

# Oak Hill Church of England Primary School



Newsletter Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021

## **Poppy Appeal**

We are delighted to say that we collected £124.38 to support the great work of the British Legion and the Poppy Appeal. Thank you to everyone who supported the charity.

## **Children in Need**

Thank you to everyone for supporting Children in Need - we raised £56!

## **Covid**

Here are the steps you can take to help prevent your child from catching and spreading COVID-19:

Get vaccinated. This remains the best way to protect yourself and your family from the serious effects of COVID-19. If you or your child are eligible for a Covid jab, please do not delay in taking up the offer.

Wear a face covering in crowded and enclosed spaces including public transport.

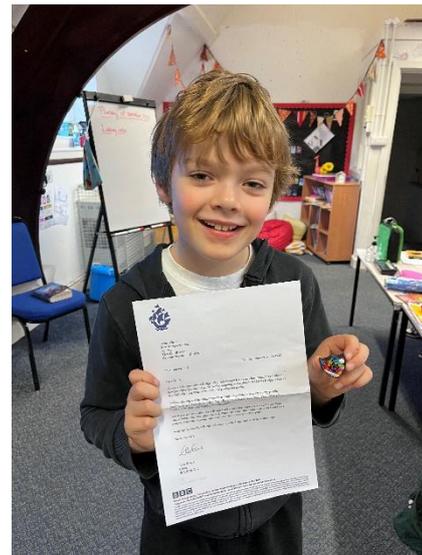
Continue with twice-weekly testing for people with no symptoms (everyone aged 11 years and over)

If your child has symptoms of Covid or has tested positive using a lateral flow device get a PCR test and keep them at home until you receive your results. If your child or anyone in your household tests positive for COVID-19 they must stay at home and isolate for ten days. This means not going to work, school or any other public places. Close contacts of a

positive case will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace and will be advised to take a PCR test.

## **Blue Peter Badge**

Congratulations to Henry for getting his Blue Peter Music Badge.



## **Thrive update**

Mrs Edwards and Miss Attwood are both now well into the final module of the training course and this week have been learning about understanding different types of behaviour. They are beginning to roll out techniques across the whole school so that every child can begin to benefit from the Thrive Approach in some way.

Cookie and Mrs Edwards have both reached the high standards required by Pets As Therapy and are now fully registered as Pets As Therapy Visitors. This week Cookie has been back in the school, working with a couple of pupils. He has been helping to reduce anxiety and increase confidence. He even had the pleasure of being read a story, which he seemed to have enjoyed!



### **Anti-Bullying Week**

As part of anti-bullying week the children focused on one word - kindness. Kindness is more important today than it has ever been. The isolation of the last year has underlined how little acts of consideration can break down barriers and brighten the lives of the people around us. This is one of the reasons that 'One Kind Word' was chosen as the theme of Anti-Bullying Week that took place from 15 to 19 of November 2021. In school we created a kindness display and our assemblies focused on compassion and kindness. In Year 3 and 4, we made kindness flowers which will

help encourage us to be kind to each other in the playground. The children worked really well in their house groups to discuss the definition of compassion and how we can show it as a school.



### **Sports by Corin**

New equipment has been purchased and this means the PE cupboard has had an upgrade! This includes new footballs, foam balls and tennis balls. The sports leaders have recognised that the netballs and footballs could be used to train for future tournaments, but it's all about encouraging children to put in the effort and participate.

"We hope to change the future of sports"  
Bryony Davison [fellow sports leader].

The first step towards this is in the playground. For the last two days, races of all sorts have been happening; running, jumping, hopping, skipping and galloping to name just a few. A lot of the children have loved it and it would be great if they could continue their love for sport at home or in their local park.

It's all about passion because you may be good at sport but not enjoy it, so all you have to do is find something you love.



### **FOOHs**

#### **Christmas Raffle!**

£1 per ticket

Win a box full of Christmas goodies!

Fizz, Wine, Chocolate and treats!

For tickets, please see Sonia Stott.

We will be selling them after school, or please send your money in an envelope marked raffle with your name on, and I will send your ticket to you.

#### **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)

Please support FOOHS and remember to use it for all your Christmas shopping needs. Its support to school is incredibly vital to us.

