

# Oak Hill Church of England Primary School



Newsletter Friday 12th February 2021

## **Mrs Carter**

Mrs Carter has been an Oak Hill institution, for 30 years as both a teacher and a HLTA. A very well loved and kind member of staff who has seen generations of children and parents pass through these walls. I asked staff members for some memories of Mrs Carter and they highlighted, amongst others; the Georgeham trips, her Cookery club for its infamous pinwheels and delicious cakes and her creative arts.

On behalf of the whole school community Thank You for all that you have given to the school. You will be greatly missed by the all the staff and children of Oak Hill and we wish you a very happy retirement.



## **Half Term**

Well done everyone you have made it. Well done parents on supporting your children's learning through this half term. Give yourselves a glass of something special tonight and relax. Thank you so much for your support and overwhelmingly positive feedback over the last few weeks. Personally, it has been a very strange time to start a new Headship, be six weeks in and still not have met half of the children.

I want to pay tribute to all the staff in school who have gone above and beyond this half term to ensure that high quality learning and support is taking place. They have all worked their socks off and I wish them all a relaxing half term.

There are just a couple of important messages below:

1. If your child tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, (Saturday 13th Feb or Sunday 14th Feb), please contact the school by email at head@oakhill.gloucs.sch.uk . Please type ‘Positive Covid Test’ in the subject line as other emails may not be responded to during the February Half-Term Break. I will continue to check emails at 9am on Saturday and Sunday.

2. Where a pupil tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

3. First week back: If your child is part of the Critical Worker provision and will be off school because of COVID Self-isolation or general illness please email head@ before Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. Any emails from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> can be addressed to the admin email.

### **Safer Internet Day**

E-safety and the use of the Internet have been taken to a new level thanks to remote learning, so much of all our lives has been spent in front of a screen! We are very aware as a school of the pressures parents feel in ensuring that children remain safe online.

If you need any further help these are good sites to use:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/> - reporting bullying <https://www.iwf.org.uk/> - reporting child sexual abuse images

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/> - advice

<https://pegi.info/> - advice about video game ratings <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/> - guide to social media, game sites



The banner features a blue background with white text. At the top, it says 'Get involved in the day'. Below that, it lists 'We have films, free resources, top tips, a quiz, posters and more.' To the right is a calendar page for February showing the 9th as a Tuesday. Below the text are five orange circular icons containing symbols: a clapperboard, a thumbs up, a document with a pencil, a question mark, and a document. At the bottom left is the website 'saferinternetday.org.uk' and at the bottom right is the 'Safer Internet Day 2021' logo with 'UK Safer Internet Centre'.

### **Half Term**

Just a reminder that we break up for half term on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February. School will reopen on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> is a school INSET day.

### **Green Fields Trust**

We would like to say a massive thank you to the Green Fields Trust. As a school we have been very fortunate to benefit from funding for the Provision of Forest School Equipment and Supplies from the Gretton Solar Farm Ltd through Green Fields Trust ([www.greenfieldstrust.co.uk](http://www.greenfieldstrust.co.uk)). With their generous grant, we have made numerous improvements to the Forest School area at Dumbleton and purchased pond dipping supplies to be used at Alderton. As a result of these improvements, the children will be provided with opportunities to grow vegetables and plants and learn about local wildlife through observation and the enhancement of the wildlife habitats. Children at the Alderton base will also be able to benefit from learning more about pond life and pond habitats as a result of the funding.

### **Revamp of CBBC**

We have been asked to highlight that there has been a major revamp to CBBC on YouTube;

“We are uploading videos to it daily that are suitable for 5-11 year olds. We have all the top CBBC brands on here, with a wide range of genres from factual shows, news, dramas, comedy to entertainment. Programmes like Horrible Histories, Blue Peter, Newsround, The Next Step, Saturday Mash-Up, Operation Ouch, the Playlist, the Dumping Ground, Heirs of the Night and Jamie Johnson. We are also

welcoming back Dani Harmer in the brilliant new programme My Mum Tracy Beaker”.



