

Oak Hill Church of England Primary School

*'Jesus said, 'I have come that you may
have life in all its fullness'
(John 10:10)*

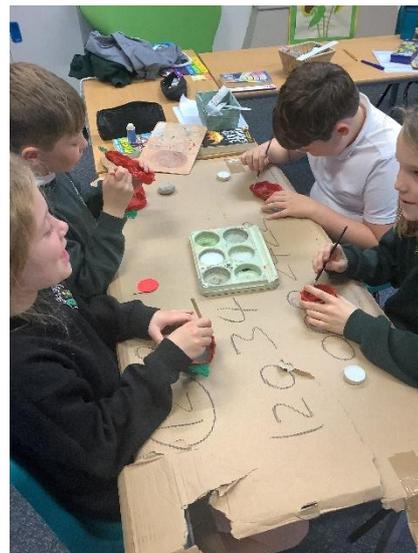
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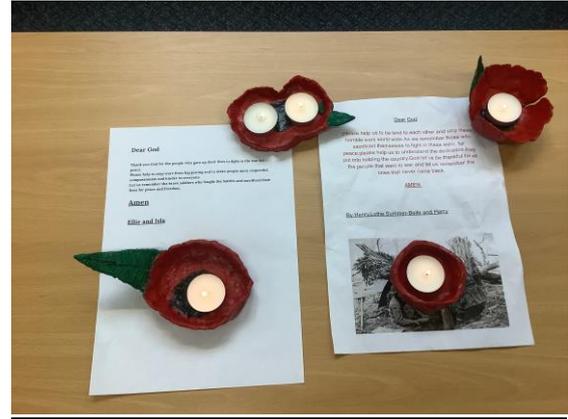


Newsletter Friday 11th November 2022

Remembrance at Oak Hill

As part of our Remembrance celebration, Rowan and Redwood Class came together on Monday to make poppy tea light holders. Elm Class made theirs on Thursday. During worship this week, the children have explored Remembrance, the reason behind the poppy symbol and how forgiveness and compassion are so important at this time. On Friday, the children gathered at the war memorial in Alderton to show our respects. Children from Redwood Class wrote prayers which they shared during our time of Remembrance.





Remembrance Prayer

Dear Lord,

We remember heroic soldiers who fought in the wars of the past.

We remember those who have suffered by wearing a poppy. We are very thankful to them.

We mourn those who have lost a loved one.

We hope for peace.

Amen

Composed by Arwen



FOOHS

Huge thanks to all who baked and bought from our cake and sweet stand at the Snowhill Fireworks! We were thrilled to raise £762.35 and even more thrilled when the North Cotswold Hunt told us they would contribute further to our fundraising and bring the total to £1000!

It's been a busy week finishing with the wonderful school disco last night, which we really hope all the children enjoyed. Thanks so much for supporting the new committee to make it a success.

There are still a few spaces on our adults Christmas wreath making workshop being led by Mrs Kendall on Saturday 3rd December. Tickets are just £20 to include

refreshments and can be booked here
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/425252420437>

We're keen to get parents' points of views on fundraising priorities alongside those of the teachers so we'll be in touch soon to hear your points of view.



Reception Places

Just a reminder that applications for Reception places close on 15th January 2023. We are currently showing parents around the school. If you know parents who are considering schools for their children, then please do urge them to come in and see us.

New Tables

As part of our refurbishment, we have replaced all the children's tables in school. Many of the tables were showing their age and it is important that the children have the best possible resources to support their learning. We went for a natural wood top which the research shows gives a calm learning environment.





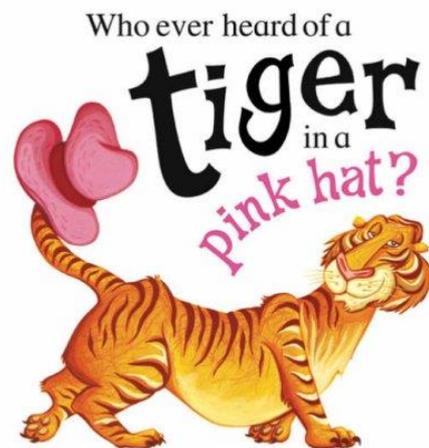
about what they have learnt and their love for the school.

Book review

Whoever Heard of a Tiger in a Pink Hat?!
By Nicola Stott McCourt

With a very silly rhyme and comic illustrations, this book is recommended if you like funniness and fun! For little ones and big ones of all ages. Read this book and enjoy the laughter! This book will encourage reading by having fun and following the tiger as he collects items on his shopping trip. Whoever heard of a tiger going shopping?!

Edith, Year 2



Written by Nicola McCourt & Illustrated by Leah-Ellen Heming

Celebration and Redwood Class Collective Worship

We thought we would try some new things this year and we are going to be doing class assemblies. We are inviting all parent, carers, grannies and grandads to our Celebration Collective Worship on Friday 25th November at 9am. Part of the worship will be our usual Celebration and part will be shared by Redwood Class. We would then like to invite parents to stay for refreshments. Further details to follow.

