

Oak Hill Church of England Primary School



Newsletter Friday 28th May 2021

Half Term

Just a quick note to all staff and children to thank them for working so hard this half term. I hope everyone has a cracking half term break with lots of sunshine and fun. Enjoy the break and we look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 7th June.

The Thrive Approach

Taking over a school during a pandemic has proved its own challenge, partly due to the fact that the ability to bring in new initiatives is hampered by spending all your time dealing with the current situation. Thankfully, over the last few weeks, as a school, we have been more able to look towards the future and as such over the next few months we will be introducing the Thrive Approach to support the social and emotional wellbeing of the children in the school.

The Thrive Approach is based on established neuroscience, attachment theory and child development. It provides training and an online profiling and action-planning tool to equip adults with the knowledge, insights and resources needed to develop the relationships that help children and young people to flourish and learn.

As part of this new approach, we have appointed Mrs Jacqui Edwards to be our Thrive Practitioner and Intervention Assistant. She will work under the direction of Mrs Bowen and will work across the school.

Over the next couple of months, Mrs Bowen and Mrs Edwards will undertake the training to become licenced Thrive Practitioners and we will convert a small office at Alderton to become the Thrive base. We are, very much, at the start of our Thrive journey and we will be supporting the approach through our pupil premium and catch up funding.

If you would like to find out more then please look at the Thrive Approach website;

<https://www.thriveapproach.com/>

Let's help every child
thrive 

FOOHS

Just a little teaser about a big project that we will be announcing with FOOHS' support after the half term break. Amazing to be working together to transform learning.

Goodbye

Today, we said goodbye to Trish Mills, our contract cleaner at the Alderton Base. Trish has been a great part of life at Alderton and we wish her all the best for the future. We presented her with some leaving presents at the end of the day today. We will post a photo in our next issue.

The Big Ask

Closing Date Today: 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/>

Tennis Stardom

Corin and Cameron (both Year 5) took part in their first county cup tennis tournament in Bourton - on - Sea over the weekend. Both of the boys took part in three singles and three doubles matches. They are both excited for their next match which is a friendly on Saturday.



EXCITING NEWS!

Year 5 and 6 will be performing Charlie and the Chocolate Factory as their school production this year. Keep your eyes peeled for further updates as any help will be greatly appreciated.



Half Term Covid Testing

Over half term, we ask that if you are Lateral Flow Testing that you continue to take the tests to support the tracking of the covid virus.

Thank you for your support.

Covid Local Support Grant Scheme

The Department for Work & Pensions has extended the COVID grant support for vulnerable families until 20 June 2021.

The Grant, now called the *COVID-19 Local Support Grant*, is available to individuals and families with children who have been financially impacted by Covid-19 and it offers support with food, utilities and other essentials. An application form and further information on eligibility criteria can be found at the following

link: <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/gloucestershire-welfare-support-scheme/covid-19-local-support-grant-find-out-more-and-apply/>.

Wellbeing Courses

The Family Learning Team have some great wellbeing courses for parents/carers/grandparents starting in early June.

Happier and Calmer: Wellbeing at Home is running on Friday mornings from 9:30-11:00. This 6-week course looks at the science behind feeling good and gives parents the opportunity to try out different wellness techniques to see what works best for them.

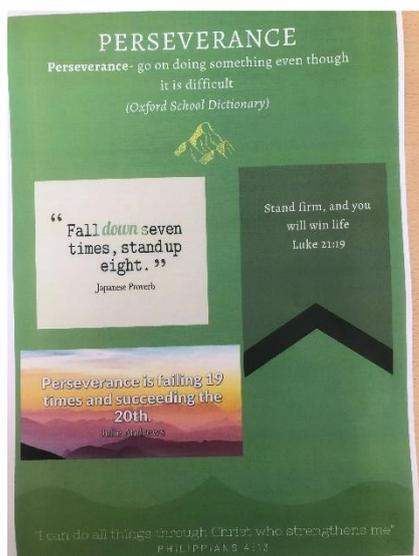
- **Writing for Wellness** runs on Tuesdays from 9:30-11:00. This 5 week course focuses on using writing for wellbeing, using free writing to develop wellbeing and building learners skills and confidence to write for themselves to share life stories with their family.
- **Calming the Mind** runs on Tuesdays from 10:30-11:30 or 7:30-8:30. This course is a 6-week introduction to mindfulness.