### **Church Service in Alderton**

Please find attached my Reflection for Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2021. [Happy Valentine’s Day]

Topic: Morning Prayer

Time: 10:00 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting for Morning Prayer on Sunday

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79812573605?pwd=V0w2MEhPcDZYQTJpjR1bm90dmUzUT09>

Meeting ID: 798 1257 3605

Passcode: EJ8WjH

**Oak Hill Parishes Lenten Journey of Reflection & Prayer** Join Zoom Meeting link for Lenten Journey

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71065091971?pwd=ZFRPc041TlUzWIZ6RE92WVFNZ0padz09> [Meeting ID: 710 65091971] [Passcode: fY01D0]

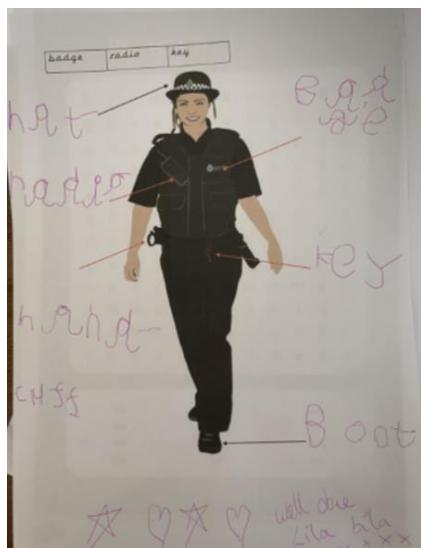
### **Maple Class**

We have had a very exciting week in Reception, as the children have been learning about the Police, and we had to investigate the case of the stolen chocolate cake! Maple Class examined the clues and put together some wanted posters and evidence sheets, which they used to catch the culprit. It turned out to be Miss Gunter who ate the chocolate cake! We also had a fantastic interview with Alastair Parker, who works for Gloucestershire Police and he kindly answered all of our questions, teaching us so much about the role of the Police. It was very inspiring. We have also been exploring measures this week, and had a lot of fun measuring people and objects around the house! Well done to all of Maple Class for their fantastic work this half term. I am very proud of how well they have adapted to home learning and of all their efforts!



### **Oak Academy**

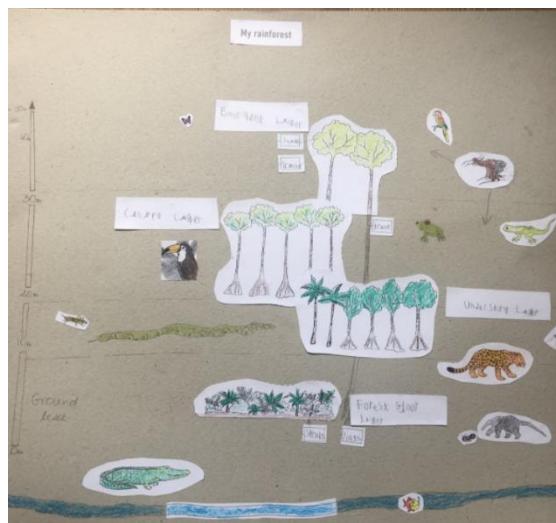
Oak Academy is now data free access for all. The following networks have signed up to ensure that access to all Oak Academy resources are free with no data charges; Vodafone, EE, BT, GiffGaff, Three, SMARTY, Tesco, Sky, Virgin, Plusnet and O2. This is great news.



### Willow Class

This week in Willow class we have enjoyed finishing off our topic on the Amazon Rainforest. We have learnt about the different layers which make up a rainforest and the animals that we might find as we climb up through the canopy. We then went onto build our own rainforests! In Maths Year 1 have been finishing off their place value unit and have been ordering numbers to 50. Year 2 have begun a new unit on statistics and have begun to learn about tally charts and pictograms. I am extremely proud of how hard everyone in Willow Class has worked this term both in school and at home.

The Amazon rainforest is important in the water cycle because of evaporation and rain.  
The Amazon rainforest is important for our air because it gives us oxygen.  
The Amazon rainforest is important for our local community because it is their home.  
One thing I can do in my everyday life to help protect the Amazon rainforest is use less paper.



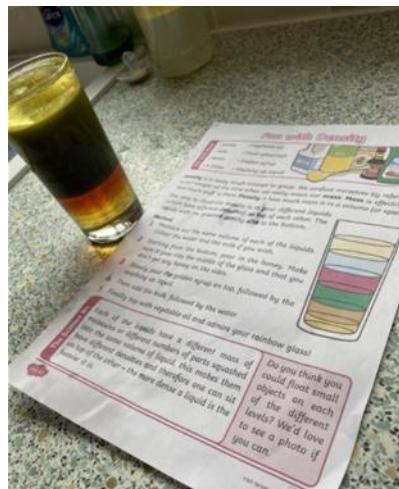


### Hawthorn Class

The children have been working incredibly hard for the last 6 weeks and I am incredibly proud of them all! This week in Hawthorn, the children have started a unit on 'How to Train your Dragon' and so far have explored some of the characters and settings. In Maths, the children have been learning about fractions in Year 4 and units of measure and adding lengths in Year 3.

