

Oak Hill Church of England Primary School



Newsletter Friday 28th January 2022

Apology

We are sorry that we were unable to produce our newsletter last week. Staff absence and moving everyone to the Alderton base meant that we were all focused on teaching at the end of last week. Please accept our apologies and we hope that it is a one off.

Covid

As you are aware, we have had several cases across the school. In response to this, we have informed the DFE and GCC of our small outbreak, as required, and we have ensured that additional cleaning is taking place and reiterated the importance of ventilation and hand washing to all children. In light of this and the increased risk at present, staff have decided to continue to wear masks in school at this point. The last thing that we want is more staff absence that would mean classes closed and switched to remote learning. Thank you to everyone who is LFD testing their children and themselves. Can we please remind that the NHS recommendation is that if the individual has potential symptoms then a PCR is the only appropriate test.

Covid Update

From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For

example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be [reported to NHS Test and Trace](#).

If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

Further [information on self-isolation for those with COVID-19](#) is available.

Morning Registration

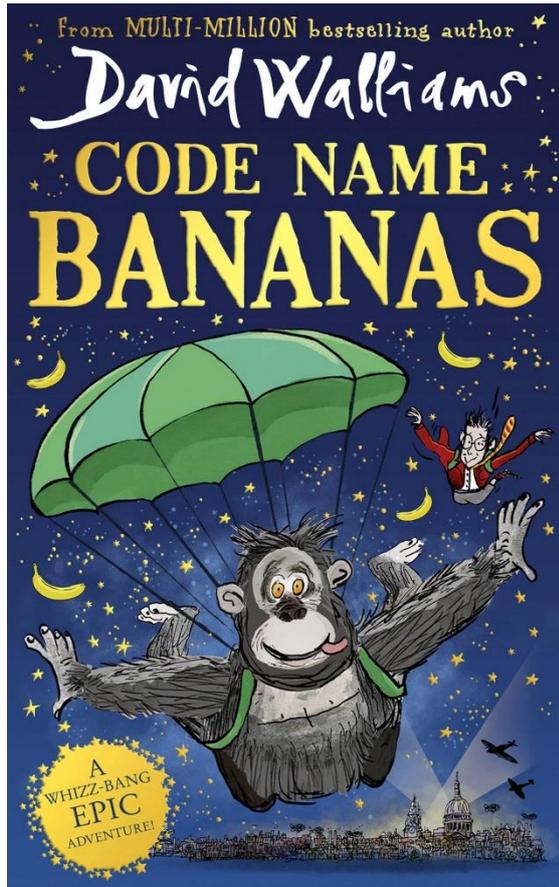
Please can we remind all parents that school starts at 8:50am. We are seeing an increase in children arriving late to school. This does have an adverse effect on their ability to settle quickly and on their learning.

Love of Reading: Book Review

Code Name Bananas – David Walliams

Review by Lottie (Year 4)

The main characters are Eric, Sid (his Uncle) and Gertrude (a gorilla). The story is about a boy who saves a gorilla who has been set loose from the zoo. It is very adventurous and exciting and definitely appeals to children who are 7+ and who like adventures.



Buildings Work

We are almost there with the building work. As you can see, the new fascia is in place and the wall and the wood has been repaired. We are just waiting for the entrance door to be painted to match the other exterior doors. Thanks to Gary and his team.



Our Christian Values

HUMILITY
Humility - humble attitude of mind
(Oxford School Dictionary)



Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love
Ephesians 4:2

"Humility is not thinking less of yourself, it is thinking of yourself less."
C.S. Lewis

HUMILITY
謙遜
"BE LIKE THE BAMBOO
THE HIGHER YOU GROW
THE DEEPER YOU BOW"
CHINESE PROVERB

Clubs

Unfortunately, due to lack of numbers, TAG Rugby club will not be going ahead this term.

Church Service in Alderton

Our Services are as follows:

4.00pm Dumbleton - Candlemas HC

Parents

Volunteers Needed To Become a School Admission Appeal Panel Member

Are you interested in education and want to get involved?

Do you have excellent listening skills, have the ability to put people at ease and make balanced decisions?

Would you like to become involved in an important, impartial service provided to parents and schools?

If you have answered yes to any of the above, why not apply to become a Volunteer School Admission Appeal Panel Member?

What's it all about?

Being a Volunteer School Admission Appeal Panel Member can be a rewarding experience for those who wish to contribute to their community and have time to commit during the day.

If a parent is refused a place at their preferred school, they can appeal to an independent School Admission Appeal Panel. This Panel will consider the parent's case, the reasons why the admission authority refused their child a place and will then decide whether to allow or refuse the parent's appeal.

Contact Democratic Services at Gloucestershire County Council for more information/ to request an application form.

democratic.services@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Tel: 01452 324205

Thank You!

