anthology.

In Maths, the children have been comparing, rounding and ordering numbers up to 1,000,000. They have worked with negative numbers and roman numerals. The children are really focusing on their mathematical reasoning and proving to others why their answer is correct. Although the Dinosaur bones problem on Wednesday was a particularly challenging task!

In R.E, we had the pleasure of writing a new prayer to be used in worship. The children

used the concept of our existing prayer and edited and added to it. The final prayer will be introduced to the school next week. In Netball, they have built on last week's netball skills, throwing and catching accurately in a defending and attacking game. Gymnastics this week was building on travelling and body position both on and off different equipment.

Computing this week was all about computer systems and sharing information and, in Science, we completed an investigation about the sun. The highlight of the week however has to be Music. Livin' on a Prayer accompanied by Finn on the saxophone and Elliott, Freddie, and Cameron on the guitar. We will be adding more instruments as the term goes.



School Council

We voted for our school council representatives in each year group this week. The children who wanted to put themselves forward made speeches on why they should be chosen, then each year group voted anonymously for who they wanted to represent them. The older children wrote some fantastic pieces of persuasive writing for this task. The representatives were announced in today's worship and they look forward to their first meeting next week.

The representatives are:
R- Megan

Y1- Guy
Y2- Will
Y3- Ellie T
Y4 Louie
Y5 Alana
Y6 Finn

Stars of the Week

Maple Class:

Star of the week: Teddy, for working really hard in phonics

Value of the week: Lyla, for being helpful to others and a kind friend

Willow Class:

Star of the Week - Edward, for using paragraphs in your writing this week!

Value of the Week - Guy, for showing perseverance towards your writing and trying hard to have a go on your own

Hawthorn Class:

Value of the Week: - Perseverance – Paige, for working hard to improve her handwriting and presentation.

Star of the Week - Ellie T, for always working consistently hard and creating a great book review

Juniper Class:

Value of the Week: Alana, being a great friend helping explain how to answer a question so her friend could answer the question.

Star of the Week – Max, amazing commitment to singing during Music

Diary Dates

Please be aware that these may be subject to change.

September

20th Year 5/6 meeting with Winchcombe teachers (parents) 5:30pm

KS2 clubs start

23rd Flu Immunisations

28th I Sing Pop

29th I Sing Pop

30th I Sing Pop

October

8th I Sing Pop Performances

19th Parents Evening

20th Parents Evening

22nd Break Up

November

1st Back to School

Yr5/6 Residential Departs

5th Yr5/6 Residential returns