

Oak Hill Church of England Primary School



Newsletter Friday 15th October 2021

iSingPop Concerts

Wow, what performances from the children. We were all incredibly proud of their singing and dancing. What really amazed us was the sheer volume from our small school. It was wonderful to see their smiling faces blasting out the tunes. Thank you to Carys and the iSingPop team. Thank you to the PCCs for allowing us to be part of this experience and thank you to all the parents, carers and relatives who came to watch.



Loud Shirt Day

A message from one of our Year 5s about a charity day that the school is supporting next week:

Friday 22 of October, please come to school wearing brightly coloured T shirts and socks. This is a fundraiser for Loud Shirt Day which is sponsored by AVUK. AVUK is the charity that helped me hear and it would be lovely if you could donate one pound so you can wear

bright T shirts and socks. This money will go to help many deaf children to hear!

So please take part by wearing a bright top and socks and donate one pound.

Alana

The whole day will be a non-uniform day for pupils and staff; all we ask in return is a £1 donation to support the wonderful work of AVUK <https://www.avuk.org/schools>.

Covid Testing Update

An update from UK Health Security Health Agency:

UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) have been made aware of some areas reporting positive LFD test results with subsequent negative PCR tests and are currently looking into the cause. Whilst the UKHSA investigation is under-way, we advise that if a pupil or staff member has been in close contact with a positive case (such as a household member) or has displayed Covid-19 symptoms and has tested positive on an LFD (but subsequently tested negative on a PCR), they are treated as potentially infectious. We recommend they isolate and remain out of the setting, for 10 days.

FOOHs

Amazon Smile

We are now registered with Amazon smile. This means purchases made at Amazon using

the app lead to donations to our school fund, Friends of Oak Hill School!

Please use this link to get started!

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1060953-0>

Don't forget to also use Easy Fundraising. Using this app does the same but with different companies!

Every little bit helps!

Sonia (FOOHS)

Alderton Sustainable Vintage Sale

Saturday 27 November 10am-12pm

Please book a table (£5 each) to sell items and please come along to support this event – all proceeds will be split between Alderton Acorns and Oak Hill CE Primary School. For more information please email: sustainablealderton@gmail.com

Poppy Appeal

We have poppies, wristbands, slap bands, rubbers and zip pulls available for a donation until mid-November.

Parents Evenings

As we have previously stated in the newsletter, Parents Evenings will take place on the 19th and 20th October 15:40 till 18:00. They will take place at our Alderton base for all classes.

Miss Tarling will be based in the Thrive room and we will ask parents to wait in the Reception area and hall.

Miss Gunter will be based in the end classroom with a waiting area in the corridor outside the room.

Miss Garrett will be in her classroom upstairs with the computer room as a waiting area.

Miss Attwood will be in the library with her classroom as a waiting area.

Hopefully you have all booked your slots via the Google form that was sent out on Monday. Please contact your class teacher if you are having any difficulties.

Harvest Festival

Harvest Festival report to follow next week

Music Grant

We are delighted to announce that we have secured a grant of £350 towards music instruments from Universal Music UK Sound Foundation. We are going to purchase 10 glockenspiels for each base to support our music scheme Charanga. Thank you to Miss Gunter for securing this grant.

Clubs:

NO clubs in the final week of the term due to Parent's Evening.

Black History Month

On Wednesday, the whole school took part in an art day based on Black History Month. The first activity was based on the book 'The Patchwork Pathway' by Bettye Stroud. The story is about a black slave and his daughter escaping to freedom using a code hidden in a patchwork quilt. Every child made a paper patterned square for our own patchwork quilt which will be displayed in the hall.

Our second activity was based on the work of Kimmey Cantrell, a black contemporary American artist. KS1 collaged fish in his style and KS2 worked in groups to produce large abstract faces. It was a wonderful day; the children worked well and enjoyed being creative. Special mention goes to house and vice captains who had the responsibility to ensure their houses worked together and stayed on task.



Italian Club

This half term we have learnt our numbers 1-10, and we can say red, yellow, grey, blue and green. We also know how to greet a friend and ask how they are and we can name some animals. In our final lesson of this half term we have learnt ice cream flavours in Italian. Our favourite flavour is un gelato alla menta! Which is mint! We are having lots of fun and can't wait to see what else we will learn next half term!



Colgate

We are part of the Colgate Bright Smiles Bright Futures initiative. We are sending each child home today with a toothbrush, toothpaste and a leaflet. We hope that helps you in talking

to your children about the importance of good oral hygiene.

School Residential

The Year 5/6 school residential is due to take place the first week back after half term, 1st-5th November. This does present a staffing challenge for a small school, especially for one that has two sites. The plan is that, for that week, the whole school will be based at the Alderton base. A letter with full details will be sent out early next week.

Half Termly Christian Value

FRIENDSHIP AND RESPECT

Friend- a person you know well and like

Respect- admiration for a person's or thing's good qualities; politeness or consideration
(Oxford School Dictionary)

A FRIEND IS ONE OF THE NICEST THINGS YOU CAN HAVE

& ONE OF THE BEST THINGS YOU CAN BE

So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you
Matthew 7:12

Respect is one of the greatest expressions of love.

