

Oak Hill Church of England Primary School

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

FAITH – VALUES – ACTION



Newsletter Friday 18th November 2022

Spot-A-Thon

A huge thank you to those who have collected sponsorship for our Children in Need, On the Spot-a- Thon. We will have a full write up of the event in next week's newsletter. Sponsorship needs to be in by **Friday 25th November**.



This involved answering 25 multiple choice questions. It really was a challenge but the children showed great perseverance and resilience to complete it. Congratulations to the children whose scores earned them a special award!



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.

Primary Maths Challenge

On Thursday, some of the KS2 children took part in the Primary Maths Challenge.

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, 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 taken by Redwood Class. We would like to invite parents to stay for a cup of tea/coffee and a biscuit afterwards. Further details to follow.

Operation Christmas Child

Thank you to everyone who has contributed a shoe box to the appeal this year, it is really appreciated.

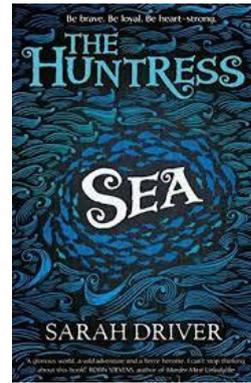
Mrs Kendall has taken them all to the local collection point today.



Book review by Alana

The Huntress Sea by Sarah Driver

This is a fantasy novel that I would recommend for 9 to 15 year olds. The main character, Mouse, lives on a ship called The Huntress. But when her dad goes missing and leaves clues for her to follow to lead her to an ancient power that could be used for evil, a man called Stag enters the ship and takes over. He seeks the legendary opals and Mouse must find them before he does...



Mental Health Training

This week Mrs Edwards and Mrs Chilton started their Level 3 First Aid for Mental Health course. The role of a Mental Health First Aider is to be a point of contact for staff and pupils who feel they might be experiencing a mental health issue or emotional distress and to support the individual to get appropriate help if required.

Therapeutic Gardening

This week, after a very rainy start to the day, the sun came out and the children were very eager to continue planting their winter vegetables. Firstly, the greenhouse was checked to see how the hollyhock and honesty were growing. After that, the children cleared out another bedding area and took it in turns to plant red onion and garlic cloves. They learnt that having patience is important when gardening as seeds and bulbs need plenty of time to grow and things do not always go the way you want but you have to keep persevering.



Thrive

The focus with some of the younger children this week was being able to identify and write down 'things that help me feel safe'. Feeling safe and secure is fundamental for our wellbeing. When we feel safe, we find it easier to focus on the present and are able to learn more effectively.

Others looked at the 'circle of control' and learnt to focus on the situations they can control, while encouraging them to let go of the things outside of their control. Using this strategy of thinking can aid self-regulation for any strong emotions that they might be experiencing. This can also help improve productivity and decrease anxiety or frustration. We then discussed different techniques to use to help 'let go' of the worries or feelings of frustration.



Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who came and supported the school by purchasing books at the fair.

Gloucestershire Holiday Support



FREE family days out, activity camps & packs.

Amazing FREE opportunities for families living in Tewkesbury who receive free school meals.

For more info: www.youngglos.org.uk
To sign up: HAF@youngglos.org.uk



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Infobuzz Community Connectors

Who are they and how can they help?

We are here to help with the sign-up for the HAF programme where needed,

Additional Support;

- Transport to and from activity sites
- IT support when registering, booking and canceling activities
- Household support fund support
- Signposting to further support over the holidays



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HOLIDAY ACTIVITY & FOOD Programme



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.

Nativity Performances

A letter will be coming home next week with details of performances and availability of tickets.

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

Defined as "ongoing hurtful behaviour towards someone online", cyber-bullying makes its victims feel upset, uncomfortable and unsafe. In the digital world, it has numerous forms – such as hurtful comments on a person's posts or profile; deliberately leaving them out of group chats; sharing embarrassing images or videos of someone; or spreading gossip about them. Cyber-bullying can severely impact a young person's mental health ... so, in support of Anti-Bullying Week, we've provided a list of tips to help trusted adults know what to look for and how to respond to it.

In the guide, you'll find tips such as playing online games with your child, talking about your child's online life and being prepared to listen without showing any judgement or criticism.