Visitors into School

On Thursday, we welcomed Gareth Davies into school. Gareth joined us in our Collective Worship and then spent time with myself and toured the school. He was so positive about the children and their experiences at Oak Hill. It was lovely to see the children speak with passion

Book Reviews from Elm Class

Book Title: <u>Out and about BIRDSONG</u>	Who would you recommend the book to? Why? <u>I would recommend these books to everyone who likes nature.</u>
Author: <u>The National Trust</u>	
Fiction or Non-fiction: <u>non-fiction</u>	
What is the book about? <u>It is about birdsong and you have to identify over a 100 birds.</u>	
including: <u>SEABIRDS Birds of prey</u>	
	Rating: ★★★★★
	Can you write three facts you have learnt or three things you have learnt about one of the characters? <u>1. They live in the sea. 2. They swim in the water. 3. They can fly.</u>

By Jake

Book Title: <u>Out and about Bird Spies</u>	Who would you recommend the book to? Why? I would recommend these books to everyone who likes nature.
Author: <u>The National Trust</u>	
Fiction or Non-fiction: <u>Non-fiction</u>	
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including: • seabirds • birds of prey • etc.	Can you write three facts you have learnt or three things you have learnt about one of the characters? 1. <u>How wild birds often fly</u> 2. <u>Birds can see in the air</u> 3. <u>Some birds can fly</u>
Book Illustration 	

By Jack

Book Title: <u>Winter Term at Malory Towers</u>	Who would you recommend the book to? Why? I would recommend this book to all who like girls and fun, because they play lots of tricks.
Author: <u>Pamela Cox</u>	
Fiction or Non-fiction: <u>Fiction</u>	
What is this book about? This is the 4th book in a series about Malory Towers, which is a girls boarding school. It's about the fourth girls' adventure. They meet a mean teacher, discover a traitor in their midst, quarrel over the parts in the Christmas play, and have a secret midnight feast!	Rating: ★★★★★
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	Who was your favourite character? Why? I like my favourite character because she likes to have fun, like her sister Alison. She is also very energetic and loves sport. The book wouldn't be as exciting without her amusing tricks.

By Mark



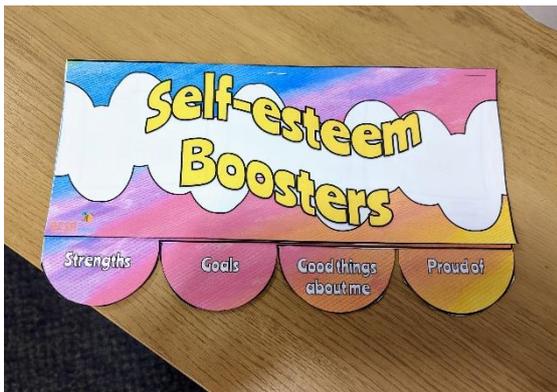
Therapeutic Gardening

This week the children were involved in clearing out a bedding area and were amazed by the transformation they created in such a short time. They worked well as team, supporting and encouraging each other. Once the area was cleared, the children started on their winter vegetable bedding and planted some broad beans. We discussed the benefits being outside has to our wellbeing and how gardening can be a great form of exercise.



Thrive

This week there was a focus on self-esteem by creating a 'self-esteem booster booklet', looking at all the positive things about a person. Increasing your self-esteem is important, as a person with a healthy, positive view of themselves understands their potential, are more likely to take on new challenges and are more focused on learning. A couple of children also completed an 'Autumn Outdoor Treasure Hunt'. This type of activity covers three of the five ways to wellbeing; we 'connected' with each other by talking and listening, we were 'active' by walking and we 'took notice' as we became aware of the present and noticed the world around us. The children who took part said they felt relaxed and happy after completing the session.



Children in Need

We will be taking part in a sponsored on the Spot- a-Thon. The children will be bringing home sponsor forms today to raise as much money as possible for this fantastic charity. The children will take part in five activities during the time.

Children need to be in PE kit for this but can wear a Children in Need top if they have one.

We look forward to seeing the children challenge and push themselves for a wonderful cause.



Book Fair

Book Fair 9th -16th November. No cash - there will be a QR code to scan and make payment online.

Carol Service

Advance Notice:

We are aiming to do something different this year. We would like to invite everyone to our Carol Service at St Margaret's in Alderton on Thursday 15th December at 6pm. All children will be performing in the service and the Year 6 will be leading us in worship.

National Children's Measurement Programme

The National Children's Measurement Programme for Reception and Year 6 will take place on 5th January 2023.

On the same day the Reception children will have their vision screening. Further details will follow,

Online Safety

Amigo is a social platform that purports to connect strangers from around the world – and, with built-in translation software, it reduces the expected language barriers. Focusing heavily on one-to-one chat, video calls and live streams, Amigo encourages its users to build up online relationships to unlock exclusive features such as private video and audio calls:

essentially, the more that people chat, the more features become available to them. This is an app designed with mature users very much in mind and is therefore definitely not recommended for children.