All of these course are being delivered via Zoom

Our courses are free to people over 19 years old, who have lived in the UK/ EU for 3 or more years, or have a valid Residence Permit, and are one of the following: Unemployed or earning below £17,000 per year; Qualified below a Level 2 (less than 5 GCSEs); Have mental health challenges, Have a learning difficulty or disability.

For further details contact fay.tucker@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Half Termly Christian Value



Grammar School Registration

GLOUCESTERSHIRE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS'

ENTRANCE TEST

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DATES FOR 2022 ENTRY

Register in Year 5 to sit Entrance Test in Year 6

REGISTER ONLINE 17 MAY TO 30 JUNE 2021

TEST DAY SATURDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2021

See school websites for details and open events

GIRLS	BOYS
DENMARKROAD.ORG	MARLING.SCHOOL
RIBSTONHALL.ORG.UK	STRSCHOOL.CO.UK
STROUDHIGH.GLOUCS.SCH.UK	

MIXED

CRYPTSCHOOL.ORG
PATESGS.ORG

Church Service in Alderton

Team Wide Service for Holy Trinity at 10.30am Alderton. Service Leader Revd Michael Hand. Preacher Chris Haslam

You are warmly welcome to Zoom and listen into the 10.30am Communion Service

Please see Zoom link below.

Topic: Trinity Sunday

Time: May 30, 2021 10:30 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87881874639?pwd=aUd2THBDQXUvZl1xb1hwbWhlYThudz09>

Meeting ID: 878 8187 4639

Passcode: 595988

Maple Class

Maple Class have finished off the term with amazing work for our RE topic of 'Creation' They thought of all the ways we can take care of the world which God created. The children were very knowledgeable about how to recycle, take care of the oceans and rainforests and even the importance of recycling. They

made use of lots of recycled materials to make brand new creations, such as a telephone, shopping basket and even a telescope!

We were very excited to receive a letter from Mr. Wolf this week, asking us to write to him about our own houses in case he wanted to come and live with us! We all wrote lovely letters back to him, being very careful to use finger spaces and full stops, so he could read our sentences properly. In Maths, we have continued to practice our addition and subtraction skills so that we could solve some problems for the three little pigs, and play some fun games.

We had another phone call from Harold, the giraffe, this week. He asked us to investigate how to eat healthily, so the children designed a fantastic picnic for him, using the Eat Well Plate to make sure it was balanced. We even picked some of the vegetables we have grown and ate them because we learnt that we should try to eat 5 portions of fruit and vegetables per day! It was delicious, and we cannot wait to try more of our vegetables once they have grown.



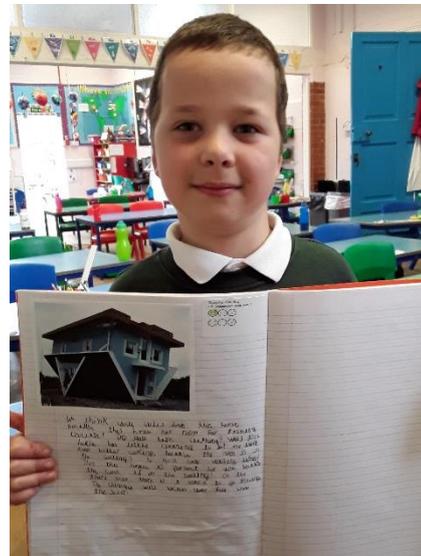
Willow Class

For our final week of the term we have been bringing our topic of Transport to an end. During our topic and DT lessons we have made hot air balloons! We used paper mache and had to cover a balloon with lots of layers before leaving it to dry for a few days. The paper mache was very tricky and all of the children really persevered to make sure their balloon was well covered. We did unfortunately have one casualty with a popped balloon, but Mrs Kettle came to the rescue with a 'one I made earlier!' On Tuesday, we covered them in tissue paper to give them a final layer and then on Wednesday, we VERY carefully popped the balloon inside before attaching the basket underneath.

