

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 Friday 8th March 2024

World Book Day

What an amazing day we had for World Book Day, great costumes, a wonderful mystery book swap and some live lessons. Thank you to everyone who donated books and took part.



Parents Evenings

Parents Evenings are **Wednesday 20th** 1630 -1830 and **Thursday 21st March** 1530-1700. Bookable sessions will be available next week. We look forward to seeing you all as we work in partnership to support our children and their learning.

Woodpeckers club availability

Please see below our current availability.

Week Commencing 11th March

Breakfast Club: available all week

After School Club:

Monday 11th March - Not available

Tuesday 12th March till 4:30pm

Wednesday 13th March till 5:30pm

Thursday 14th March till 4:30pm

Friday 15th March till 4:30pm

Week Commencing 18th March

Breakfast Club: available all week

After School Club:

Monday 18th March till 4:30pm

Tuesday 19th March No ASC - School Fair

Wednesday 20th March till 5:30pm

Thursday 21st March till 5pm

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

PQ Rocks competition results

Monday concluded the Primary QuEST maths challenge - competition was fierce and the children all did a fantastic job! Redwood came 3rd out of 21 classes that took part from the MAT and 2 members of Redwood class were in the top 5 pupils!

It was fantastic to see such impressive levels of engagement on TTRS, we look forward to this continuing. Last week 8 children received their "50 days played" certificate - hopefully more will be earned in the coming weeks!

Fun science

To coincide with British Science Week, we have a visit from Diatom Dave next Thursday. The team will deliver a whole-school assembly before carrying out a workshop of 'fun science' with class groups.



NPQLT

Huge congratulations to Miss Attwood who has today, completed her 7 day exam for her National Professional Qualification in Leading Teaching. We will let you know her results soon.

First Aid

Mrs Murray and Mr Greaves have renewed their Paediatric First Aid Qualifications. Congratulations to both for passing the exam.

Primary QuEST oracy competition

The competition is now on 10th April at Hartpury College. We can't wait to hear the children speak.

🐣 Easter Fair: Tuesday 19th March - 2.30pm 🐣



🐣 Tombola prizes request - Easter fair 🐣

Reminder that children are invited to come in non school uniform on **Wednesday 13th March** in exchange for a tombola prize for the Easter fair. Anything you are able to donate would be greatly appreciated but please ensure there are nut free!

🐣 Raffle donations appeal - Easter fair 🐣

We have had a positive response to our appeal but we are still seeking more raffle donations for the egg-citing Easter fair and appreciate any support in this respect. We know how blessed we are with a talented community - please contact the office or pop in if you are able to donate.

Safeguarding audit

The report has arrived and it really recognises the culture of safeguarding that exists within the school. It compliments all staff on their knowledge and understanding. Our Safeguarding Policy has already been sent to other schools as it is a shining example to other schools.

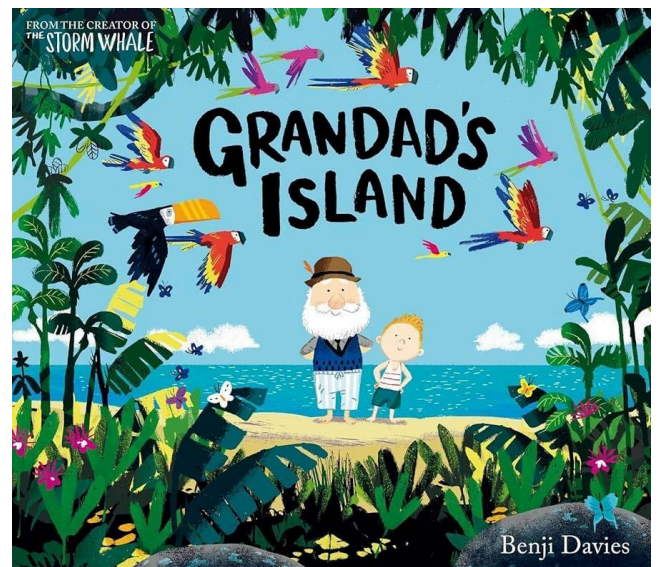
Book Review

Grandad's Island

If you like adventure books you will love Grandad's Island. Sid's house was right next door to his Grandad's. One day he went to visit his Grandad but he couldn't find him in any of his usual places. He went upstairs and found his Grandad in the attic who revealed to him a big metal door that led them on a wonderful adventure....

I would rate this book 5/5

Rory, Year 2



Mathematics support for families

Support for all around maths to help enjoyment.

https://www.nationalnumeracy.org.uk/helping-children-maths/family-maths-toolkit?mc_cid=a9887d6743&mc_eid=e8780e04c8

Rowan class

Wow what a fantastic time we have had in Rowan class - World Book Day has dominated the week. We have taken part in many reading events where authors shared their books and taught us to draw some of the illustrations from the books. On Thursday, the children looked amazing in their costumes and we had a great day with lots of activities. We particularly enjoyed the draw along with Raahat Kaduji who taught us to draw the insects from her beautiful book 'I'm Not Sleepy'.