We raised £45.02 for the charity CCAA – Kids With Arthritis.

Internet Safety

As part of our support to parents, we will be sharing information on a regular basis about some of the challenges that our children face in the modern internet age.



Maple Class

This week, Maple Class have been focusing on owls as part of our topic 'Starry Night'. We have continued to explore the story 'Owl Babies' in Literacy, using our phonics knowledge to write captions and sentences in response to the story. In the story, the owls wish for their mother to come home, so we have written our own wishes.

In Maths, we have been practising addition and subtraction of numbers and amounts, using these to explore the different compositions of numbers to 5 in lots of practical ways.

We have continued to learn more about nocturnal animals and how they are adapted to the dark, with a focus on owls. The children

were fascinated with this, and found some feathers to make their own wings to pretend to fly silently around the classroom. We learnt about how to use oil pastels to create amazing owl artwork, as shown in the photos. We definitely have a class full of talented artists!

We have also thoroughly enjoyed making sequences in gymnastics, using a range of different types of jumps and balances. We did this in pairs, working together to plan and then perform our sequences to the rest of the class.



Willow Class

This week as part of our topic lessons we went for a lovely walk around Dumbleton looking for human features. We spotted houses, a church, village hall, bus stop and telephone box!

In English, we have been finishing our unit on Beatrix Potter and used the story of The Two Bad Mice which we now know really well, to help us create our own stories. We innovated the story and changed the naughty things the mice got up to, as well as how they said sorry at the end. Before we could write our story, we created a plan to get all of our creative ideas down on paper. We then wrote our stories neatly into our writing journals and will be finishing the endings on Monday.

In Maths, Year 1 have been subtracting and working up to be able to cross 10. They have used number lines, counters and ten frames! Year 2 have begun to learn how to divide. They began the week by sharing into equal groups and then moved onto dividing by 2.

In PE we have been focusing on our catching and throwing whilst also learning how to safely navigate the space around us. We have seen lots of improvement over the last few weeks and a lot less accidents whilst playing games!



Hawthorn Class

This week in Hawthorn we have been using our English and VIPERS lessons to learn more about how volcanoes are formed and about the devastating but fascinating eruption of Mount Vesuvius. We have also been continuing our work on newspapers reports and are working towards writing a report about the famous volcano. We have also looked at how to tell fact from opinion and how to use speech marks in our writing.

In Maths, the children have had to draw on their times tables knowledge to help with some tricky calculations as we multiplied three numbers together.

We had fun using Newton meters in Science to find the force needed to open and lift various things around the classroom, whilst in French we continued to learn how to say the months of the year.

The geologist Mary Anning was the focus of our topic lessons, and after doing some research, the children produced some fun podcasts all about her! If possible, these will be shared on Dojo.





Juniper Class

This week in Juniper we have had a big focus on seasonal and non-seasonal fruits and vegetables as part of our engage and develop stages of D.T. On Tuesday the children prepared, cooked and tasted a range of vegetables including: potatoes, turnip, celeriac, pears, strawberries, sugar snap peas and avocado. The children then went on to investigate which of these were in season in the UK and which were not.

Following on from this the children used the BBCfood website to research soup recipes that only use seasonal ingredients. We will be preparing and making these next week.

In English this week the children finished their persuasive writing first drafts. Next week we will edit these ready to present them. The children have also been focusing on understanding and spelling the Year 5/6 statutory spelling words.

In Maths, we are moving from fractions to decimals looking at numbers up to 4 decimal places. The children have been able to convert numbers from fractions to decimals.

In RE we have been exploring language used to describe a divine being and the children thought about what qualities they would give a new divine being if they created one.

In Computing, the children used Scratch to understand commands and started to build some basic coding.





Stars of the Week

Maple

Star of the week: Lyla, for focusing carefully on colours and techniques when creating your owl art

Value of the week: Rory, for a fantastic attitude to work, demonstrating our value of perseverance

Willow

Star of week: Logan, for showing fantastic skills in PE

Value of week: Penny, for persevering with your handwriting and your pencil grip. Well done!



Hawthorn

Value of the Week: Jack – demonstrating the value of respect in his behaviour

Star of the week: Ellie Ball – great attitude to learning and a permanently sunny disposition!

Juniper

Value of the Week: Abbie, Bryony, Finn and Cameron being kind and compassionate leaders during the whole school day last week.

Star of the Week: Lola- enthusiastically trying all the foods during DT.



House Points

Sapphire – 140

Emerald – 133

Ruby – 126

Diamond – 114

Diary Dates

Please be aware that these may be subject to change.

February

4th Swimming Year 3/4

8th Safer Internet Day

11th Swimming Year 3/4

14th Sport's Week

15th Life Education Bus

18th Swimming Year 3/4

End of Term

28th Term Starts