

# Oak Hill Church of England Primary School



Newsletter Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022

## Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies

Wow!!! What a performance! I was completely blown away by the quality of the performances and the production. I felt incredibly proud of all the children and the staff for putting on such a fantastic show. It was wonderful to share it with almost 200 people over our dress rehearsal and two performances.

Thank you to the staff for the production and all who helped. The children are still buzzing!





### **School Disco**

Thank you to FOOHS for putting on such an excellent disco last night for the children. The children really made the most of the occasion. I especially loved their attempts at the Limbo. Thank you to everyone stepping in after the DJ broke down on the motorway.

### **Leavers' Service**

This year our Leavers' Service will be on Wednesday 20th July at 10am. The service will be in the morning this year as there is a funeral taking place in the afternoon. We would love you to join us at St Margaret's Church in Alderton to celebrate all of our leavers this year.

### **Alderton Site**

#### **Move to one site from September 2022**

I am writing with a request for help. As you know, we are looking at relocating to Alderton for September and that means we need to move lots of things from Dumbleton to the Alderton base.

Firstly, do you have any cardboard boxes that we could use to help pack up? These can be dropped at either base, but we do ask that they are flat, so we can store and transport.

Secondly, is there anyone able to help pack up at Dumbleton on Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th? We are looking for about 3/4 people who could help. Please let Esther/Gail in the office know if you are able to help.

Over the next week, we are going to move the furniture around at the Alderton base and store some of the furniture in the hall.

On Monday 18th July and Tuesday 19th July we want to bring over the furniture and resources that are needed for September.

These will be stored in the hall while the building work takes place. So we are in need of people and vans to help load and unload at either end. If you have a van and are able to help that would be fantastic.

If you are able to offer a few hours or the days, then do please let Gail/Esther in the office know; all help is appreciated.

### **Reading Challenge**

It was a pleasure to welcome Rowan Middleton to Oak Hill on Tuesday who told us all about the Summer Reading Challenge taking place this summer across all Gloucestershire libraries. Please send in certificates and medals during the first week back and we will celebrate these during Friday celebration assembly.

### **Wraparound Care - Breakfast and After School Clubs**

The job adverts are now live on the Gloucestershire County Council School Vacancies website. Please pass on to anyone that you think would be interested in applying. Thank you to the parents who have already contacted the office to reserve days.

### **Admin/Finance Role**

We are delighted to say that we have appointed Mrs Alison Sharkey to the admin/finance role. She will be in before the end of term.

### **Sports Day**

You should all have received a letter concerning the plans for Sport's Day on 14<sup>th</sup> July. Obviously, it is weather dependant and we will try to make a decision as early as possible if the weather is inclement.

**Online Safety**

Minecraft is a beloved classic of modern gaming. First released in 2011, this open-ended ‘sandbox’ game of building and exploration still has over 140 million players who happily return to play it at least once every month. Minecraft has also been utilised for much more than just entertainment: it’s sometimes used in schools to teach children coding and it’s also employed as a tool for computer-aided design, which is another valuable skill. Encouraging creativity and problem solving, Minecraft has plenty to offer gamers of all ages, and it’s available on almost all video game platforms. In the guide, you’ll find tips on a number of potential risks such as in-game purchases, addiction and chatting with strangers.



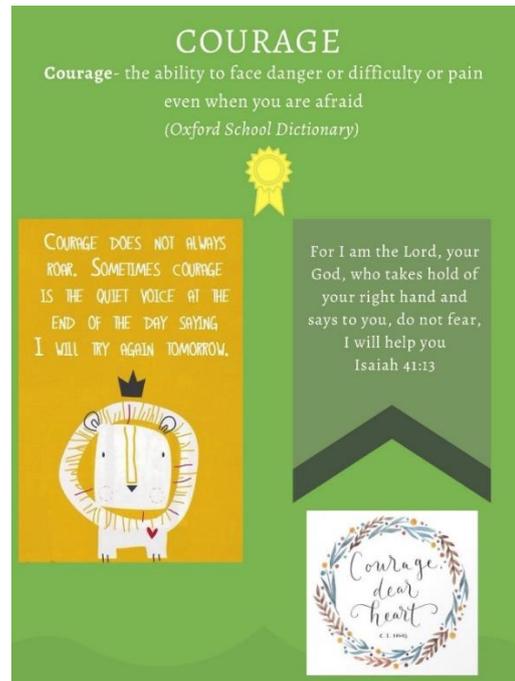
**Winchcombe Foodbank**

Winchcombe Foodbank is based at Encounter Church from 1.30-3pm every Tuesday. Please see [northcotswold.foodbank.org.uk](http://northcotswold.foodbank.org.uk) for more details.