In Maths this week, Reception children have been learning about length and height, Year 1 have finished their unit on place value to 50 with their Oak task and Year 2 have finished their unit on money.

In English, Year 1 and 2 have begun to write their own diary entries from the point of view of a little mouse during The Great Fire of London in 1666. Reception have been using the book 'We're Going On A Bear Hunt' as part of their drawing club this week.

Elm class

Thursday was a highlight of the week for many, as we enjoyed celebrating the pleasure of reading. We attended live author events, including one hosted by CBBC and another by Scholastic. We also joined a live 'Footy and Booky World Book Day Quiz'. It was a highly enjoyable day promoting books and reading, culminating with some pupil-created raps. And of course, the children all looked fantastic.



Redwood class

This week the children have been finishing their chunking lessons on The Highwayman, they have really enjoyed using adventurous vocabulary to describe the events of the poem, they will be applying these skills to adapt Julia Donaldson's The Highway Rat so far they have learned the key events of the text and created a storyboard to write their poems from.

In Maths, the children have started the Fractions, decimals and percentage unit, they are currently being taught in separate year groups and are focusing on developing their understanding of how these concepts are linked.

In P.E the children had a great session with Pete, he will be returning next week for a second coaching session ahead of the tag rugby tournament some of the children will be attending on the final week of term.

In Geography, the children explored different regions in North and South America and matched them up to different types of farming, writing a sales pitch style piece of work explaining why they would be successful in that type of farming, then on Friday afternoon the children planted potatoes linking back to previous learning about asexual reproduction in plants.

The children all looked fantastic in their costumes on World book day, thank you for helping sort out them out!

The mystery book swap was a great success too - thank you for all the donations!

Church services

Everyone is really welcome this Sunday at our informal Mothering Sunday Cafe Church service in Alderton Church at 10.30am.

This is a great opportunity for children to celebrate their Mums and other people who care for them and where they can give them a posy of flowers. After the short service there will be cakes and refreshments. It matters not if little brothers and sisters make a noise, so don't be afraid to bring them. We also welcome well behaved dogs to any of our services!

9.00am - Wormington HC for Lent

Our Lent Course - continues to run on Wednesday - 7pm at Alderton Vicarage. All are welcome.

Half termly Christian value

FORGIVENESS

Forgiveness- stop feeling angry with somebody about something
(Oxford School Dictionary)



And when you stand
praying, if you hold
anything against anyone
forgive them, so that your
Father in heaven may
forgive you your sins
Mark 11:25

**The weak can never
forgive. Forgiveness is
the attribute of the
strong.**

— MAHATMA GANDHI —

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

Schools are finding increasing issues with Snapchat among KS2 children. It really is imperative that parents check phones and review children's use of such apps, especially as they have a 13+ age rating.

Snapchat is a photo- and video-sharing app through which users can chat with friends via text or audio. Images and videos are shared with friends, or as a 'story' (documenting the previous 24 hours) visible to a person's entire contacts. Usage rose significantly during lockdowns, with many young people using it to stay connected with their peers. It continues to develop features to engage an even larger audience and emulate current trends, rivalling platforms such as TikTok and Instagram.

In the guide, you'll find tips on avoiding potential risks such as sexting, visible location and contact from strangers.

Roses Theatre Film Festival - The Future's Now



The Roses is hosting a free and immersive film and VR festival for young people at the end of the Easter break called The Future's Now. This festival has been curated by over 20 local young people and includes new blockbuster releases such as Dune 2, Japanese hit, Beyond the Infinite Two Minutes and family favourite, Hugo. Get involved and experience exciting VR games such as Goliath and more!

Online safety

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to help an informed conversation about online safety with their children. Around their home to consider. This guide focuses on one of today's apps which has become a social media hub for many young people. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further advice, links and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SNAPCHAT

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Snapchat is an instant messaging app which allows users to send images, videos and texts to people in their friends list. One of Snapchat's unique features is that pictures and messages 'disappear' 24 hours after they've been viewed; however, this content isn't as temporary as many believe - with some users saving screenshots or using another device to take a photo of their screen. This year Snapchat added 'My AI', a customizable chatbot with which people can chat and share secrets, as well as asking for advice and suggestions of places to visit.

CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS

Even if your child only connects with people they know, they may still get friend requests from strangers. The Quick Add option lets users befriend people in the app's recommendations - but these 'friends' are merely a username, which could have anyone behind it. Accepting such requests reveals children's personal information through the app's location, background, timestamp, location, and putting them at risk from predators.

