

Oak Hill Church of England Primary School



Newsletter Friday 8th October 2021

iSing Pop Concerts

We are really looking forward to sharing the iSingPop concerts with you later. Full story in our newsletter next week.

Parents Evenings

As we have previously stated in the newsletter, Parents Evenings will take place on 19th and 20th October 15:40 till 18:00. They will take place at our Alderton base for all classes.

Miss Tarling will be based in the Thrive room and we will ask parents to wait in the Reception area and hall.

Miss Gunter will be based in the end classroom with a waiting area in the corridor outside the room.

Miss Garrett will be in her classroom upstairs with the computer room as a waiting area.

Miss Attwood will be in the library with her classroom as a waiting area.

We will again be using a google form to take the bookings and we ask that you leave at least ten minutes between bookings if you have to visit more than one teacher. The booking form will go live on Monday morning.

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival will take place next Friday at 2pm at Dumbleton Church. We look forward to welcoming you to the service. A letter about arrangements has gone out today.

Clubs:

There will be no Netball club on Tuesday 12th October as the staff are taking part in a cluster moderation of writing over at Woodmancote Primary School.

NO clubs in the final week of the term due to Parent's Evening.

Black History Month

We started our celebration of Black History Month this week. KS2 worked together in house groups to research 4 incredibly brilliant women who helped to shape NASA. Then each house researched more information about one of the women, writing a script then recording their own informative podcast. We were blown away by how the house captains and vice-captains lead their houses, supporting them to achieve a team goal!

KS1 started their work by learning about Marcus Rashford. The children also recorded some facts in a podcast style.

It was fantastic to see all the children so engaged and focused on their tasks; we will share more of our work in next week's newsletter.

Children's Christmas Cards

Please order your children's lovely Christmas cards and return the forms to school by Monday 11th October!

Thank you for supporting our lovely school.
Sonia Stott (FOOHS)



Cross Country

Yesterday, four children from KS2 represented Oak Hill at the cross country race which took place in Tewksbury. I was very impressed with their resilience and the amount of determination they all gave to complete the race. All of the children ran 1.2km and Corin came first out of 152 children! They all made Oak Hill proud and are all excited to run again next week.





The Thrive Approach

The training for Miss Attwood and Mrs Edwards continues at apace. They train every Wednesday morning and then have GAP tasks to complete in the week between sessions. They are starting to work with individual children and are also conducting whole class mindfulness activities with Hawthorn and Juniper Classes. We will also be undertaking whole staff training on our INSET day on 4th January.

Sports' Leaders

Miss Garrett had the very difficult task of choosing the Sports Leaders for the school this week. She stated that “the following children really impressed me with their speeches about how they would bring more sport to school:

Bryony, Corin and Cameron

I cannot wait to work with these children to develop sport as a whole school. “

School Residential

The Year 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.

Digital Parenting Week

Next week is Digital Parenting Week and Parent Zone are inviting parents to conduct a digital well-being challenge to share with members of your family the best online practices

Day #1: The Positivity Playlist. What music makes you feel good and boosts your mood? Create a playlist of everyone’s favourite happy tunes – and play them when you need a boost.

Day #2: Share & Like. Make time to discover what each member of the group/family/household likes doing online. Spend some time exploring each person’s favourite online platform – whether it’s a game, someone’s favourite streamers, or something else.

Day #3: Breathe & Relax. Find some online activities that support relaxation and focus – such as guided breathing exercises or yoga classes. Could you make this part of your family’s daily routine? Younger children might enjoy calming videos from Ollee.

Day #4: Digital Charades. Write down your favourite apps and games on pieces of paper and each person chooses one for the family to guess. You can then talk about why you like these platforms.

Day #5: Squad Sweat-off. Look up a free online workout (it can be Joe Wicks – or something even more challenging) and get those endorphins going round your bodies. Maybe each family/group member could pick a new workout each week – and keep each other motivated to keep it up?

Day #6: Our Wellbeing Plan. Agree some household/group expectations for digital wellbeing. This could be where you use your devices, and places off-limits. It could be to agree where you charge them. And it could be things you will change to make sure your digital wellbeing is better supported.

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)



A FRIEND IS ONE OF THE NICEST THINGS YOU CAN HAVE
& ONE OF THE BEST THINGS YOU CAN BE

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 **Wormington – HC BCP**

10.30am **Alderton HC CW**

Maple Class

Maple Class have embraced Autumn and harvest this week. In English, we have been learning the story 'The Enormous Turnip' where we have practised acting the story out and sequencing the main events. We have been practising lots of blending for reading and segmenting for spelling by reading and writing some CVC words. In Maths, we have moved onto comparing amounts and sizes using lots of real life examples and manipulatives to help us. We have started to learn about what harvest is and how it is celebrated by Christians. This inspired us to make a farm shop in our role play corner, where we have been very busy selling lots of fruit and vegetables using real life money! We continued our work in our mini-project

'Exploring Autumn' by going on a leaf hunt to compare colours and features using the magnifying glasses to help us.

In our work for Black History Month we learnt all about Marcus Rashford and the children worked with Year 1 and 2 on the iPads to record a podcast about him. They loved this and did a fantastic job!