Church Service in Alderton

Services this Sunday are:

9.00am Great Washbourne HC CW

10.30am Dumbleton HC CW

Rowan Class

This week in English we have been completing our independent writes and innovating the story of Last Stop on Market Street and creating our own versions using everything we have learnt along the way.

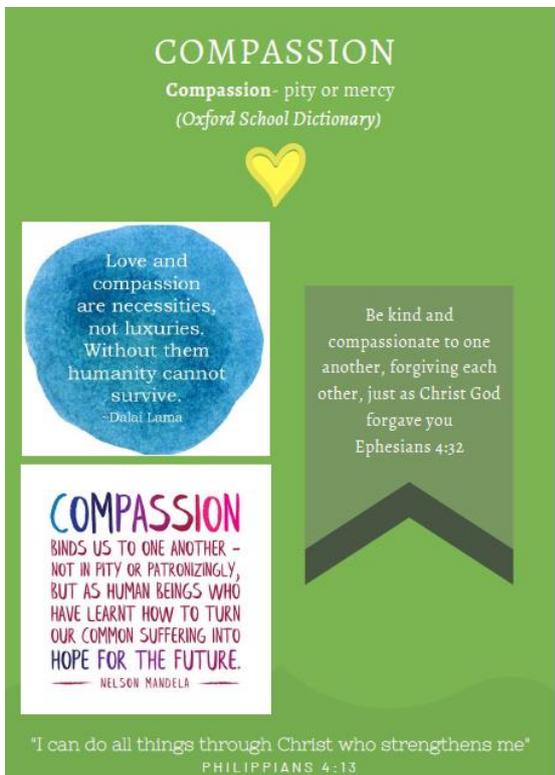
Reception have begun to write words this week and have done a fantastic job with their letter formation and carefully sounding out cvc and cvcc words.

In Maths, Reception have been making numbers in the play dough and working on their number correspondence by matching the correct amount to their play dough number. Year 1 have been completing lots of additions through problem solving whilst Year 2 have been adding and subtracting across a 10, using their knowledge of number bonds to help them solve some tricky addition and subtraction.

In Topic, we have completed our innovate journals, showing off everything we have learnt this term and completing a project on a new significant individual. We had to sequence significant information about them and use books and the internet to research facts about them, as well as sharing our opinion on whether they were significant for a good or bad reason.

Our Nativity rehearsals are also in full swing and we have been sorting out the costumes this week. Well done to all of the children for starting to learn their lines!

Half Termly Christian Value





Elm Class

This week the children have learnt about: the structure of the Internet; sound waves in Science; John the Baptist; everyday life for the Anglo-Saxons; and how to count 1-5 in French.

In Maths, work has focused on multiplication and division and in English we have begun a new unit - How an iRobot Dog works - explanation text. A learning-packed week!

Redwood Class

Redwood Class have been very busy this week being French weather forecasters, investigators, mathematicians and writers! In English, the children learned how to measure a mountain and created a glossary before planning and writing their own non-chronological report all about Mount Everest. It is the first non-fiction piece of writing using our new writing

scheme and the children's pieces are engaging, exciting and full of technical vocabulary!

During French, the children recapped the vocabulary for the weather and learned how to say what the weather is like in different parts of France. In Art, the children compared different works of art by various black artists looking at colour and techniques used in each.

In PE, the children continued to work on their core skills trying to balance cones and tennis balls on their back and stomachs in plank positions. It wasn't as easy as they all thought it would be!

During RE the children explored the festival of Eid learning about how, when and why Muslims celebrate this festival. We have also been busy practising the nativity songs ready to support the KS1 children in a few weeks!





House Points

House point totals for this week:

Ashdown 106

Sherwood 106

Dean 112

Stars of the Week

Rowan Class:

Star of the Week - Fraser for wowing us with your reading this week

Value of the Week - Lila for persevering whilst learning to write your numbers as words

Elm Class:

Star of the Week - Jack for an exemplary poem entitled Winter is Here.

Value of the Week - Mark for consistently modelling excellent behaviour and approach to learning.

Redwood Class:

Star of the Week - Betsy for excellent research and enthusiasm during RE exploring Eid.

Value of the Week – Isla for determination finding equivalent fractions.

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

15th Carol Service 6pm @Alderton Church

16th Term Ends