

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 3rd March 2023

World Book Day

We have been celebrating World Book Week and all classes have enjoyed live author events this week where we have joined authors and illustrators to talk all things reading! On Wednesday we dressed as our favourite book characters and shared our favourite books with each other. We took part in DEAR time (drop everything and read), designed a new book token for a competition and other fun activities throughout the day.



String Quartet

We were lucky to have a visit from the fantastic Calathea String Quartet this week. The children enjoyed listening to the four very talented musicians play a range of pieces and learnt more about each individual instrument. The children really enjoyed this experience with a few even being able to act as conductor for a

short time. Lottie said, "It was my first time listening to classical music live and they were all amazing. It made me feel really relaxed and has inspired me to listen to a wider range of classical music."

Summer said, "Thank you for making my day brighter by introducing me to a great type of music."

Lots of the children felt the mood of the hall change with Elliott and Charlie both agreeing, "it made the mood of the hall feel happy, sad and dramatic when you played different pieces and has inspired us to play more musical instruments."



School Photos

Class and individual class photos will be taken on Tuesday 7 March. Please would Rowan and Elm Class wear their school uniform and bring their PE kit with them to change into afterwards.



FOOHS Date for the Diary

FOOHS Disco - Thursday 30th March.
More information coming home shortly.



Therapeutic Gardening

The children were excited to see that the daffodils had flowered over half term adding a lovely bit of colour to the school entrance. The groups planted some radish seeds and did some much needed weeding around the vegetables that are growing nicely! It is great to see how much care and pride the children have for looking after everything they planted so far!



Online Safety

NGL is another of those 'bolt-on' apps which is designed to work alongside a major social media network. In this instance, the 'host' platforms are Instagram and Twitter – with NGL (meaning, as you may have surmised, 'Not Gonna Lie') inviting a user's friends and followers to ask them questions anonymously. An intriguing novelty, perhaps – but also not without risk.

Human nature being what it is, some people take the smokescreen of online anonymity as an excuse to behave in ways that they certainly wouldn't if their identity were visible. The idea of exposing young social media users to anonymous messages is one which understandably concerns many parents: our #WakeUpWednesday guide brings you the facts about NGL. This free online safety guide looks at NGL – an anonymous messaging app.

This guide will highlight a number of potential risks including oversharing, cyber-bullying and potentially costly subscription fees.

This is part of our Online Platforms Category.

World Sleep Day

For World Sleep Day on 17th March, we are inviting all children to come to school in their pyjamas. More details to follow.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about NGL

NGL (which stands for 'Not Good to Live') is an app through which users share a link to their Instagram story or Twitter account, inviting their followers to give anonymous feedback. The app includes a 'PROTECTION FOR RULES' section, 'COSTLY SUBSCRIPTIONS', 'DEALING WITH NEGATIVITY', 'EXPLAIN ANONYMOUS APPS', 'BLOCK IN-APP PURCHASES', and 'THINK BEFORE SENDING'. It also features a 'MEET OUR EXPERT' section with National Online Safety.

What are the risks?

- ANONYMITY AND OVERSHARING:** The app allows users to share a link to their Instagram story or Twitter account, inviting their followers to give anonymous feedback. This can lead to oversharing of personal information and a loss of control over one's online presence.
- PROTECTION FOR RULES:** The app includes a 'PROTECTION FOR RULES' section, which provides guidance on how to use the app safely and responsibly.
- COSTLY SUBSCRIPTIONS:** The app offers a subscription service, which can be costly for users. Parents and carers should be aware of this and discuss it with their children.
- DEALING WITH NEGATIVITY:** The app can be used to spread rumors and negative comments, which can be harmful to the user's reputation and mental health.
- EXPLAIN ANONYMOUS APPS:** Parents and carers should explain to their children the risks of using anonymous apps and the importance of being honest and respectful.
- BLOCK IN-APP PURCHASES:** The app allows users to make in-app purchases, which can be a financial risk for children.
- THINK BEFORE SENDING:** Parents and carers should encourage their children to think carefully before sending any messages or posts, and to avoid sharing sensitive information.

Meet Our Expert
 National Online Safety (NOS) is a charity that provides free advice and support to children, young people, and their families on how to stay safe online. For more information, visit www.nationalonlinesafety.org.

Church Service in Alderton

Services this Sunday:

9.00am Great Washbourne - HC for Lent

10.30am Dumbleton - HC for Lent

Sue Ryder Spring Fair

Sue Ryder Leckhampton Court Hospice

Join us at our Spring Fayre

Saturday 25th March
10am-5pm
 Leckhampton Court Hospice grounds

Entrance fee on day: £2.50
FREE for children under 12

- BBQ, pop-up bar and tasty treats
- Live music and entertainment
- Leckhampton Court Tea Rooms
- Glitter face painting, bouncy castle, and family fun activities

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For more information
 visit: sueyder.org/springfayre
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Half Termly Christian Value

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

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me"
 PHILIPPIANS 4:13

HAF Programme



The Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) Programme

HAF will be returning this spring for children and young people in Reception to Year 11 who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals.

Click [here](#) to watch our latest HAF video to get a taste of what you can expect this spring!

Between 3-14 April.
HAF eligible families will be able to access up to 4 days of free, fun activities in their district. To find out what days your district is delivering HAF, you can follow your [HAF district lead](#) on social media.

What will be available at HAF this spring?

- Family days out
- Football, basketball, cricket and more
- Forest skills
- Gymnastics
- Music production
- Sensory play
- Delicious food
- And more!

