

Oak Hill Church of England Primary School

*'Jesus said, 'I have come that you may
have life in all its fullness'
(John 10:10)*

FAITH – VALUES – ACTION



Newsletter Thursday 20th October 2022

Dedication at Oak Hill

We wanted to take some time this week to celebrate the dedication and longevity of several members of staff. Mrs Keen has managed an amazing 34 years working at Oak Hill and Mrs Galpin is celebrating her 30th year!! There are whole generations of children who have been supported and developed by this amazing pair of school staff.



Building Work

It has been so exciting this week to know that from Monday phase 2 of the works are due to take place. The doors to the KS1 classroom that will allow outdoor access and free flow will be fitted and work to the front of the school will be started. We will keep you updated of the progress.

School Council Elections

Today we held our School Council Elections. The elections were arranged by our four Year 6 officials, pictured below. They were responsible for ensuring democracy took place and we are delighted to announce that the following children were elected.

Rowan Class: Edie and Amber

Elm Class: Archie and Jack

Redwood Class: Harris and Charlie





and they were very excited to notice that the Hollyhock had started to germinate. We all also took a moment to reflect on what the benefits of being outside are and then we stood silently for a moment to take in all the sounds around us.



Therapeutic Gardening

Both groups worked together this week and continued to clear the various pots and troughs around the school ready to plant more bulbs after half term. The children enjoyed finding all the different sized snails hidden under the weeds and leaves. The children checked if the bulbs they planted last week needed watering and that no squirrels had dug them up for their dinner. We looked at the trays of Hollyhock and Honesty in the greenhouse



Thrive

With the individual Thrive sessions this week the children have been thinking about what physical feelings or sensations happen in their bodies when they feel different emotions. Being able to identify these changes within our bodies as soon as they begin to happen will enable us to regulate ourselves more efficiently. Others have made 'I am grateful for...' autumn mobiles with each leaf having something they are grateful for written on it. Taking a few moments to recognize what we are grateful for and can lift our mood and make us feel more positive.



Parents' Evening

Thank you to all the parents who came to our two evenings. We are interested in whether parents prefer a face-to-face appointment or an online meeting. Please do let us know which works better for you.

Loud Shirt Day

Thank you to everyone who joined us today in our Loud Shirt Day raising money for AVUK's continuing work. Collective Worship was very bright, I needed my sunglasses!!!



Secondary School Deadline

Please be aware that the closing date for secondary school applications is the 31st October 2022.

Attendance

We have adjusted our Attendance Policy with regard to the changes from the Department of Education that were brought in in September. The policy now includes a form that must be filled in to request periods of absence. We will send a copy of the policy via Dojo to all parents shortly.

Book Fair

Book Fair 9th -16th November. No cash - there will be a QR code to scan and make payment online.

Carol Service

Advance Notice:

We are aiming to do something different this year. We would like to invite everyone to our Carol Service at St Margaret's in Alderton on Thursday 15th December at 6pm. All children will be performing in the service and the Year 6 will be leading us in worship.

Online Safety

BeReal is the latest trending social media app. The concept is that people see others in their authentic day-to-day lives, sharing candid photos without editing or applying filters. Each day at a random time, users are simultaneously notified to take a photo of what they're doing at that exact moment. The two-minute window to submit an image means there's no time to select a particularly glamorous or exciting activity. BeReal shares two pictures: a selfie, and an image of the immediate

surroundings. Users can only view and react to their friends' photos once they upload their own.

In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as strangers, location sharing and visible personal data.



Cafe Church:

Come along to Cafe Church on Sunday October 30th for a short informal service starting with drinks and croissants, singing a few songs and some engaging activities. All ages are welcome at 10.30am in St Mary's Church, Great Washbourne with the theme of All Saints. We would be really pleased to see you and the family.

National Children's Measurement Programme

The National Children's Measurement Programme for Reception and Year 6 will take place on 5th January 2023.

On the same day the Reception children will have their vision screening. Further details will follow,

Operation Christmas Child

This year Oak Hill will once again be taking part in Operation Christmas Child, the UK's largest children's Christmas appeal. It is an initiative of the Christian relief and development agency Samaritan's Purse and provides underprivileged children around the world with gift-filled shoeboxes wrapped and packed by children and adults in the UK. The idea is simple. Children and adults wrap and pack shoeboxes with a range of gifts and bring them to school. These are then collected and sent overseas where local churches distribute them to children, on the basis of need alone. This year the goal is to send two-thirds of shoeboxes from the UK to Ukraine or the neighbouring countries like Moldova and Romania that are hosting many Ukrainian refugee families. If you would like to fill a shoe box, please look out for a leaflet and letter that will be send home with your child this week.

For more information, please take a look at

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>



Half Termly Christian Value

A green leaflet titled "FRIENDSHIP AND RESPECT". It contains the following text:

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)

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

The leaflet also features a yellow handshake icon and a cartoon illustration of a yellow bear, a tiger, a rabbit, and a blue donkey.