On Monday, the children had some fun Science investigations to explore. On Tuesday, the children took part in Safer Internet day, learning how to keep themselves safe when using the internet. Then on Wednesday, the children created their own paper dragons. Mrs Bowen's dragon looked more like a salmon but it made for some interesting evaluation! On Thursday, using inspiration from the How to Train your Dragon books and films, the children created their own dragons, focusing on the appearance and specific features they would like a dragon to have. A very busy last week in Hawthorn!

We will be starting a new topic after half term called 'A World of Colour' We will be exploring lots of different artists and art styles. In Science, we will be learning about different states of matter.





### Juniper Class

In Year 5 and 6 this week we have been writing powerful persuasive speeches about Palm Oil in English using a range of language devices. I have been very impressed with the quality of the work this week and it is great to see how much effort children both at home and at school have put in over Term 3. In topic we have been learning about Greta Thunberg and how she aims to change the world for the better.

In Maths we have been consolidating our knowledge about line graphs which have included a range of real life problem solving questions. We took inspiration from the Bristol Bear Pit Bear, Ursula for Art this week and I have attached some lovely drawings that the children have created. The children also took part in the live online safety lesson delivered by BBC Teach which they really enjoyed.

We made it to half term! It is time to sit back, relax and stay safe. I hope to see everyone again in term 4!

I am 11 years old and even I know how tragic this is. Palm oil is in 50% of products which are purchased world wide. The palm oil comes from Indonesia and Malaysia. It needs unsupervised condition for it to grow, that's why the trees are being cut down to make room for the palm oil plantations.

Because of palm oil over 1,000 orangutans have died or lost their homes due to greed humans. It isn't just orangutans who have had or lost their homes. Its loads of other animals too. We are fighting for these amazing creatures. Soon lots of animals are going to become extinct and we are going to be the cause. Let's stop this now before its too late.

We need to educate people to read packets and labels to check if it has palm oil in because there are alternatives, rapeseed oil is becoming very popular. If people stop buying things with palm oil in then shops will stop buying things with palm oil in. I feel very strongly about this and would like your support.

I am here to voice against palm oil. Did you know 50% of packaged products use palm oil for example chocolate, crisps, jam, biscuits, shampoo, toothpaste and many more. All for greed humans.

Shocking, we get this with rain-forestation in South America, majority being in Indonesia. Deforestation there is causing death and destruction. Smoke billows out of the once beautiful rainforest that is now ash and rubble. Do you want to future with big blossoming?

To begin with the honey or the animals are too apart. Monkeys, animals like the orangutans, gorillas, elephants, Sumatran tigers and Sumatran leopards. Their habitat is destroyed. In the long term these animals will be extinct. We can't afford to see this happening.

We can stop this by using sustainable sources. In 2016 75% of palm oil rights to China were sustainable, resulting to be world wide. We need to limit deforestation and end destroying habitats!

We must all work together to stop the悲剧 behaviour. In me to make a difference. I set my case.

### Save our Rainforests!

I am speaking to you today about a problem that can't be solved without your help. Lives that can't be saved without others to stand up for them. I'm talking about Palm Oil production and how its killing thousands of rainforest animals.

Around 612 orangutans are killed each day because of Palm Oil production, and an estimate of 50,000 have been died in the last 20 years. I care about the future of our rainforests and animals, and unless we act now, the places we love will continue to be destroyed. Do you want to make a difference and shape the future?

However, there is a solution. Companies can buy their Palm Oil from sustainable sources. Around 50% of the packaged products on supermarket shelves contain Palm Oil, so it is critical that our use of it is sustainable. As well as that, there are other alternatives for Palm Oil like Coconut Oil and Babassu Oil. Time is running out and it is our turn to stand together against unsustainable Palm Oil production.

Imagine you are an animal in the rainforest. How would you feel if your home was destroyed? I have a dream that my children and Grandchildren can grow up in a world that is full of people that care about our planet, and I want them to care too. We can make a change now. We can make future generations live in an untroubled world now. This is happening, now.

As long as this goes on, our rainforests are disappearing. We can all stick up for nature and protect what's around us. Spread the word. Speak out. Together, let's change the world.