EXCESSIVE USE

Snapchat works like an instant messenger, with features like 'Snap Streaks' (where users send pictures every day to build up a high score). Spotlight Challenges tempt users into spending time producing content in search of likes, prizes and online fame. It's easy for children to pass hours watching Spotlight's endless scroll of videos.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some videos and posts on Snapchat aren't suitable for children. The hashtags used to group content are determined by the poster, so even an innocent search term could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's 'Discover' section, which features sponsored content, is also a source of inappropriate material. It's easy for young people (even in particular) to share explicit images or images - so setting boundaries to be a risk associated with Snapchat.

ONLINE PRESSURES

Although many of Snapchat's filters are designed to entertain or amuse, the 'Snapchat' effects on photos can set the scene for cyberbullying, creating feelings of inadequacy if a young person compares themselves unfavourably with other users. Snapchat now also has 'Snapchat' filters which are designed to be used even if a device is in 'do not disturb' mode, increasing the pressure on users to log back in and interact.

VISIBLE LOCATION

Snap Map highlights a device's exact position on a virtual map which is visible to other users. There are options to restrict who can see this information: all friends, only 'Closest friends', or selected friends. Snapchat also has 'Snapchat' location sharing, which is intended as a buddy system to ensure friends have reached home safely - but which could also be used to track a young person for more sinister reasons.

Advice for Parents & Carers

TURN OFF QUICK ADD

This Quick Add feature lets people find each other on the app. This function works based on mutual friends and whether someone's number is in their phone's contacts list. Explain to your child that it's important not to share their phone with strangers, and that their profile is visible to strangers. We recommend that your child turns off Quick Add, which can be done in the settings (accessed via the cog icon).

CHAT ABOUT CONTENT

If your child has an overseas conversation (and one that young people can be tempted to have), it's important to talk to them about the risks of sexting. Remind your child that once something is online, the creator loses control of what it does and who else sees it. Likewise, it's vital that children understand that sexting is a criminal offence under the law, which can lead to serious consequences.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Buchanan is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and delivered training and advice for parents, carers and young people. She has written various documents, policies and advice materials for the government, including a report on the use of sexting and the behaviour of young people in the UK. Visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for more information.

CHOOSE GOOD CONNECTIONS

In 2021, Snapchat rolled out a new safety feature: users can now block notifications reminding them of the importance of maintaining connections with people they actually know. On Snapmap, they'll be unable to view anyone's location unless they've been added to their friends list. We encourage users to only communicate with, and maintain their privacy and safety, with people they know.

KEEP ACCOUNTS PRIVATE

Profiles are private by default, but children may make them public to gain more followers. Snap Streaks are visible to everyone, and Snapmap, which shows location, is visible to all friends. On Snapmap, they'll be unable to view anyone's location unless they've been added to their friends list. We encourage users to only communicate with, and maintain their privacy and safety, with people they know.

BE READY TO BLOCK AND REPORT

If a stranger does connect with your child on Snapchat and begins to make them feel uncomfortable through bullying, sending sexual images to them, your child should block and report the user. There are options to block any user or report a user (copying or misusing someone's profile picture) - but which could also be used to track a young person for more sinister reasons.

National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday

www.nationalonlinesafety.com | @national_online_safety

Holiday activities and food programme

GCC provide food vouchers for school holidays. Applications open midday 27th February and close midday 12th March. Vouchers are sent from 18th March - If not received by 20th March 2024, email: childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk
Only for Reception - Y11 children in receipt of Pupil Premium - ensure you are registered if entitled.
<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/holiday-activities-and-food-programme/>

School tours

Tours are always available to look around our wonderful school - please recommend us.

Road works 🚧🚧🚧🚧

B4077 and B4078 Overnight closures are underway and some additional daytime traffic light controlled works too! Please allow extra time for delays.

And finally... 🏆 House Points 🏆

Ashdown	209
Dean	244
Sherwood	171

🌟 Stars of the week 🌟

Rowan class

Star of the week: Yesa - for a superb initial diary entry in English.

Value of the week - Olivia, for showing excellent concentration and perseverance with your work.

Elm class

Star of the week: Mark for producing a high quality news report and Muslim prayer report.

Value of the week: Martha for producing a high quality news report and city report (St Davids).

Redwood class

Star of the Week: Betsy - Archie - A more focused attitude working harder to get more done.

Value of the Week: Paige - Displaying a more open mind and positive attitude in class.

Don't forget.... 17 July Diary Dates 17 July

Please note that these are subject to change.

March 2024

8th	Swimming Yr3/4
11th	Assessment week Class photographs
13th	Non school uniform day for tombola prizes
14th	Science Collective Worship & Workshops
15th	Swimming Yr3/4
18th	PC Curtis visiting Redwood
19th	Easter service 1.00pm Easter fair run by School Council 2.30pm PQ Maths24 Quiz @ Staunton & Corse
20th	Tag rugby festival Parents evening
21st	Freestyle football workshop Parents evening Term ends
22nd	INSET day with Primary QuEST

April 2024

8th	Term starts
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