Cheltenham Literature Festival

Over a couple weekends, we visited the Cheltenham Literature Festival. It was really fun because they had lots of events you could take part like the plastic tree that you could reach inside and open doors. It was fun. There were food and drink stalls which smelled delicious and

we saw a play being performed throughout the day.

We went into a big tent and got to hear about new books that have just been written and we could ask questions about the books too. After that, we went into a library, a giant bookshop, where the authors were and this is where you could get the books and have them signed! This year we met Andy Griffiths, Hannah Gold, Cressida Cowell, Greg James and a few others too!

We would definitely recommend that everyone visit the literature festival next year! It was amazing, fantastic and wonderful!

By Mark, Martha, Lila, Henry and Alana



Rowan Class

This week in Rowan Class we have begun a new unit in English based around the book 'Last Stop on Market Street'. The children have done some incredible writing this week with a focus on onomatopoeia words.

In Maths, we have begun our addition and subtraction unit and focused on our number bonds to 10 and 20 and fact families.

In our topic lesson, we compared the expeditions of Neil Armstrong and

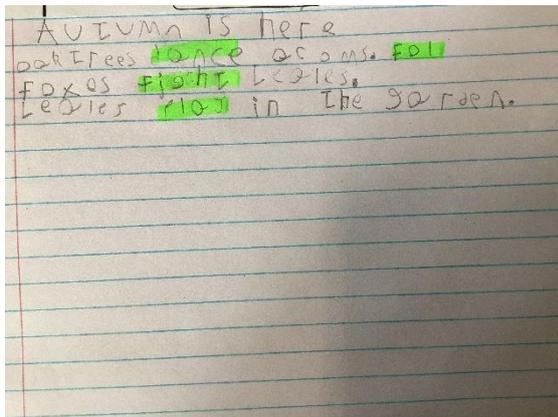
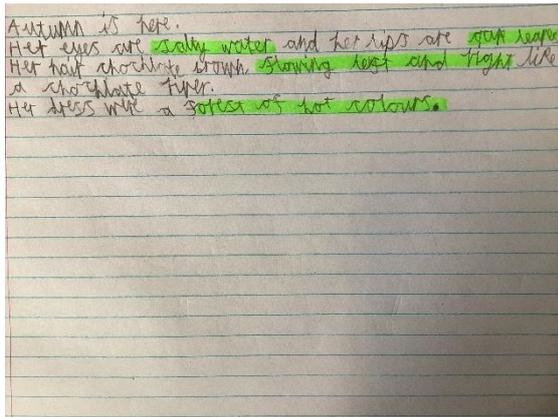
Christopher Columbus and looked for similarities and differences.

On Wednesday afternoon, we enjoyed an autumnal walk around the village looking at seasonal changes. We saw lots of signs of autumn!



Elm Class

The children have been studying a poem about summer and are beginning to write their own poem about Autumn. Pleasingly, the children have managed to include metaphors and personification within their first two verses. In Science, we have discussed teeth hygiene in preparation for a toothpaste experiment after the October break. We hope you all have a lovely holiday.



Redwood Class

This week in Redwood Class, the children have completed their first independent write using our new writing scheme. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the new structure of English lessons and the writing they have produced is wonderful. After half term, we will be starting a non-fiction unit.

In Maths, the Year 6 children have been using long division to solve problems. This is a tricky concept but they have

persevered and shown resilience in lessons! The Year 5 children have started their unit of multiplication and divisions, identifying factors and multiples. It would be beneficial to the children if they can be practising their times tables at home!

In History the children built on their understanding of the triangular slave trade from last week, focusing on the impact it had on the enslaved people. In Science, we completed an investigation about heart rates. The children learned to take their heart rate and explored the effect that exercise has on it.

In R.E, the children revisited the five pillars of Islam, deepening their understanding of each of them and drawing comparisons between the five pillars and how people of other faiths show their faith.

During gymnastics the children started building their skills using the small apparatus, working on individual stations before creating a circuit. In Music, we added glockenspiels and guitar to our song, Happy.

It has been a fantastic first half term as a class. The children have been working incredibly hard and they are definitely ready for half term!





House Points

House point totals for this week:

Ashdown 71

Sherwood 82

Dean 108

Stars of the Week

Rowan Class:

Star of week - Ava for persevering with your handwriting

Value of the week - Megan, for showing respect to your peers in PE and listening carefully

Elm Class:

Star of the week - Arwen for writing some wonderful poetry.

Value of the week - Charlie for his participation in class and his worthwhile contributions

Redwood Class:

Star of the week- Ellie excellent focus and perseverance in Maths

Value of the week - Elliott fantastic leadership and resilience during our residential trip

Diary Dates

Please be aware that these may be subject to change.

October

21st INSET Day

31st School returns

November

9th Book Fair Arrives

10th School Disco

11th Remembrance Day

Flu Vaccinations am

December

5th Nativity Dress Rehearsal

6th Nativity Performance 2pm

7th Nativity Performance 6pm

13th Christmas Craft Day

- 14th Christmas Lunch (TBC)
- 15th Carol Service 6pm @Alderton Church
- 16th Term Ends