### **Lunchtime Supervisor Post**

#### **OAK HILL C. OF E. PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**(Alderton base)**

**Grade 2 Point 2 - Point 3 (£18,198 - £18,562 pro rata)**

**1 hr 15 mins per day**

#### **Lunchtime Supervisor**

We are looking for a lunchtime supervisor to join our existing team at Alderton on Mondays and Fridays

Please telephone the school office 01242 620448 for further information.

Closing Date: Friday 3 December 2021

### **Red Bandana Drama Workshops**

Red Banana Drama are offering **FREE DRAMA WORKSHOPS** this Christmas thanks to funding from Gloucestershire County Council.

They will run in **Dumbleton Village Hall** on Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st December and in The Bishops Cleeve Community Building on 22nd December.

These drama workshops will be from 10am-2pm and will include a free hot meal!

Children aged 8-12 can expect a day of festive drama fun including games, imagination, story making, character creating, props in a box and some important Elf and Safety training for this time of year!

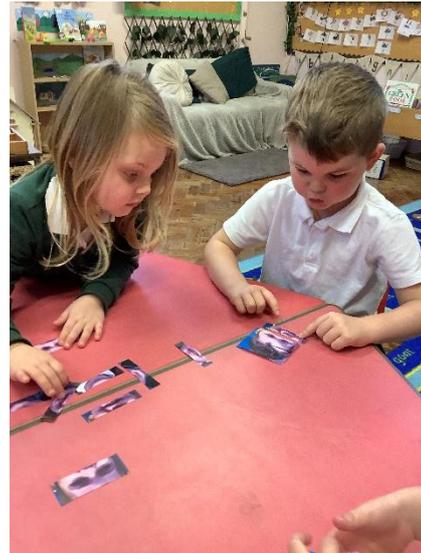
For more information or to enquire about booking a place please contact Kerry



activity, with all of the class helping each other.

In Maths we have been learning all about the numbers 4 and 5, exploring the different ways to represent the numbers, as well as the various decompositions for each number. We completed our first 'Think it Through Friday' where we had to use our mathematical vocabulary and reasoning to explain how we sorted our numbers.

We were very excited to receive a letter in the post this week, from all of the princesses in fairy stories, explaining that they are fed up of being rescued! They asked us to create some new stories for them, so we created a story where Rapunzel rescued herself from the tower by building some stairs and Cinderella became a vet!



### Willow Class

An exciting week in Willow Class as Nativity preparations are now under way! All the children now know their parts and most have taken scripts home to begin to learn their lines which caused lots of excitement! We are also busy learning songs alongside Maple Class.

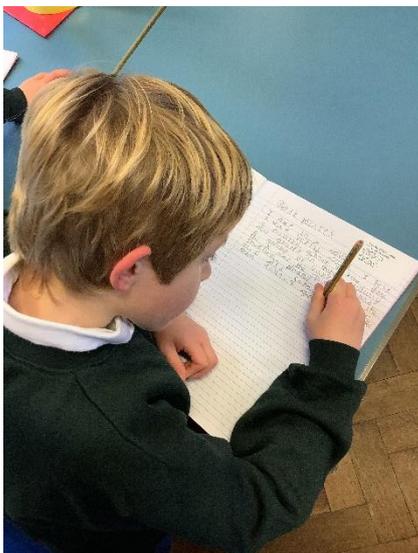
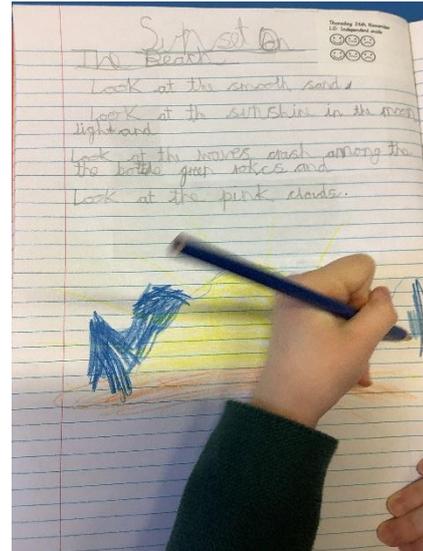
In our Topic lesson this week we looked at a map of a town in the 1950s and then looked at another map of the same place in the present day. We looked for things that had stayed the same and things that were different. This was our final 'develop' lesson of our Childhood topic, so we will be moving onto our innovate journals soon!

