



Oak Tree News

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Dear Parents / Carers

This half-term has been quite challenging for many different reasons and I think everyone is definitely ready for the week's break. Everybody, adults and children, have worked extremely hard. I would like to say a big thank you to all the staff for making it such a positive and successful return to school and ensuring the children are happy and settling back into the routines.

I hope all of you have a restful, enjoyable half-term and we will see all the children back in school on Monday 2nd November.

With best wishes,

Hannah O'Neill



..... for taking part in the PTA non-uniform day and raising money for both schools.



..... Don't forget
TOMORROW Friday 23 October
is an Inset day.

Oaklands Tree: Children who have received a Goldie leaf

Ash: Antonia, Emilia, Liana and Zurielle.

Willow: Emma, Miles and Aria.

Chestnut: Isaac and Joshua.

Silver Birch: Oliver, Isabelle, Robin and Alexi K.

Beech: Oliver R, Willow, Priya and Sara.

Elm: Poppy, Isabella, Andrew and Francesca.



Crowthorne Food Bank



This week we received a heart felt “Thanks” from Crowthorne Food Bank. Oaklands Infant School donated a total weight of 204.20kg!!! Thanks to everyone involved with the Harvest Collection.

Poppy Appeal

From the w/c: 2 November 2020 Oaklands Infant School will be selling Poppy merchandise to raise money for the British Legion during the period of Remembrance. Each bubble / year group will have their own box. For sale: Zip pull 50p, reflector 50p, silicon wristband £1, snap band £1 and Poppies 20p.

Time to Read

Time sharing stories is time well spent. Children can benefit from reading in so many ways and there is no fixed way to do it! Reading as a family can be done anytime, anywhere with anyone. Reading together for just ten minutes a day improves children’s imagination, language, emotional well-being and curiosity.

As part of Book Trust’s annual Time to Read campaign Ash and Willow class received a free book.





Chestnut Class

In Chestnut this half term we have been working on our topic: **Walk on the Wild Side**. Our learning has focused on looking at the features of different animals, which helps us decide how animals are similar and different from each other. We started our topic by reading *Monkey Puzzle* by Julia Donaldson, and the children acted out the parts in a role play session. We produced gorgeous collaged lions, painted camouflage animals that 'hid' very successfully, and created lift-the-flap books to reveal carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. Our class even had a 'virtual' visit from a tiger! The children have been very brave standing up in front of the class to talk about their favourite animals. It has been a wonderful start to Year 1.

Silver Birch Class

We began year one by learning all about each other. We made a lovely display showing all our portraits and completed booklets all about ourselves. The children learnt about parts of the body and about how important their senses are.

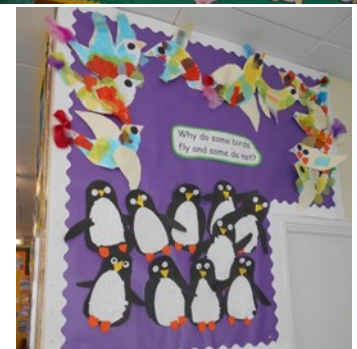
All the children have thoroughly enjoyed our topic called 'Walk on the Wild Side.' They have learnt about classifying animals into reptiles, amphibians, mammals, birds and fish.

The children created some wonderful pictures illustrating camouflage and learnt why this is important for animals. They enjoyed talking about carnivores, omnivores and herbivores and how their teeth relate to what they eat.

During ICT, the children have completed work on early programming using 'Beebots' and some basic word processing skills. They impressed Mrs O'Neill with a performance of animal poems and were delighted to produce information books about Lions to give to the other classes as presents.

The children learnt about adjectives and wrote 'missing' posters to help Baby Monkey find his mummy.

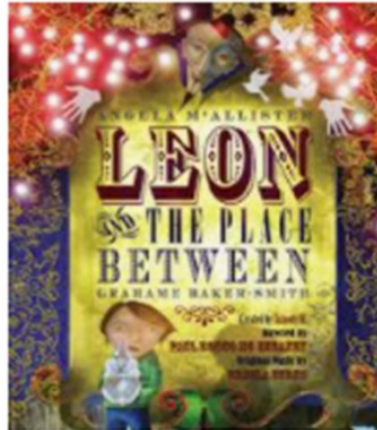
Silver Birch have been working hard to respect one another and have made a display to remind them to use gentle hands.



Beech Class Book Recommendation

We have been reading **Leon and the Place Between** by **Angela McAllister**

interesting
mysterious
exciting
enchanted
breath-taking



magical
wonderful
sparkly
amazing
mystifying

Leon and his brothers and sister go to a magic show. Wanting to prove to his brothers and sisters that magic really exists, Leon volunteers to be in Abdul Kazam's magic show but this is no ordinary show and Abdul Kazam is no ordinary magician. Leon gets transported to a mysterious world, filled with rabbits, doves, playing cards and magician's assistants - amongst other things - if a magician can make it disappear, it will end up in the Place Between.

