

# Oak Hill Church of England Primary School



Newsletter Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021

## **Parents Evenings**

Thank you to all the parents who joined us for our virtual evenings on Tuesday and Wednesday. We were able to meet with over 93% of parents, which is a fantastic figure. The teaching staff were very positive about the engagement and shared focus on developing our children academically and pastorally.

## **The Big Ask**

You may have read that the Children's Commissioner, Dame Rachel De Souza has started the largest online survey of children to gather their views. She would like as many children in England as possible to complete the 5-10 minute survey. It is for all children between 4-17 in age, and there is also a section for parents and carers. If you would like to take part you can find further details at the following website;

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/>

## **Bank Holiday**

Please don't forget that Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May is a Bank Holiday and school will not be open.

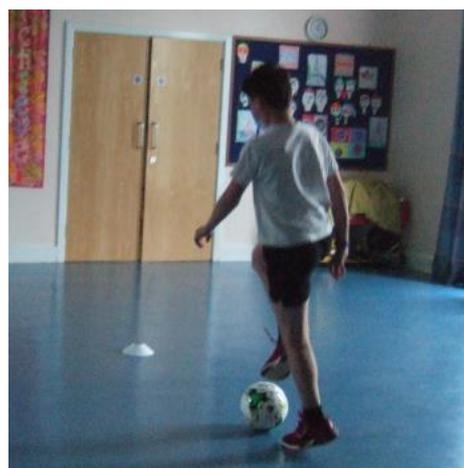
## **Reception Intake for 2021**

Our numbers for September for Reception are looking good. We do still have one or two places available, so if you know of anyone who is still looking for a place for September

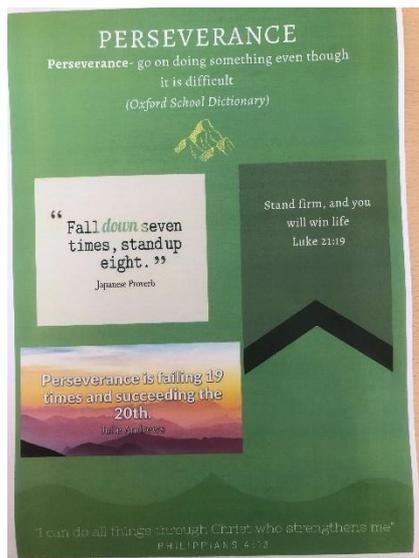
please do ask them to contact school if we can be of any help.

## **Football Training with the Saints**

This week Juniper Class had the opportunity to take part in live PE football training which was run by the Virgin Media Football Academy with Southampton FC. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning a range of different skills and how to perfect their techniques to make them overall more confident sports men and women.



## Half Termly Christian Value



## Church Service in Alderton

HC 9.00am Great Washbourne

HC at 10.30am Dumbleton.

Technology allowing, you are warmly welcome to Zoom and listen into the 10.30am Communion Service being held in Dumbleton.

Please see Zoom link below.

Join Zoom Meeting

Topic: Holy Communion

Time: 10:30 AM London

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82052149954?pwd=EN3NDQnJ3eVNWVGE3N2c4c3pCAlg4Zz09>

Meeting ID: 820 5214 9954

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## Maple Class

We have had a wonderfully busy week in Reception this week as we have continued to explore the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. The children have been enjoying making lots of creations in junk modelling, including an amazing castle for Goldilocks to live in, some miniature beds, chairs and

porridge! They have been using their creations to help re-tell the story using finger puppets. The children have been using their sounds really well in their writing this week, and have been busy using their new writing area where they love writing cards and letters to each other! Our hard work watering our seeds has paid off and they have grown so much that we have had to replant them into the raised bed. We are even trying to grow a giant carrot! In Maths we have continued to explore teen numbers, including more practice writing them out and organizing them on a number line. We have also started to count in tens. Our skipping skills are coming along well and we were all brave enough to skip in the big rope this week!





### Willow Class

This week in English we have continued our unit on Traditional Tales and we began the week by looking at the features of Traditional Tales. We worked in pairs and chose our favourite Traditional Tale and mapped out the characters, setting, problems and endings. We then focused on Goldilocks and The Three Bears and created our own puppets before retelling and then rewriting the story. During our Maths lesson this week, we have loved our unit on Capacity and on some of the sunnier days we have had the water tray out to help us understand millilitres and litres. During our topic lesson this week, we learnt all about Viking Longboats and then tried to make our own. The children showed some fantastic perseverance with this and great team work as they were quite fiddly! We also created fact files on Karl Benz who created the first practical automobile. We were very fascinated by the first ever car and how much they have changed!



