

Oak Hill Church of England Primary School



Newsletter Friday 29 April 2022

Welcome Back

Welcome back to everyone as we start our Summer term. Let us hope the sun shines and that Covid has retreated. It is going to be a busy term with lots to look forward to.

Project Touchline

It was wonderful to welcome Chris Andrew back into school as part of Project Touchline. Chris will be in every Wednesday this half term coaching rugby and teaching our Christian values with a focus on perseverance. He led Collective Worship with a focus on the biblical story of David and Goliath.



Village Jubilee

Alderton Jubilee Celebrations

Only a few weeks away now, so get ready to join in:

- **Thursday 2nd June 12.30- 2.30pm** in the Village Hall - Children's Art and Craft Workshop led by local celebrated artist, Antonia Black. **Free** to all children registered via the school or living in the parish.

- **Saturday 4th June 12-2pm** in the Village Hall - Display of art from the workshop and from Oakhill's own Jubilee Party. Coffee and cake sold in aid of Alderton Acorns. **Free entry.**
- **Sunday 5th June 12.30pm** – Children's Pageant from the school to the playing field – fancy dress (optional), crowns and flags (essential!)

Registration Forms for events 1 and 3 required by Friday 20th May to Oakhill CE Primary School office or the Dumbleton base. Parent/guardian contact details for the day, name and age of child/ren taking part and an email address for updates and information are required.

Additional enquiries, please contact Ros Smith (ros.smith138@gmail.com). Keep in touch online at <https://aldertonvillage.co.uk>

School Jubilee Celebration

We are currently planning a school celebration for the Jubilee on the last day of the half term. We will give further details shortly.

Knex Challenge

Just before Easter the Year 5/6 children took part in the Knex Challenge. They were tasked with building an eco house. We are delighted that Abbie and Alana were declared the winners and were selected to go and represent Oak Hill at the finals on the 19th May.

Well done girls on your engineering and building skills.



FOOHS News

Stikins - all children will bring home sample Stikins with their names. All orders using the Oak Hill code, generate commission, so please get ordering! Code: 14701.

Next meeting - Tuesday 10th May, 8pm, Gardeners Arms. Be great to organise something for the summer term. Please do come along.



Deaf Awareness Week

Next week is Deaf Awareness week and at Oak Hill we would like to celebrate this by supporting the Gloucestershire Deaf Association. The GDA's well-being service works hard to sustain and support deaf people's well-being. To support them, we have planned a non-uniform day where we will be wearing bright clothes on Thursday 5th May in exchange for a £1 donation. If we can raise £25, we will be able to book a sign language awareness session for our children.

Church Services

Services this Sunday are:

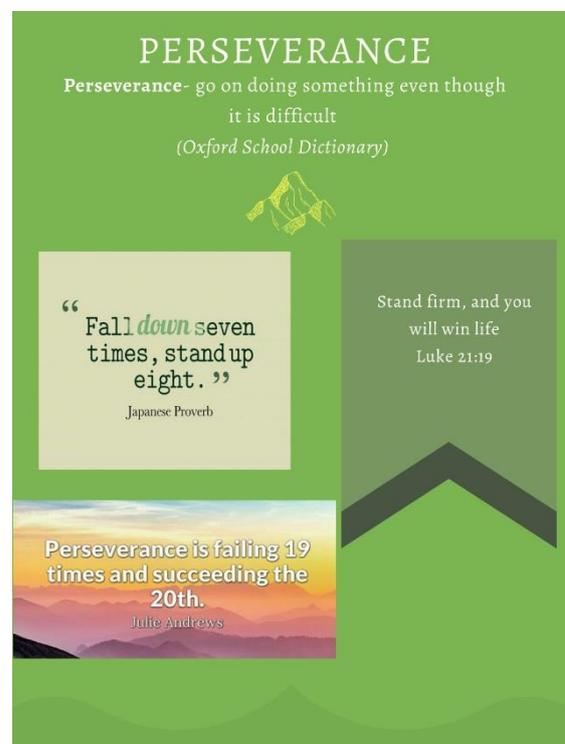
9.00am Great Washbourne

10.30am Dumbleton

Charity

During the holidays Martha created a 100 square and sold off numbers to her friends and family to raise money for Ukraine. She raised £30.62! A very kind and thoughtful thing to do. Well done Martha!

Our Christian Values



Internet Safety

Occurring through messaging apps, on social media and in online games, group chats are among the most popular ways that young people engage with their peers online. Involving, by definition, three or more individuals, these groups allow users to send messages, images and videos to everyone in one place. While they are useful for helping friends, people with shared interests or members of a club to communicate and coordinate activities, they can also leave

young people feeling excluded and bullied – as well as providing opportunities for inappropriate content to be shared and viewed.

In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as bullying, inappropriate content and unknown members.



Maple Class

We have made the most of the lovely weather to start our new topic this week, spending as much time as possible outside for ‘Sunshine and Sunflowers’. Our memorable experience was a nature walk, where we searched for various spring flowers, insects and birds. We collected daisies, took bark rubbings, and have been learning about the changes in the seasons and the characteristics of each one. We have started to think about our favourite activities to take part in when the sun is out, expressing our opinions and listening carefully to others during conversations. We have loved using the binoculars and bird identification books to start to spot the birds around our classroom and the field.

