

# Oak Hill Church of England Primary School



Newsletter Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021

## Mrs Slater

We were sorry to say farewell to Mrs Slater this week who has moved onto pastures new. Thank you for everything that you have done to support the children in this school and we wish you every success for the future.

## I Sing Pop

It has been lovely this week to be serenaded in my office every morning by the sound of children singing. The i Sing Pop project led by Carys has been getting the children singing and dancing and practicing for our concerts next week.

Please note that on Friday 8 October, children will be having their lunch earlier than usual. Please would you either provide a packed lunch or ask your child to order a packed lunch at school on Tuesday 5 October.



## The Thrive Approach

Miss Attwood and Mrs Edwards have started their training and have already identified the initial children that will be part of the project. It has been lovely to see the room coming together to provide that safe space for the children.



### **School Residential**

The Year 5 and 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.

### **Parent's Evening**

Our current plans are that Parent's Evenings will take place in person in October. All teachers will be based at the Alderton site and all meetings will take place there. Dates for these are the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> October. Further details next week.

### **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.

### **Pupil Progress Meetings**

This week, I have met with every teacher to discuss the children in their class. We sit and discuss every child talking about their strengths and areas for development and we set targets for the teachers as well as look at ways of providing further support to those children who need a bit extra. It was lovely to hear the teacher's knowledge and insight into the children in their care.

### **FOOHS Fireworks**

Please come along and support the school on 5th November at Dumbleton Cricket Club. Lovely family friendly fireworks! FOOHS will be selling cakes and toffee apples to raise money for school.

### **Morrisons It's Good to Grow!**

We have joined Morrisons It's Good to Grow to help raise money for gardening equipment. For every £10 spent, you will receive a grow token. We would really appreciate any tokens!

### **Cooking Club**

Cooking Club has proved to be a success already this term and there are some delicious smells wafting out of the hall on a Thursday afternoon.



## Kings Gloucester Open Day

**KING'S**  
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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](mailto:admissions@thekingschool.co.uk) or register via our website: [www.thekingschool.co.uk](http://www.thekingschool.co.uk)

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## 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 being led by Revd Michael Hand and are:

9.00am            **Great Washbourne**

10.30am         **Dumbleton**

## Maple Class

Maple Class have had a very busy week and have been working hard on our speaking and listening rules, as well as taking turns and sharing. We had to work in groups to retell a story using puppets after listening to the story 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffries. The children answered lots of questions about the text very well, showing a super understanding. We performed our puppet shows to each other and thought about how the main characters were feeling. In Maths this week, we have started to explore matching. We have matched lots of different items in the classroom based on their different characteristics, including shape, colour and size. We even paired up with each other based on shared characteristics, which was a lot of fun! We have been continuing to practice reading writing and spelling our names in lots of ways, even using sparkly Play-Doh to make the letters. We had a really wonderful afternoon using the new parachute, where we again had to work together as part of a team and practice our turn taking and sharing skills.



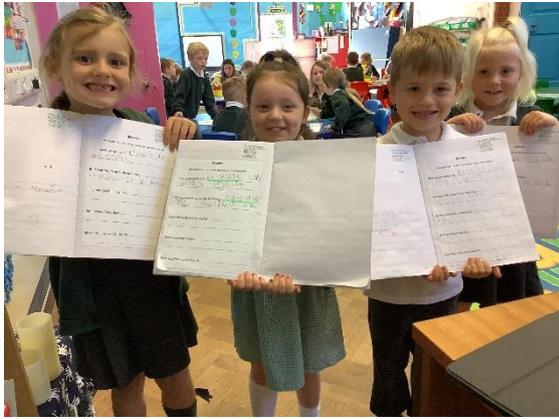
## Willow Class

This week we have had such a fun week with our afternoons being full of singing! We have loved learning the iSing Pop songs and can't wait to share them with you all next week. All of the children have shown so much enthusiasm and have picked up the songs so quickly!

We have also been busy with our Maths and English lessons this week. In English, we have been learning to use conjunctions to join our sentences together. Year 1 have written some amazing sentences using 'and' and 'because' and Year 2 have been using a wide range of conjunctions such as 'that', 'if', 'when' and 'or' which is going to make our writing much more interesting!

In Maths we have been learning about the symbols  $<$   $>$  and  $=$  and using the vocabulary greater than, less than and equal to. We have

been comparing numbers using the symbols. Year 2 have also been representing numbers in a variety of ways including tens and ones, bead strings and place value charts.



As part of our 'Through the Ages' topic we learnt all about Skara Brae and where it is located. The children used the iPads to research more about the popular attraction and children learnt how it dated right back to the Stone Age! In Geography, children compared physical and human features by completing a sorting activity in groups. The children had great discussions into whether certain features could be split into both categories.

On Thursday, we had our first visit of the year from Reverend Hand. The children were very excited to take part in his interactive story and they all really enjoyed the prayer at the end of the worship.



