



# Oaklands Infant School

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## Oak Tree News

13th March 2020

### DIARY DATES

**Saturday 14th March**

**PTA Oaklands Got Talent 4-7pm  
(POSTPONED)**

**Friday 20th March**

**Chestnut Assembly 9am  
(POSTPONED)**

**Friday 20th March**

**FS Grandparents Afternoon  
(POSTPONED)**

**23rd to 27th March**

**Year 2 parent lunch week**

**Thursday 2nd April**

**Silver Birch celebration of learning 9am**

**Friday 3rd April**

**End of term. Finish at 1:30pm**

**Monday 20th April**

**Return to school (No inset day)**

**Thursday 7th May**

**School closed for Elections**

**Friday 8th May**

**School closed VE Bank holiday**

**Wednesday 20th May**

**Year 2 trip to Milestones Museum**

**Thursday 21st May**

**Census day. Menu: Fish + chips. A swap  
with 22.5.20.**

**Friday 22nd May**

**End of half term. Finish at 3:15pm.**

**Monday 25th to 29th May**

**Half term**

**Monday 1st June**

**Return to school for the Summer term**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Over the last two weeks, it has been a hive of activity in school. On Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, we had a visit from Mr Elsey and he spent the whole day with staff and children. He had the opportunity to work with children from across the school in small groups and in classes. Mr Elsey thoroughly enjoyed his time here.

Last week was book week. I would like to say a special thank you to Miss Weston and all the staff for organising a wide range of activities. The children loved it and they all looked amazing in their costumes on Thursday.

Mrs Irwin and I took a group of 12 Year 2 children to visit Pinehurst care home, where the children shared with the residents their chosen books. As always, our children were delightful and engaging and were great representatives of the school.

With best wishes,  
Hannah O'Neill

### TERM DATES 2019/2020

**Spring Term 2020**

**End of term: 3rd April  
Easter Holidays**

**Summer Term 2020**

**Start of term: 20th April  
Election Day: 7th May  
VE Bank holiday: 8th May  
Half term: 25th - 29th May  
End of term: 17th July  
Inset Days: 20th + 21st July  
Summer Holidays**

### TERM DATES 2020/2021

**Autumn Term 2020**

**Inset Day: 1st Sept  
Start of term: 2nd Sept  
Inset Day: 23rd October  
Half term: 26th - 30th Oct  
End of term: 18th Dec  
Christmas Holidays**

**Spring Term 2021**

**Inset day: 4th Jan  
Start of term: 5th Jan  
Half term: 15th - 19th Feb  
End of term: 31st March  
Inset Day: 1st April  
Easter Holidays**

**Summer Term 2021**

**Start of term: 19th April  
Bank holiday: 3rd May  
(TBC) election Day: 6th May  
Half term: 31st May - 4th  
June  
End of term: 20th July  
Inset Day: 21st July  
Summer Holidays**

### GOLDIES

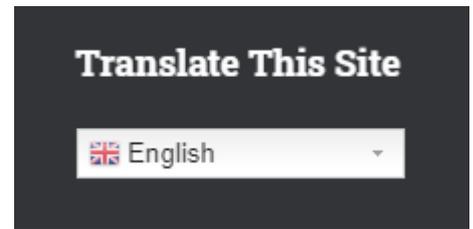
- Isla and Natalia in Ash, for going over to another child who was upset and playing with them to cheer them up. They both showed such kindness.
- George M in Beech, for persistently being helpful and sensible and helping to put equipment away at lunchtimes.
- Amelia G in Beech, for consistently showing the values of Oaklands, of being kind, responsible, polite and helpful.

## WEBSITE TRANSLATOR



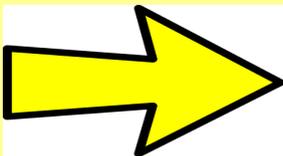
Please take a look at our website. At the bottom of the front page you will see this option. Select a language and the whole website is in your chosen language.

If you would like any other language please let the office know and you can add it.



## WORLD BOOK DAY PHOTOGRAPHS

Please look at our website for the photographs from World Book Day. We had a wonderful day full of fun and books.



[Homepage/ Parents/ Photo gallery/ 2019-2020/ World Book Day 2020](#)

## PINEHURST CARE HOME

During book week our year 2 children visited Pinehurst Care Home to read with the residents. The children behaved beautifully and made us feel very proud.

[Homepage/ Parents/ Photo gallery/ 2019-2020/ Care Home visit March 2020](#)



## BEEHIVE BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

If you would like any childcare before and after school please see Beehive.

Applications form are on our website.

[Homepage/ Parents/ After school club](#)



Breakfast  
&  
After School Clubs

## CONSIDERATE PARKING AND KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE



### LUNCHTIME CONTROLLER VACANCY

We have a vacancy for a lunchtime controller. Enhanced hourly rate is **£11.09** and sessions run from 11:50am to 1:20pm.

Days required: **Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.**

Start date: **22nd April 2020.**

Applications considered on receipt so please apply **ASAP.** Contact: **School Office**

### SCHOOL WEBSITE

Please check out our NEW website. It is packed full of information and a google calendar that you can sink to your mobile phone.

## **BOOK WEEK 2020**

We have had a very busy and exciting book week this year. We started the week with a whole school story that was written by the pupils and teachers. Please look at the reading section on the school website where it will be uploaded. The children then had a competition to design a cover for the book that will be going into each class' book corner.

