



OAKLANDS INFANT SCHOOL

OAK TREE NEWS

Deep roots for future growth



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had a wonderful half-term, for us staff, it feels like a life time ago with a phone call on Monday morning notifying us that we would be having a two day Ofsted inspection this week. At this stage I am unable to share the outcome with you, we are hoping to be able to share the report before the end of term. However for now, I would like to express my gratitude to all the staff for their hard work not just over the last two days but since our last inspection 18 months ago. Thank you to any parents/carers who completed the survey and spoke to the inspectors, to our Governors and Trust for their support and finally your wonderful children who did us all proud. The inspection was a positive experience and I look forward to sharing the report with you soon.

On Tuesday 7th November we will host our second Pleasure for Reading morning. Please enter via the hall door (through the playground) from 8.15am—8.40am, younger and older siblings are more than welcome to join you too.

Tomorrow, the PTA and the Oaklands Schools will host our annual firework event which I'm very much looking forward to and hope to see many of you there.

Miss E Weston

Acting Headteacher

Oakland Infants Character: HOLLY

This half term our character focus is Holly.

Holly was on her own feeling lonely. She decided to 'have a go' at making friends. Before she knew it she was surrounded by lots of other holly leaves and berries. Now she'll always have a go.

Already we are seeing children throughout the school:

- trying activities even when they are a bit more challenging.
- having a go at changing behaviours to make good choices.
- trying to be more independent e.g. getting changed for PE.
- having a go at using their phonics in reading and writing.



Well done infants, keep on 'having a go' like Holly!



Celebration of Learning

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Each half term, we invite parents/carers to each class to celebrate the children's learning. Please find listed below the dates and times for this half term. Come directly to the classroom for the time stated.

Class	Date	Time
Ash	Thursday 7th December	2.50pm
Willow	Monday 11th December	2.50pm
Chestnut	Thursday 7th December	3.00pm
Silver Birch	Wednesday 13th December	3.00pm
Beech	Tuesday 12th December	3.00pm
Elm	Wednesday 13th December	3.00pm



We don't think anyone in our community should have to face going hungry. That's why we provide three days' nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to local people who are referred to us in crisis.

If you are in need of a little help and support with feeding your family then please email Nikki Lenon at nlenon@oaklands-inf.wokingham.sch.uk. Nikki is able to issue foodbank vouchers to families in crisis. This service is confidential and will also be able to be accessed during the summer holidays via email.



Foundation Stage

The children have come back from the half term break happy and ready to start another busy half term. This half term our topic focus is 'People who Help us'. We will be learning about different occupations in our community and who we need to call on in an emergency. We started this week by reading the story 'You can't call an elephant in an emergency!'. Later this month we are looking forward to a visit from the local police team. If we have any parents who are nurses, doctors, vets, firefighters etc who would be willing to pop in to talk briefly about their job then please let us know. We would love to have you in.

Year 1

This Half Term, Year 1's topic is Walk on the Wild Side. Through talk, play, stories, poems, songs, art and writing, we will be learning to identify, name and describe a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. We will discover which animals are carnivores, which are herbivores and which are omnivores. We will be walking around our beautiful school grounds to identify signs of autumn and will discuss the impact of seasonal change upon the plants and animals in our environment. We are looking forward to planting bulbs which will bring some gorgeous spring colour to our environment in the spring! Towards the end of term, we will begin to immerse ourselves in the magic and stories of Christmas.

Year 2

This half term, Year 2's topic is Remember Remember. Beech and Elm will be learning about the origins of Bonfire Night and the events that took place during the Gunpowder Plot. The children will be thinking about the sights, sounds and smells associated with watching a firework display and will use their ideas to write descriptive firework poems. Year 2 will also be learning about the importance of Remembrance and the significance of the red and purple poppies. They will use the red poppy in their Art lessons to create a range of work using drawing, paint and chalk. Many animals gave their lives in the war so children will be researching all about their roles during both World Wars and using their research to write a report. In PSHE, we will discuss celebrating difference and how treating each other with respect can make the world a better place. In Maths, we will be revising our number bonds to 10 and 20, looking at related number facts and using this knowledge to add and subtract from a 2-digit number. Another busy, but exciting, half term ahead!