### Hawthorn Class

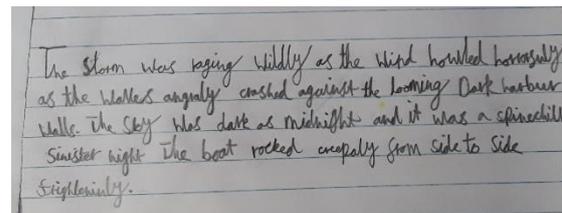
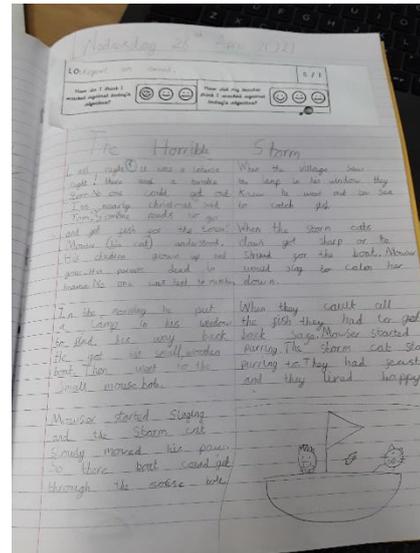
This week in Hawthorn we have been using 'The Mousehole Cat' as our inspiration for writing and art. The children have used drama to retell the story and hot seating to get into the character of Tom, the story's main character. They have also written newspaper reports about that eventful night. We have sketched and painted different scenes from the book too.

In Maths, we have come to the end of the Fractions and Decimals unit, and the children can now order and add fractions or decimals depending on their year group. We will move on to time next.

In Science, we have explored parts of flowering plants and planted some seeds of our

own, these will be dug up and explored to see how they grow over the next few weeks. As part of Geography, we have been all over the world jumping time zones to understand how and why different countries have different time zones.

P.E this week was a disco extravaganza! The children turned the water cycle into a disco dance. They had to keep time and move together in unison but also work in cannon to complete the dance. We had a lot of fun. If you haven't already, watch the video on our class Dojo page. The children had lots of fun last Friday afternoon playing Cricket.



### Juniper Class

We have had a fun-filled week in Juniper Class. This week we have focused on calculating angles using a protractor in Maths (we have had lots of practical activities this week including writing on our tables to measure different angles!)

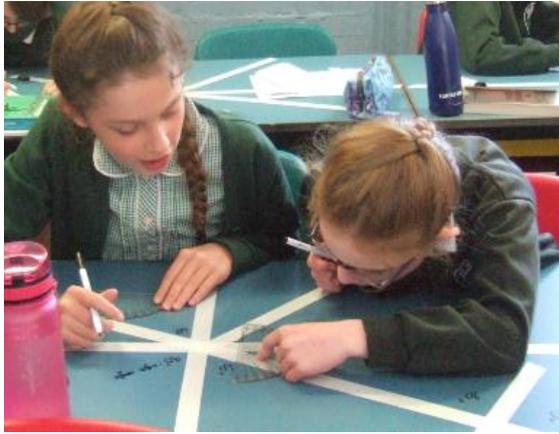
In English, we have continued our Titanic topic and the children created some fantastic promotional leaflets to advertise a cruise on the Titanic. Next week, we will be moving onto Titanic diary entries and will be researching more about the real life people who boarded the Titanic.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed PE this week where they took part in their second session with Dumbleton Cricket Club, football training and their first swimming session of the year. From next week, PE will take place on Tuesday and Friday (swimming). Keep an eye-out on Class Dojo for any last minute PE opportunities.

The children also took part in a live Scholastic lesson with Stuart Lawrence where he talked



about his new book 'Silence is Not an Option'. The children enjoyed learning about different countries in French. In addition, in Art this week the children created beautiful water colour drawings of the sea which were inspired by our Titanic topic.



### **Stars of the Week**

#### **Maple Class:**

Star of the week: Sophia, for fantastic work in phonics with using her sound knowledge to spell words.

Value of the week: Lila, for always demonstrating kindness and respect to others, and for being a good friend.

#### **Willow Class:**

Value star of the week: William - for persevering with your work and always giving 100% to everything you do!

Star of the week: Martha - having such a fantastic attitude towards your work!

#### **Hawthorn Class:**

Star of the Week: Elliott: Embracing his learning with a positive attitude and a smile, and some great dancing!

Value of the Week: Lola: Demonstrating all the values especially respect.

#### **Juniper Class:**

Star of the Week: Bryony - For creating a fantastic, creative persuasive leaflet about the Titanic.

Value of the Week: Jude - For consistently working hard in all subjects. He has really persevered in maths since coming back to school.

## **Diary Dates**

Please be aware that these may be subject to change.

### **May**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Bank Holiday
- 6<sup>th</sup> KS1 Trip to GWSR  
RNLI Virtual Presentation Yr3/4
- 7<sup>th</sup> Swimming Year 5 and 6
- 13<sup>th</sup> Life Education visits whole School
- 14<sup>th</sup> Swimming Year 5 and 6
- 18<sup>th</sup> KNex Challenge
- 21<sup>st</sup> Maypole Dancing  
Swimming Year 5 and 6
- 28<sup>th</sup> Break up for half term  
Swimming Year 5 and 6

### **June**

- 7<sup>th</sup> Return to School
- 9<sup>th</sup> Yr R Height, Weight and Vision
- 11<sup>th</sup> Swimming Year 5 and 6
- 18<sup>th</sup> Swimming Year 5 and 6
- 21<sup>st</sup> ISing POP
- 25<sup>th</sup> Swimming Year 5 and 6

### **July**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Swimming Year 5 and 6
- 9<sup>th</sup> Swimming Year 5 and 6