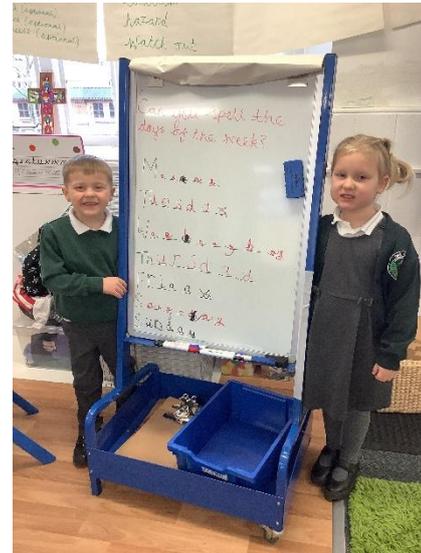
Bookings open 16 March-
Make sure you're HAF ready!
Sign up to our [HAF booking system](#).

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Visit Gloucestershire's HAF website: Gloucestershire.gov.uk/HAF
or follow us on Facebook and Twitter for updates.

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In our topic lessons, we have been learning about Captain Cook and his adventurous life. We also looked at his link to Whitby.



Rowan Class

This week in Rowan Class, we have enjoyed taking part in lots of World Book Week activities. On Monday, we joined Axel Scheffler and Julia Donaldson to hear about their new book 'The Baddies'. We got to join in with a draw along with Axel which was great fun! On Tuesday, we joined Kaye Umansky who read us her book 'Dick the Delightful Duck' and on Wednesday, we heard part of one of the World Book Day books from this year called Dave Pigeon. What a busy week full of lots of reading!

We have been continuing our non-chronological report in English and began our first subheading about life on board pirate ships.

In Maths, Reception have begun a new focus on the numbers 9 and 10. Year 1 have been using number lines and estimating as well as comparing numbers. Year 2 have been looking at doubling and





Elm Class

Elm Class have returned from the holidays ready to learn and we have had a busy week. The children very much enjoyed studying OS maps of the Brecon Beacons and the Lake District as they learnt about topography and contour lines.

We began our new programming project and created loops within Scratch.

We all dressed up as book characters on Wednesday and have enjoyed some live author events online as part of our celebration of reading. On Wednesday, the class began their Fancy Fabrics design technology unit, studying the design features of familiar products.

Redwood Class

What a week! We have had a fantastic week in Redwood Class. We have celebrated World Book Day, taken part in live lessons and enjoyed listening to a string quartet. All this as well as all our usual learning!

In English, the children have completed their balanced arguments. They have used quotes and engaging vocabulary to put forward both sides of a very interesting statement.

In Maths, Year 5 have been multiplying 2,3 and 4 digit numbers and Year 6 have been using ratio. Both year groups have been working really hard. If times tables can be practised at home that would be great.

In Science, the class split into two groups. One group were using the new science resources to create circuits and the other group were creating a script and short a science show to explain circuits and

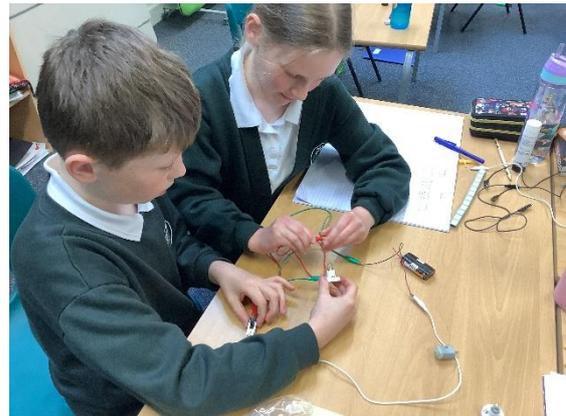
components for Rowan Class. We hope to share those later in the half term.

During World Book Day, the children had a fantastic live lesson with Lisa Thompson, played book bingo, designed gift vouchers and made up a puppet show using characters from Supertato! The children all looked fantastic in their costumes too.

In PSHE the children learnt some basic first aid skills understanding how to help someone and what to do. In Computing we started our unit on spreadsheets, understanding how to fill in the cells, and why a digital record can be more useful than paper.

In Young Leaders, we looked at famous leaders, exploring their achievements, resilience and faith that enabled them to become great in their own areas. The children then created Top Trump cards about each person.

We finished off the week with French and started our new topic which will teach the children Goldilocks and The Three Bears in French.





House Points

House point totals for this week:

Ashdown 96

Sherwood 89

Dean 96

Stars of the Week

Rowan Class:

Star of the Week - Lyla for working hard in Maths and pushing yourself to complete challenges

Value of the Week - Yesa for being a kind friend and working well in a team

Elm Class:

Star of the Week - Jake for persevering and improving in gymnastics and with his writing

Value of the Week - Mark for demonstrating all of our school values throughout the week. He is a kind, respectful and hardworking boy.

Redwood Class:

Star of the Week – Summer for engaging with the string quartet, asking interesting questions and listening well.

Value of the Week – Lola for fantastic attitude and effort in Maths, really engaging with the learning and growing in confidence.

Diary Dates

Please be aware that these may be subject to change.

March

- 3rd Year 3/4 Swimming
- 6th Year 3/4 to MAD Museum
- 7th School Photos
- 8th Rowan Class to Newport Wetland Centre
- 10th Year 3/4 Swimming
- 13th Assessment Week
- 15th Potential Strike Day
- 16th Potential Strike Day
- 17th Year 3/4 Swimming
World Sleep Day
- 20th Bishops Visitor visiting
- 21st Parents Evening
- 22nd Parents Evening
- 24th Year 3/4 Swimming
- 28th Elm Class Collective Worship
- 29th Craft Day
- 30th School Disco
- 31st Easter Service 2pm
Term Ends