Congratulations to the winners:

**Ash – Ethan**

**Willow – Emerson**

**Chestnut – Sara**

**Silver Birch – Francesca**

**Beech – Ezmay**

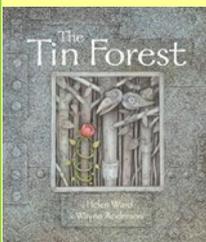
**Elm – Kaiden**



This year our theme was 'Caring for our World'. We wanted to teach the children ways to care for their environment and to understand what is happening around the world.

On Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, the whole mixed and spent the afternoon learning ways to keep our oceans clean. Children re-used plastic to create two amazing ocean hall displays.

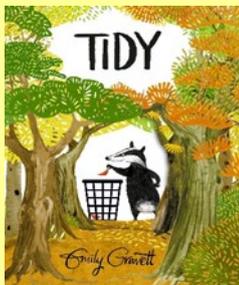
On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March, the children spent the day working in all year groups.



In Foundation Stage they read the book 'The Tin Forest'. The book was about a man who lived in a rubbish dump and yearned to live in a forest. He used the materials around him to create a tin forest. Gradually, animals and plants began to return to the metal forest and by the end of the story it had become real. The children listened to the story in the Junior School woods. Then they went on a leaf treasure hunt and used tree identification wheels to name the leaves they found. They used mirrors to look up into the tree canopy. All the children had a lovely lesson and loved being outside!

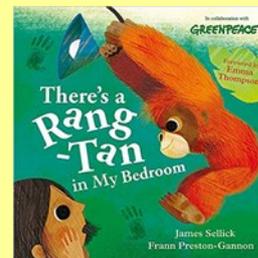
In Chestnut Classroom they read a story called, 'The Long Journey' about a Polar Bear, Panda, Orang-utan and Elephant who, due to the destruction of their habitat and hunting for ivory, have to leave their homes and sail away in a boat. The children discussed what people could do to help these animals so that they could return home. Among the suggestions were to walk more, drive less, use scooters, stop hunting, be kind and to stop using palm oil. Each child made a poster using bright colours and big bold headlines about one of the animals that they had read about.





In Silver Birch they read the story 'Tidy' about a Badger who cleared up so much that the world had no trees, flowers or animals. When he went to find his home, he realized his mistake! Badger had cleared all the good things too! The woodland animals helped him to repair the damage. The children enjoyed discussing the theme and realized we all have to work as a team to keep our world safe. The children then worked together to create posters to help spread the word about using recycled materials. They painted and coloured pictures of the earth and loved painting hand-prints over the top.

In Year 2, they read a story called 'There's a Rang-Tan in My Bedroom'. A little girl discovers an orang-utan on the loose in her bedroom; she couldn't understand why it keeps shouting 'OOOO' at her shampoo and her chocolate. Rang-tan explained that there were humans running wild in her rainforest, burning down trees so they can grow plantation for palm oil to be used in products. Children created orang-utan art and discussed what products palm oil is in and how we can try to help save the orang-utans.



On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March, we celebrated World Book Day. Pupils and staff dressed up as different book characters, everyone looked fantastic! We had Harry Potters, Matilda's, The Tiger who came to tea, Where's Wally, Stick Man, Paddington Bear and many more. The children even got to show off their costumes to the children at the Junior school during a shared read in the afternoon.

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March, some Year 2 children went to Pinehurst Care Home to read books to the residents. The children showed pictures of them in their outfits from World Book Day. We were very proud of how the children interacted with the residents and how confident they were reading to them and answering their questions.



We ended our week with a visit from Sarah Roberts, she is an eco-expert who has worked in conservation all around the world and is the author of *Somebody Swallowed Stanley*. Sarah visited all of the classes with a focus on understanding the importance of recycling and disposing of litter properly, understanding how plastic can be a danger to wildlife and learning the three R's (Reduce Reuse Recycle).

**Thank you to all the parents, staff and pupils for a fantastic week.  
For photos of the week please look at the school website.**

**Also thank you to all who have taken part in the sponsored "grown-up" read.  
Just a reminder that all forms and money are due in today. Once we have received all the money we will let you know how much we have raised.**



## Collaborate. Enrich. Support

Thank you for all the positive feedback on our Quiz Night – it is great to hear those who came enjoyed themselves and supported our schools at the same time! Our total income was £1,438 and we spent £908.61 on pizzas and drinks, giving us **£529.29** profit. Keep an eye out for the next Quiz Night in the Summer Term and book your team in early to avoid disappointment!

For those of you starting (or at least contemplating!) a spring clear-out, we will be collecting unwanted but usable clothes, towels, bed linen and more, the week of the 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020. We will provide a full list of items and bags to fill just before the Easter holidays. We receive money for every kilogram donated, so the challenge we are setting is to fill the wooden gazebo in the Junior School playground to the rafters!

### Oaklands Got Talent - update

As you will now be aware we have decided to postpone Oaklands Got Talent this weekend. As you can imagine this was not a decision we took lightly but we feel it was for the best. A new date will be communicated in the near future. All bookings have been refunded.

Kathryn Pierce (Chair), Annabel Parker (Treasurer) and Gemma Grundy (Secretary)

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## THANK YOU TO THE PTA

Thank you to the PTA for funding the author visit. It was amazing!



## CORONAVIRUS COVID 19

**For all the latest news regarding Coronavirus COVID 19 please see our website.**

If you have any feedback about our newsletter please email

[admin@oaklands-inf.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@oaklands-inf.wokingham.sch.uk)

The governing body is a committee that is in place to steer the school's strategic direction and to make sure that the school remains accountable. If you have a concern about your child, normally it is best to speak to their teacher or Mrs O'Neill first as they know them well and will probably be able to deal with it quickly. However, do get in touch if you feel this isn't working or you have other things you wish to discuss - we are happy to hear from you! Thank you. Chris Rossiter (Chair of Governors)