In English, we have been focusing on using our sounds to spell out words carefully and

independently when writing. We are focusing on using some of the digraphs we started to learn last term, as well as the correct spelling of our tricky words. We are also continuing to ensure that we use finger spaces to separate the words. We have been exploring the story ‘Shark in the Park’ which links in very nicely with our new topic where we are enjoying the great outdoors.

We have been continuing to explore number representations in Maths this week, working with numbers from ten to twenty. We have been practising making sure we are accurate in touch - counting these larger amounts of manipulatives and matching them to the correct numeral and representation.

We were also very excited to welcome Project Touchline back to Oak Hill, where Maple Class had their first inspirational worship with Mr Andrew, followed by a very energetic rugby session. The children demonstrated this term’s value of perseverance wonderfully whilst playing ‘Lions and Rabbits’





recognising and counting numbers up to 100. They have had to go forward and backwards which can be a little tricky, but they have all worked very hard.

On Wednesday, we finished our DT topic from last term and used dowel axles and rods to create our own taxis. The children had to follow instructions and show perseverance and teamwork.

We loved our first week of Project Touchline and learning our value of perseverance through rugby.



Willow Class

This week in Willow Class, we have been busy starting our new topic 'School Days' which is a History based topic. We are looking forward to learning all about Dumbleton in the past.

In English, we have started a new fiction unit based around picture books. We read the book 'Where The Wild Things Are' and had a discussion as to whether the wild things were really scary or whether they seemed fun. We sequenced the story and created our own story maps ready to retell the story. We also compared old and modern picture books and thought about which we prefer.

In Maths, Year 2 have been finishing their fraction unit and have been working hard to count in fractions. Year 1 have been





Hawthorn Class

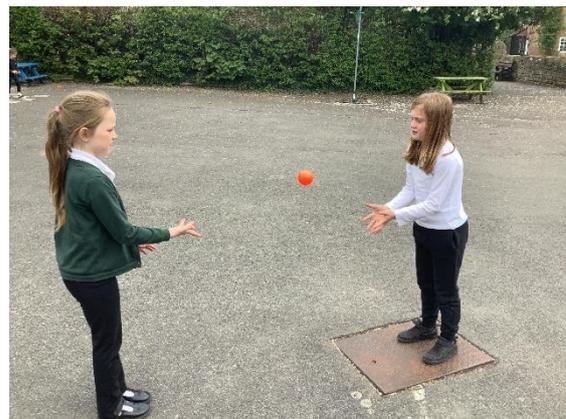
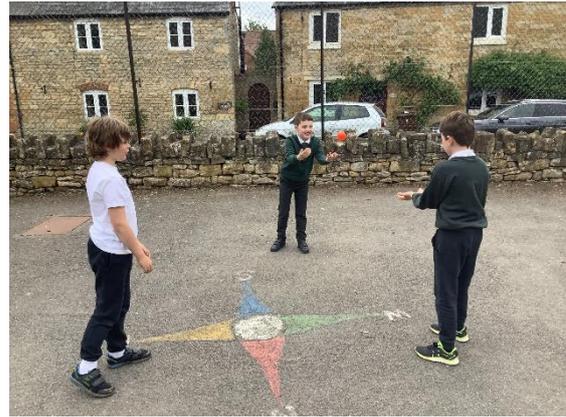
Hawthorn Class have had a wonderful start to the Summer term. They have been busy learning about fractions in Maths and Emperors and Empires in History and The Barnabus Project in English.

On Monday we looked at the story The Barnabus project. We discussed the fact that Barnabus is a hybrid animal so he was part elephant and part mouse. The children enjoyed learning about Barnabus and before the story had started predicted what they thought would happen and who the character was. We then looked at different project reports for the other animals featured in the story and the children drew and wrote about their own creation that they felt would fit the story.

In Maths we began to look at different at tenths and how these are shown as decimals. This was a very tricky subject but the Hawthorn Class were able to persevere and work well to gain a better understanding of decimals and tenths.

In Science we started a new topic on Plant Nutrition and Plant Reproduction which was fascinating as we looked at different plant roots and how they differed from each other and what different parts of the root did.

In PE we worked on throwing and catching in cricket and are going to work up to more advanced throwing and catching techniques.



Juniper Class

This week in Juniper, we have been revising for the SATs that will take place for Year 6 in the week commencing 9th May. We have looked at the different types of questions that may crop up in reading comprehension. In Maths, we have been learning about pie charts, and have answered questions about them, and constructed our own. We have started our topic for this term which is 'Ground Breaking Greeks' and we will be learning all about the Ancient Greek civilisation and its impact on modern life.



Stars of the Week

Maple

Star of the week: Louie for great determination and perseverance in writing

Value of the week: Lyla for being so helpful and compassionate towards others in our rugby session

Willow

Star of the week – Miles for showing team work and resilience whilst creating their DT project

Value of the week - Amber for fantastic perseverance in rugby

Hawthorn

Star of the Week – Harry E for excellent Mathematics

Value of the Week– Jack for his perseverance in Mathematics

Juniper

Value of the Week - Max for his hard work in TAG Rugby

Star of the Week - Lola for her excellent work in RE

Diary Dates

Please be aware that these may be subject to change.

May

- 2nd Bank Holiday
- 4th Project Touchline
- 6th Year 5/6 Swimming
- 9th SATs Week for Year 6s
- 11th Project Touchline
- 13th Year 5/6 Swimming
- 18th Project Touchline
- 20th Year 5/6 Swimming
- 25th Project Touchline
- 27th Year 5/6 Swimming
- Jubilee Celebration
- Term Ends