### **Hawthorn Class**

We have had another brilliant week in Year 3 and 4. This week we have had the privilege of learning seven brand new songs for our i Sing Pop concert which takes place next Friday at Dumbleton church! The children have been working hard on their songs and actions and can't wait to show everyone what they have learnt.

In Science, we have been learning about how our muscles work and why they are an important part of the body. The children carried out an experiment to investigate whether people who do sport have stronger muscles. They were instructed to do as many star jumps as possible in a minute and this was then compared to the amount of exercise they do a week. Their efforts will be converted into a graph next week.



In Maths, we have started a unit on multiplication and division. The children will be focusing on applying their multiplication knowledge and develop their understanding of mathematical vocabulary. Multiples, factors, consecutive ascending have all been used this week.

In Science this week, the children finished their scale models of the solar system and started their stop motion animations of the planets orbiting the sun. In PE, the children focused on footwork in netball.

We spoke about the importance of reading a map in Geography and the children are now able to identify and understand contour line. Hopefully soon the children will have the opportunity to apply these new skills in a real life context.

In English this week the children continued reading and exploring the characters in *The Girl Who Stole an Elephant*. We have investigated their understanding of a character's motivation and if it's right or wrong to steal. Then in Art the children created a range of landscape sketches ready to create their final big piece of art.



### **Juniper Class**

This week we have had a very musical week. The children have spent three days learning and rehearsing the songs ready for the school i Sing Pop concert next Friday. The children were fantastic and really focused. The concerts are going to be really special. Then in Music this week, the children continued to learn 'Livin' on a Prayer'. We added recorders to the guitars, saxophone and piano. For the first lesson on the recorder it was fairly tuneful!



Value of the Week: Megan - for always being kind to others and showing respect.

**Willow Class:**

Star of the Week - Mark, for using conjunctions in your writing.

Value of the Week - Ava, for showing friendship to the reception children at play time.

**Hawthorn Class:**

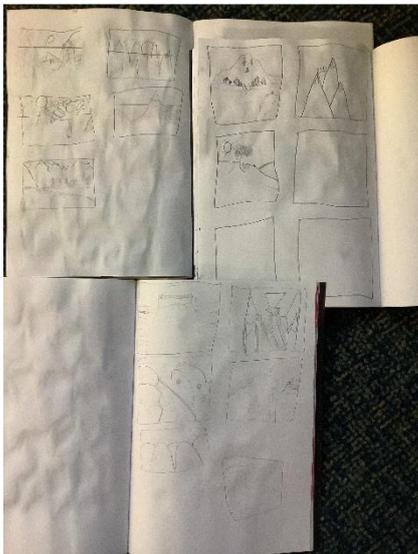
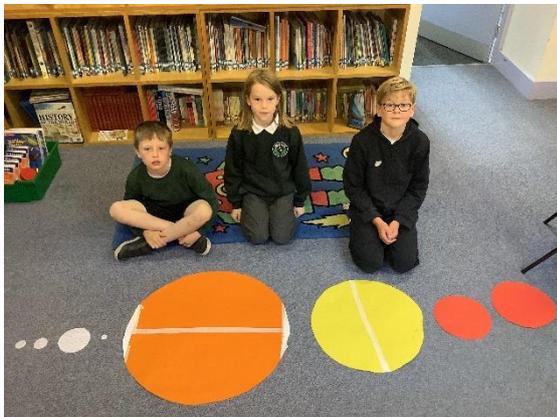
Value of the Week - Perseverance - Ellie B - for always putting 110% effort into everything she does. She is becoming quite the mathematician!

Star of the Week - Louie – for his hard work and effort in trying to perfect the Cryuff turn in football.

**Juniper Class:**

Value of the Week: Lily- enthusiastic learning this week especially in Italian club.

Star of the Week - Lola- wonderfully creative art work.



**Diary Dates**

Please be aware that these may be subject to change.

**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

**Stars of the Week**

**Maple Class:**

Star of the Week: Tallulah - for brilliant work on matching and sorting in Maths.

## **Term Dates**

### **Holiday**

**Monday 25 October – Friday 29 October**

Term 2

Monday 1 November – Friday 17 December

Christmas Holiday

Monday 20 December – Monday 3 January

## **Spring Terms 2022**

[Tuesday 4 January \(INSET – Staff only\)](#)

Term 3

Wednesday 5 January – Friday 18 February

### **Holiday**

**Monday 21 February – Friday 25 February**

Term 4

Monday 28 February – Thursday 7 April

[Friday 8 April \(INSET – Staff only\)](#)

Easter Holidays

Monday 11 April – Friday 22 April

## **Summer Terms 2022**

Term 5

Monday 25 April – Friday 27 May

### **Bank Holiday**

**Monday 2 May SCHOOL CLOSED**

### **Holiday**

**Monday 30 May – Friday 3 June**

Term 6

Monday 6 June – Thursday 21 July

[Friday 22 July \(INSET – Staff only\)](#)

### **Summer Holidays**

**Monday 25 July – Wednesday 31 August**