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

Church Service in Alderton

Our Services this week are:

10.30am **Dumbleton**
6.00pm **Great Washbourne –**
Harvest Songs of Praise

Maple Class

This week, we have been very busy learning about Harvest and preparing our work to show in our Harvest Festival. We had many discussions about our favourite food and used some wonderfully descriptive language to describe fruit and vegetables. We have continued to enjoy playing in our farm shop and even harvested our own vegetables from the gardening area to sell in our shop! There has been fantastic language used in the conversations in the farm shop and lots of exploring of the money which can be used to buy the items. We realised that the toys in the classroom needed some new clothes, so the children decided to sew some new outfits, then some of us ended up making clothes for ourselves! This was a great fine motor skill activity, and I was very impressed with how well the children could thread their own needles. We thoroughly enjoyed our art day on Wednesday for Black History Month, where the children joined with Year 1 and 2 to make their own freedom quilt patches and fish art in the style of Kimmy Cantrall. We have also started to learn about how to be safe online and the importance of looking after ourselves on the internet.





stories and we even had some speech marks appearing! We then got stuck into our Harvest acrostic poems ready for the Harvest Festival. We learnt about the meaning behind Harvest and why it is important to celebrate.

In Maths this week, we have been rounding off our place value unit and starting to think about addition and subtraction! Year 1 have been learning about part whole models. We have been using objects to start with a whole amount and then splitting the objects into parts. We have then learnt how to represent these numbers in a model. Year 2 have been working on their number bonds to 20 and thinking about fact families!



We had a fantastic day on Wednesday as we joined Maple Class for an art day as part of Black History month. We used a book called The Patchwork Path to help us learn about freedom quilts and what they represented and then had a go at making our own square. In the afternoon, we learnt about an artist called Kimmy Cantrell and had a go at designing our own fish in the style of Kimmy.

In our topic lessons we have begun the 'develop' stage of our curriculum. In History we have been investigating how long ago was the 1950s and we created a timeline to help us understand how much time has passed since then. In Geography we developed our knowledge of the Continents and Oceans and used a map to identify them all.



Willow Class

Another busy week in Willow Class! We started the week finishing our stories and bringing our characters to life on their first day at school. I was very impressed with all of the



Hawthorn Class

We have had a great week in Hawthorn Class. In English, the children have started a poetry unit where we looked at three different types of poems (tankas, haikus and cinquains) and created our own poems for Harvest. The children learnt about the different features of each poem and how they can change the meaning. Next week we will be looking at adverbials, noun-phrases and metaphors/similes before creating our own cinquains.

In Topic, we focused on Cheddar Man and looked at how he was discovered. The children were intrigued to learn that he was possibly a cave man who had dark skin and blue eyes but his death was unknown. In Geography, the children looked at analysing data and interpreted what it told us about each place. Next week we will be using the cardinal and intercardinal compass points to locate features.

Juniper Class

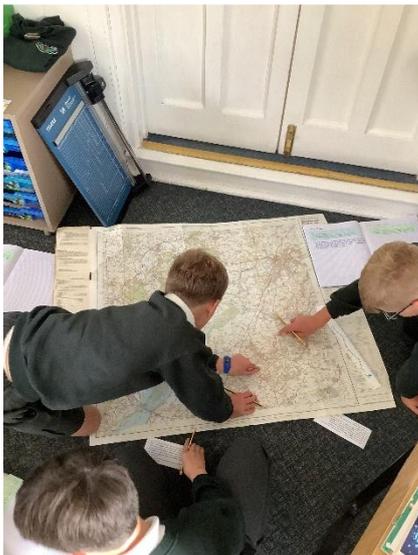
This week we have continued with work on multiplication in Maths and children are now able to multiply increasingly large numbers using both a long multiplication and short multiplication method. Next week, we will start division.

In English, the children have started to plan their own versions of 'The Girl Who Stole an Elephant'. They have used the iPads to research and describe a new location, character and significant event to set the story up. They have been very imaginative with their new ideas. Next week the children will continue to build up their plans and write the first draft.

On Monday, the children reflected on what Harvest means and what we'd like to see in future Harvest times. They worked in small groups and then painted (using their tints and tones knowledge) a visual representation of their words. The children are looking forward to sharing them during the Harvest Festival.

In History this week, the children have explored why jade was so significant during ancient China and how silk was made. They were able to explain how jade was seen as virtuous and people were often buried with jade objects. Then they used the information they gathered to write how to make silk instructions. The children were both amazed and slightly upset that it come from the cocoons of silkworms and the moths have to be boiled!

The children worked together on both Monday afternoon and all day Wednesday to complete Black History work. A full write-up of Wednesday is in the newsletter.



House Points

Weekly Totals

Diamond – 159

Emerald – 139

Ruby – 104

Sapphire - 117

Stars of the Week

Maple Class:

Star of the Week: Rory, for an enthusiastic and inquisitive approach to learning

Value of the Week: Katie, for demonstrating our value of perseverance

Willow Class:

Star of the Week - Edie, for putting so much effort into your Harvest acrostic poem and helping your friends

Value of the Week - Martha, for always being a lovely friend to others and being so helpful on art day

Hawthorn Class:

Value of the Week: - Henry - for showing a positive attitude towards his learning.

Star of the Week - Jack - for working hard to improve his handwriting and presentation

Juniper Class:

Value of the Week: Bryony showing perseverance and resilience when leading her house during the art day.

Star of the Week - Abbie for excellent effort towards her learning in particular her homework.

Diary Dates

Please be aware that these may be subject to change.

October

- 15th Harvest Festival @ Dumbleton church
- 19th Parents Evening
- 20th Parents Evening
- 22nd Loud Shirt Day for AVUK
Break Up

November

- 1st Back to School
Yr5/6 Residential Departs
- 5th Yr5/6 Residential returns
- 11th Remembrance Day
- 19th Children in Need Day

House Points

Emerald – 177

Ruby – 150

Diamond – 232

Sapphire - 252