This week we have also been busy continuing our unit on time in Maths. Year 1 have been writing time and using the stopwatches to time each other completing activities in different sets of time. They have also been comparing

time and thinking about which is longer; hours, minutes or seconds. Year 2 have worked really hard this week to learn to tell the time to 5 minutes!

In English, we have been looking at humorous stories and started the week reading a story called 'Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, no Good, Very Bad Day.' We thought it was very funny and this led to a discussion of things that have happened to us to lead to us having bad days! We created a Class Willow's terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day story and made sure we tried to use a variety of punctuation such as question marks and exclamation marks. We also took part in our whole school independent write in which we had to try and write a description to help sell a very unusual looking upside down house!! The children were all very persuasive and we think we might have persuaded Miss Tarling to buy the house!



Hawthorn Class

This week is Hawthorn, we have started Money in Maths. We set up our very own little shop and the children have been exploring how they can pay for the different resources using different combinations of coins. Perhaps over half term the children could try this out in real life!

In English, the children have started writing formal letters to Grace Darling. They created characters for themselves and reflected on how they felt during the events of that night. It's been a great opportunity to use lots of emotive language.



In Science we developed our understanding of the life cycle of flowering plants and the children were very excited to see all the different ways the fertilised seeds are dispersed; our favourite was the exploding cucumber plant!

The children created some beautiful watercolour pictures with Mrs Kendall and they have also been revising their French vocabulary. It's lovely to hear them using the vocabulary with such confidence and finally being able to say 'Il fait beau'.

It has been a very busy but lovely half term. I hope you have a wonderful week off and can enjoy some sunshine!



Juniper Class

We have had a fantastic last week of term in Juniper class. This week in English we have completed a diary entry Oak task for an image of an animal which was chosen by one of the year 6 children.

On Wednesday we had a day off timetable to complete our DT/English topic. The children began by baking sweet and savoury scones which they then later got to taste during a posh afternoon tea. It was so lovely to see all of the children dress up and enjoy the experience. They are excited to find out what we are doing next term!

The children had their last lesson of cricket from the Dumbleton cricket coach on Tuesday. This is an experience that has been thoroughly enjoyed across KS2. There are opportunities for children to take part in lessons with Sam on Mondays at Dumbleton Cricket Club (these will be an additional cost and take place after school).

I hope everyone has a lovely half term. I can't wait to hear about all the exciting things everyone gets up too. Let's hope we can all enjoy the sunshine!



Stars of the Week

Maple Class:

Star of the week: Logan, for showing great enthusiasm in all lessons

Value of the week: Sophia, for persevering with her phonics work

Willow Class:

Star of the week: Edward, for not giving up when your hot air balloon went wrong and working hard to make the most amazing hot air balloon in the end!

Value of the week: Charlie, for always showing compassion when a friend is in need!

Hawthorn Class:

Value of the Week: Ellie B. – for superb perseverance, focus and attention to detail

Star of the Week: Alana. A superb report about Grace Darling.

Juniper Class:

Value of the Week: Jake I - For always persevering in Maths this term. He has got onto a number of challenging questions and always pushes himself to work hard.

Star of the Week: Lily - For consistently working hard in Maths and English. Continuing to write in her neatest handwriting and presenting her work beautifully.

Diary Dates

Please be aware that these may be subject to change.

June

- 7th Return to School
- 9th Yr R Height, Weight and Vision
- 11th Swimming Year 5 and 6
- 18th Swimming Year 5 and 6
- 22nd Yr 5/6 Bellboating trip
- 23rd School Photos
- 25th Swimming Year 5 and 6

July

- 1st-2nd Book Fair @ Alderton
- 1st – 2nd Year 6 visit to Winchcombe
- 2nd Swimming Year 5 and 6
- 8th Yr 6 Boundless Outdoor Day
- 9th Swimming Year 5 and 6
- 15th Gloucestershire Kwik cricket competition (Year 5/6 open)
- 16th Gloucestershire Kwik cricket competition (Year 5/6 girls only)