In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as inappropriate contact, strangers and membership costs.



thirds of shoeboxes from the UK to Ukraine or the neighbouring countries like Moldova and Romania that are hosting many Ukrainian refugee families. If you would like to fill a shoe box, please look out for a leaflet and letter that will be send home with your child this week.

For more information, please take a look at

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

REMINDER: Shoe boxes are due in school by the 15th November.



Operation Christmas Child

This year Oak Hill will once again be taking part in Operation Christmas Child, the UK's largest children's Christmas appeal. It is an initiative of the Christian relief and development agency Samaritan's Purse and provides underprivileged children around the world with gift-filled shoeboxes wrapped and packed by children and adults in the UK. The idea is simple. Children and adults wrap and pack shoeboxes with a range of gifts and bring them to school. These are then collected and sent overseas where local churches distribute them to children, on the basis of need alone. This year the goal is to send two-

Half Termly Christian Value



Church Service in Alderton

Services this Sunday are:

10.50am Service of Remembrance at the War Memorial – Alderton, followed by a short Service in St Margaret’s Church, led by Revd Michael Hand.

10.50am Act of Remembrance and Reconciliation – War Memorial, Dumbleton

Rowan Class

In Rowan Class this week we have finished our class story ‘Last Stop On Market Street’. In the book CJ and his Nan visited a soup kitchen, so as part of our experience day we learnt what a soup kitchen is and why people volunteer there. We have been focusing on the prefix un and getting adjectives into our sentences. Reception have been learning so many

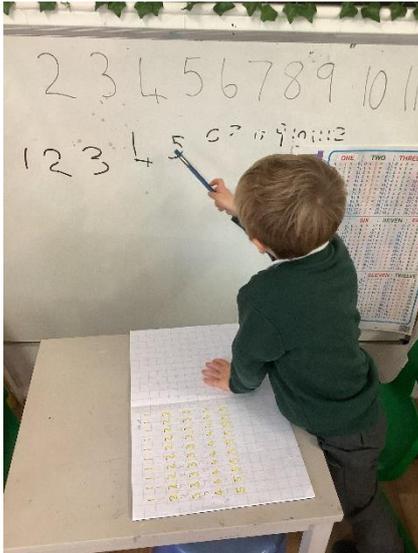
new sounds and learning to read and write cvc and cvcc words.

In Maths, Year 1 have continued to work hard on their number bonds to 10 and Year 2 have been using their knowledge of number bonds to add three 1 digit numbers as well as adding to the next 10. Reception have continued working hard on their number recognition and matching amounts to the correct number. They have made amazing progress with their number formation.

In Topic, we have focused on Emmeline Pankhurst this week. We learnt more about her life and learnt the difference between fact and opinion.

Our outdoor area is starting to take shape now and we have enjoyed spending time out there this week!





Elm Class

Following two weeks of practise writing a poem about Autumn, the children have written their own poem entitled 'Winter is Here' with the aim of including some or all of the following: similes, metaphors, personification, alliteration alongside a range of powerful verbs, adjectives and adverbs.

In Science, we concluded our toothpaste investigation and have begun a new unit studying how sounds are made.



Redwood Class

This week the children have come to the end of their unit on multiplication and division. They have worked incredibly hard on this unit and will need to keep revisiting these skills as we move through the year. Next week we start fractions.

In English, we have started writing our nonfiction piece on Mount Everest. The children are combing technical vocabulary with engaging language to create an engaging piece.

In History, we explored evidence and bias. The children were able to use the context of each piece of evidence to understand its purpose and understand how bias was an impacting factor. As Alana rightly stated "History is written by the winners."

In Music we combined our glockenspiels with singing to preform our song for the final time. We will be focusing on jazz in the next unit as well as learning the songs for the nativity.

In PE we played sitting volleyball and developed our creative skills and core strength.

We have also had a big focus on Remembrance this week.



House Points

House point totals for this week:

Ashdown 110

Sherwood 68

Dean 117

Class Attendance

Rowan Class 97.1%

Elm Class 97.9%

Redwood Class 90%

Stars of the Week

Rowan Class:

Star of the Week - Katie for using your phonics to help you with your writing

Value of the Week - Logan for always being respectful to others especially when kind calling out in writing

Elm Class:

Star of the Week - Paige for producing some excellent work this week. She has worked hard.

Value of the Week - Miles for showing compassion towards others.

Redwood Class:

Star of the Week – Ellie for using an excellent combination of technical and engaging vocabulary in English.

Value of the Week – Harry for showing kindness and compassion working with Elm Class

Diary Dates

Please be aware that these may be subject to change.

November

18th Children in Need

December

5th Nativity Dress Rehearsal

6th Nativity Performance 2pm

7th Nativity Performance 6pm

12th Christmas Craft Day

13th Rowan Class visit

14th Christmas Lunch (TBC)

15th Carol Service 6pm @Alderton Church

16th Term Ends