In English, we have had a SPAG focus this week and Year 1 have been working on their sentence structure and making sure they

include capital letters and full stops in their work. Year 2 have been learning about the suffixes 'less' and 'ness' and learning how they can change words. They had a go at putting some of these suffixes into a poem! On Thursday, we completed an independent write and the children had a go at writing their own poems, which were really impressive.

We have also begun our new Reading lessons this week and we started with the skill of retrieval. The children have been brilliant at reading different texts and picking out key information to help them answer their retrieval questions. We are looking forward to starting prediction next week!

In Maths, we have continued working hard on addition and subtraction and Year 1 have been counting backwards and forwards using a number line. Year 2 have begun to use column addition this week which will be really helpful now that we are adding big numbers!



### Hawthorn Class

We have had another great week in Hawthorn Class. In Maths, the children have been converting measurements including mm, cm, kg and m. On Wednesday, we moved on to perimeter and the children were involved in a practical lesson where they measured a range of objects in cm. The children then used their previous knowledge to convert into different units of measure.

As part of our RE topic we are learning about Jewish celebrations and why they are important. This week we had the opportunity to hear about the synagogue in Cheltenham through a virtual tour where the children asked lots of questions and were very intrigued with the information that they learnt about.

We have started to use a new scheme for guided reading called VIPERS. On Monday to Thursday the children took part in whole class guided reading sessions and this week we focused on developing our retrieval skills. In English, the children have been creating their own non-chronological reports about the Stone and Bronze Age based on knowledge they have learnt this term.



### Juniper Class

Juniper have had a very productive week this week. In English, they have been exploring the book *Chasing the Sun, Stories from Africa*. The focus has been on the oral traditions and understanding how stories changed and evolved over time. On Thursday the children worked in pairs to retell two different stories. The stories were very dramatic and each retelling was very individual. The children have also completed their first week of reading *Vipers*, a daily reading lesson. They engaged really well and have definitely started to

improve their retrieval skills. Next week the Vipers focus will be Prediction.

In Maths the children have a unit on fractions. We have been looking at how to find equivalent fractions and how to simplify fractions. Next week we will move into improper fractions, mixed numbers and fractions on a number line.

In History this week, the children researched Fu Hao, a hugely significant female army commander from the Shang Dynasty. The children presented their work beautifully making links with other parts of their learning. For example; she was buried with jewels and slaves as expected as she was the queen of a king but also with a chariot as she was an army commander, the first female one.

In PHSE the children had a fantastic discussion on difference. We explored the similarities and differences we all have and how unique we are. We then discussed if difference can be a reason to be treated differently. It was a very interesting and respectful conversation. In Computing, the children developed their understanding of filming techniques and how to use a storyboard. This will be very useful when they come to planning their own video.

In French, the children set up their own cafe and wrote their own menus. The children took turns to be the customer and the waitress or waiter taking the orders.



### House Points

Weekly Totals

Diamond – 187

Emerald – 111

Ruby – 82

Sapphire - 128

### Stars of the Week

#### **Maple Class:**

Star of the Week - Lyla, for using fantastic mathematical vocabulary to explain her thinking

Value of the Week - Megan, for showing perseverance in our daily motor skills sessions

**Willow Class:**

Star of the week - Edward, persevering in Maths whilst learning how to use column addition

Value of the week - Amber, for being a compassionate friend to everyone at Dumbleton

**Hawthorn Class:**

Value friendship - Harry E. for always being a kind friend and putting a smile on everyone's faces.

Star of the Week - Paige for working really hard to focus in class.

**Juniper Class:**

Star of the week- Corin for enthusiastic retelling of a traditional tale.

Value of the week- Max for showing respect and being polite to all.

**Diary Dates**

Please be aware that these may be subject to change.

**November**

29<sup>th</sup> No Football Club or Arts and Crafts

**December**

6<sup>th</sup> Severn Trent Virtual Lesson

14<sup>th</sup> School Nativity 2pm and 6pm

16<sup>th</sup> KS1 Trip

17<sup>th</sup> End of Term