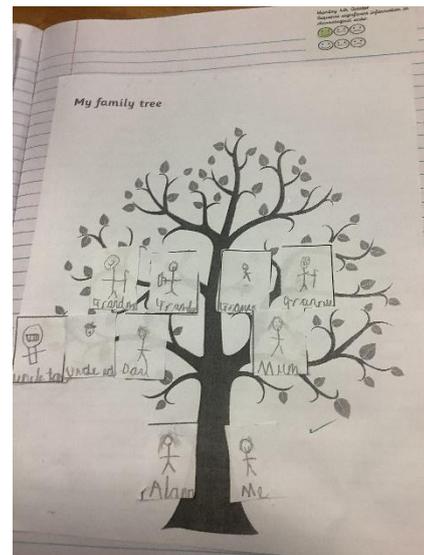
During our History lessons this week, we have been looking into family trees and having a go at creating our own. In Geography, we have been learning about direction. We learnt that it is important to know which way is left and right as this helped us with directing our partner around the school. We then used this in our PE lesson and had a game of North, East, South, West after using the compasses to find out which way North is on our playground.



Willow Class

We had a very exciting start to the week because a paper aeroplane appeared in our classroom with a letter inside!! We have been reading the story book 'The Visitor' and one of the characters 'Emil' had written to us to ask if he could come and visit our classroom. Of course we had to write straight back and make our own paper aeroplanes to attach our letter to. We flew them back out of the window in the hope that Emil would get them. We then started our own stories about starting school! We made up our own characters and decided on their personality and how they would be feeling about starting at a new school. Look out for our finished stories next week!

In Maths, Year 2 have been recapping their 2, 5 and 10 times tables and also learning their 3 times table! Year 1 have been ordering objects and numbers. They have also been learning about ordinal numbers! We lined everyone up and tried to work out who was 1st, 2nd, 3rd etc.





In English, we have been creating our own stories with inspiration from the text we have recently read called *Dolphin Boy* by Michael Morpurgo with a focus on using direct speech, fronted adverbials and expanded noun phrases to make their stories really engaging for a specific audience. The children have some fantastic ideas and will be turning these into books to share with the Reception children. I can't wait for them to share their creative stories!

Hawthorn Class

We have had a great week in Hawthorn Class. We have been practising lots as a key stage and the children (and adults) are really looking forward to the concerts on Friday.

In Science, we recapped food chains and sorted animals into carnivores, omnivores and herbivores and there were great discussions about what other human diets could be interpreted into food chains. We also looked at sugar and how an excess amount can affect the human body. The children were shocked to learn how much sugar is in a glass of orange juice. Next week the children will be giving advice to a set of clients on how they can improve their diets.

In History, the children have been learning about Stonehenge and how it developed during the different periods of the Stone Age. The children completed a research style reading comprehension where they focused on Stone Age monuments across the United Kingdom.

In RE, we learnt about temptation and discussed what we may be tempted by in our lifetime. The children listened to the story of Adam and Eve and answered questions based on temptation. There was lots of interesting class discussion and the children were actively able to answer questions about temptation.



Juniper Class

We have had a fantastic week in Juniper Class this week. The children have been working hard rehearsing with Year 3 and 4 to make sure our performance in the church will be the best it can be!

In English, the children used an extract of our book 'The Girl who Stole an Elephant' and turned it into a play script before performing their scenes to the rest of the class. The children were expressive and paid attention to the stage directions. Over the rest of the lessons, we have focused on grammatical aspects of writing to help the children when they write a narrative of their own.

In Maths, we have been working on factors, multiples, prime numbers, square numbers and cube numbers! It has been a very busy Math week but the children showed fantastic resilience and perseverance when completing the problem solving tasks. We all learned what coprime numbers were!

In History, the children used information about artefacts and the iPads to research the importance of bronze and what it tells us about the Shang Dynasty. There was lots of fact sharing and interesting conversations about bronze.

In Art, the children painted beautiful landscapes using tints, tones and shades to add depth to their paintings. The work the children have produced is fantastic.

In PE, we focused on gymnastics this week. The children used all the apparatus to travel, balance and jump on and off. They have really progressed in their understanding of how to use their bodies for gymnastics.



House Points

Weekly Totals

Diamond – 159

Emerald – 139

Ruby – 104

Sapphire - 117

Stars of the Week

Maple Class:

Star of the Week: Lyla - for brilliant work in maths

Value of the Week: Rory - for always being polite and a great friend to everyone

Willow Class:

Star of the Week – Lila - for writing a lovely story and punctuating your sentences correctly with capital letters and full stops.

Value of the Week – AJ - for persevering to sound out your words by yourself in your writing.

Hawthorn Class:

Value of the Week: - Perseverance - Lottie - for always pushing herself to complete challenging Maths problems.

Star of the Week - Harry B - for his fantastic effort with learning the iSingPop songs and dances.

Juniper Class:

Value of the Week: Cameron- Supporting his house and being a respectful leader during our Black History Month activity.

Star of the Week - Harris- Showing a fantastic understanding of language using justification from the text in his answer.

Diary Dates

Please be aware that these may be subject to change.

October

8th I Sing Pop Performances

15th Harvest Festival @ Dumbleton church

19th Parents Evening

20th Parents Evening

22nd Break Up

November

1st Back to School

Yr5/6 Residential Departs

5th Yr5/6 Residential returns

11th Remembrance Day