I like it when Leon went in the magic box and went to the Place Between. I liked the white rabbit. **Vanessa**

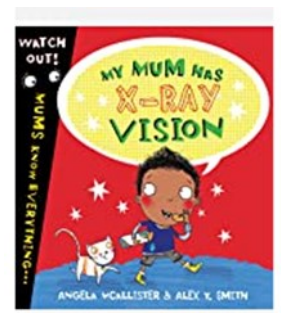
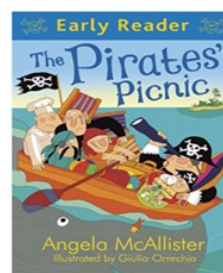
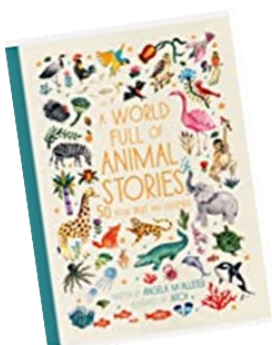
It makes me feel like I'm in the magic tent too. **Willow**

There are amazing, detailed pictures. **Izzy**

I love all the exciting adjectives the author uses. I like how she describes the jugglers. **James**

It's written in a different way to other books I've read. There is different writing on each page. **Noah**

Other Books by Angela McAllister



Benefits of promoting a healthier lunch box

As a school we are trying to promote 'healthier choices' and encourage a whole school approach to healthy eating. Variety is the key to a healthy lunchbox. It is all about getting the balance to provide all the essential nutrients that the body needs, whilst eating a manageable amount. Please remember too that we are a NUT free school and cannot have by products like Hummus. We highly recommend:

- Sandwiches or wraps (2 slices of bread)
- Small pot of fruit + salad
- Yogurt
- A sweet treat (A Club Biscuit, Kitkat, Penguin, Breakaway, Gold Bar, small cake etc.) *Please note that we do not permit the larger confectionary's such as Mars bars, Twix, Flakes, Smarties, Haribo, Caramels etc.*



It would also be great to use **LESS** plastic. Anything that can be washed and reused is terrific.

Hot School Lunches

As you are aware, we are planning to offer hot school lunches after half-term. In order for this to run as smoothly as possible, please can you help us with the following:



- Talk through the lunch menu with the children so they know what to expect.
- Encourage children to eat promptly.
- Remind the children about how to use cutlery.

We would like to say have a wonderful happy birthday



To: Ethan in Silver Birch, Hannah in Ash, India and Michael in Silver Birch, Jacob in Elm, Robert in Silver Birch and Albert in Chestnut.

Attached to the newsletter is an autumn reading bingo that your children might like to participate in to keep reading fun during the half term.

 Autumn Reading Bingo 

Read a book outside.	Read a book under a blanket.	A book that makes you laugh.	A fairy tale.	A book about Halloween.
A comic.	Visit a library.	Re-read an old favourite.	A rhyming book.	Read a book under or in a tree.
A book with a red or orange front cover.	A book set in another country.	A book with animals as the main characters.	A book about change.	A book written before you were born.
A chapter book.	A book that teaches you something new.	A book with fruit on the cover.	Read a book with a torch.	A book with vegetables on the cover.

Term Dates

Last day of term: 22 October 2020

Inset Day: 23 October 2020

Half term: 26 to 30 October 2020

End of term: 18 December 2020

Inset Day: 4 January 2021

Spring term starts: 5 January 2021

Children in Need

Don't forget **Children in Need** on the 13 November 2020.



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Bracknell library

Bracknell Forest are holding a number of virtual events throughout half term. Unfortunately the Dogs Trust session has sold out, however, spaces are still available for the Zoo Lab session. Our children's librarian will be running a bounce and rhyme/story time suitable for young children. Dog and Halloween craft packs are on sale at the libraries- to keep the children occupied throughout half term.

Halloween Story Time

Tuesday 27th October, 11am

Book your place via email

Bracknell.Library@Bracknell-Forest.gov.uk

No charge for this virtual event

Zoo on the Broom with ZooLab

Thursday 29th Oct, 10am

Book your place via Eventbrite

£4 per session

Craft Packs

Halloween and Dogs Trust craft packs can be purchased for £1.50.

SCHOOL CONTACT DETAILS

REMEMBER: please do let us know if there are changes in your health or that of your family, we feel it is important we know what is happening with our families and see if we can support you in any way.

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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) governors@oaklands-inf.wokingham.sch.uk Or via the school office.