**Holiday Activity and Food Programme**

HAF is available during the summer holidays and bookings are open from 11 July. [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/haf](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/haf)

**Our Christian Values**



**Church Services**

- 10.30am Alderton
- 6.00pm Choral Evensong – Wormington

**Maple Class**

Maple Class have thoroughly enjoyed their first ever summer concert this week! I have been so impressed with their efforts to learn all of the songs and dances as well as the timings of when to go on the stage. The children were so well behaved in rehearsals and were amazing in the performance.

The day after the performance, we wrote a recount of the concert, describing our favourite part of the play. We were careful to use

accurate spelling and finger spaces as well as sentence punctuation.

In Maths this week, we have been continuing to sort numbers based on their properties, including odds and evens. We created an odd and even monster, cutting and gluing the features of a face out and putting an odd number of eyes, ears and teeth on the odd monster, and an even number to create an even number.

We have been busy preparing for Sport's Day this week, practising our sprint races and our skipping. The skipping has been quite tricky but after lots of practise, we have the hang of it and are very excited to take part on the day!

### **Willow Class**

In Willow Class we started the week over at Alderton. We designed front covers for the Alderton Produce and Craft Show, joined KS2 for dress rehearsals, visited Alderton Church and had a whole school assembly on the Summer Reading Challenge.

By Tuesday afternoon we were all set for the first performance. The children were fantastic and made me so proud with their wonderful singing voices and how they picked up the actions to the songs so quickly. They only had two rehearsals before show day and were excellent at learning the timings of when they had to be on and off stage and were a joy to watch.

On Wednesday, we returned to Dumbleton and wrote a recount all about the performances and what we enjoyed the most. This week we have also continued to work on our understanding of time in Maths. Year 1 have been practising o'clock and also learning the days of the week and how to spell them. Year 2 have been trying really hard with quarter past and quarter to.

On Thursday, we had an NSPCC lesson about our bodies and how we can stay safe. We learnt about the PANTS rules and what each letter stands for, watched a video where we

met the pantosaurus who taught us a song and designed the pantosaurus a new pair of pants!

In PE, we have enjoyed making the most of the sunshine and the field by taking the parachute out and playing lots of fun games. We have also been busy practicing for Sport's Day!

### **Hawthorn Class**

The children in Hawthorn Class performed brilliantly in the play this week, fully embracing their roles as supporting actors and singers. Well done Hawthorn!

For the rest of this week we have been concentrating on Maths and some cross-curricular English and History. In Maths we have been looking at position and direction, reading and using grid coordinates. Our focus for reading and writing this week has been on the Roman Army. The children have looked at the hierarchy within the army and how this made it so successful. We then went on to look at causes and consequences of the first Roman invasion of Britain.

On Wednesday afternoon we teamed up with the Year 5s to do some natural weaving. This is the start of a mini art topic called 'Beautiful Botanicals'. The children learned about simple weaving, and the warp and weft before constructing their own simple loom. We then wove natural materials in to it and hung them from the apple tree to welcome visitors in to the evening performance of the play.





## **Juniper Class**

We have had a wonderful week in Juniper Class this week. The first half of the week was very much focused on the performances. The children worked incredibly hard on Monday, helping teach the dance moves to the infants. Tuesday's dress rehearsal was fantastic followed by the first performance to parents.

On Wednesday, the children had a history morning comparing the hierarchy of Ancient Greece with Ancient China, making predictions about what they thought the hierarchy would be. The children then moved onto exploring the Acropolis in Athens using Google maps. They then had to draw models and explain the different buildings contained within the Acropolis. In the afternoon the Year 5s joined Hawthorn for some nature weaving whilst the Year 6s were given the task of designing and budgeting a picnic menu. They showed great team work and were considerate of each other's likes and dislikes to create a very nice picnic which we will have in the last few weeks of term.

On Thursday, we created our 3D models of the building they designed. Our resources were slightly limited so the children had to assess their design and make some changes. They were very resourceful and creative with the use of the materials they had.

During Friday's swimming lesson the children completed their distance challenge. All the children should be very proud of how well they did.

## **Stars of the Week**

### **Maple**

Star of the week: Katie for demonstrating great enthusiasm dancing in our summer concert!

Value of the week: Teddy for showing perseverance with her writing

### **Willow**

Star of the Week: Amber for learning to tell the time to o'clock

Value of the Week: Ava for showing friendship to your friend who was upset on the bus on Thursday

### **Hawthorn**

Star of the Week: Jake for reading aloud in class and his contributions to class discussions.

Value of the Week: Lottie for showing resilience when dealing with nerves in the play.

### **Juniper**

Value of the Week: Archie demonstrating all our values and being so courageous in the play as our narrator.

Star of the Week: Harris great comparative work in history.

### **House Points**

Diamond – 131

Emerald – 148

Ruby – 129

Sapphire - 116

### **Diary Dates**

Please be aware that these may be subject to change.

### **July**

8<sup>th</sup> Swimming

14<sup>th</sup> Sports Day 10am – 12pm

15<sup>th</sup> Extra Swim for Year 5/6

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