Yesterday we held our reading and phonic workshop for Ash and Willow classes. Thank you to those who came, we hope you found it useful. The presentation is available on our school website. Please click on the link: <http://oaklandsinfants.org/workshops/>



Year 2 children have been writing firework poems in class this week.

We hope you enjoy reading poems by Elm and Beech class.

Ten red rockets zig zagging like a Z.
Nine pink sausages burning on the barbecue.
Eight blue fireworks exploding like a volcano.
Seven twinkling stars shining like diamonds.
Six peach children playing in the park.
Five amazed babies watching the fireworks.
Four green glowsticks glowing in the dark.
Three happy dogs jumping with excitement.
Two Catherine wheels spinning fast.
One shiny moon shining like the sun.
Toby W – Beech

Ten shiny rockets sparkling in the dark.
Nine dancing stars whizzing through the sky.
Eight golden Catherine wheels zooming on the gate.
Seven shooting fireworks shining in the sky.
Six sizzling hotdogs burning in the pan.
Five glowing glowsticks in the children's hands.
Four sparkly stars beaming up above.
Three yummy sausages sizzling in the fire.
Two roasting burgers burning like an oven.
One lonely moon watching all around.
Elfi H – Beech

Ten blazing fireworks shooting in the sky.
Nine tasty burgers sitting on a plate.
Eight blue colourful Catherine wheels spinning like wheels.
Seven shiny sparklers twinkling in people's hands.
Six delicious sausages frying in the pan.
Five tasty hotdogs cooking in the oven.
Four excited children and adults watching the fireworks.
Three chicken nuggets baking in the boiling hot oven.
Two beautiful glowsticks lighting up the night.
One shining moon glowing silver in the sky with everyone fast asleep.
Harley W - Elm

Ten hot sausages sizzling in children's hands.
Nine bright sparklers twinkling on sticks.
Eight burning bonfires hot like volcanoes.
Seven silvery Catherine wheels spinning in the night sky.
Six golden fireworks bursting by the moon.
Five warm hotdogs roasting in a pan.
Four shining stars falling from the sky.
Three hot Guys burning in bonfires.
Two pink glowsticks sparkling on children's wrists
One happy child standing on the grass.
Charlotte C – Elm



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Unlock a Smile Challenge delivered by Amazon pickup

At Comic Relief, we think it's important to make people smile in places they least expect to. Could your child design something eye-catching to brighten up someone's day? Would they like to see it blown up and displayed on an Amazon Locker in your neighbourhood? If so, encourage them to get involved with our challenge and make someone else smile and with their creativity. Get them to be imaginative, bold and as bonkers as they can be. We want to raise a smile and spread some joy!

HOW TO ENTER:

Get your child to grab a piece of A4 paper and draw their wildest, boldest ideas. Be creative with a colourful, imaginative and original design. Scan and upload the design [here](#)

Don't forget the winning designs will be much bigger than a piece of paper, so consider size and scale when designing. To see how big a design could be, visit a locker location – go to amazon.co.uk/pickup or scan the QR code at the bottom of this page to find one that's nearby you

Make sure the designs are original! Sadly, for copyright reasons, we can't accept designs of your favourite characters, so no Disney, Marvel or Sonic etc!

The winning design could be featured on an Amazon Locker near your school — just one of thousands of Amazon pickup points across the UK. We may have to alter designs to fit the Amazon Locker (example below). When submitting your entry, make sure the name, age and name of school is included in the form; otherwise, we won't know who won! If you can, retain the original design. For full terms and conditions, visit the [website](#).



Original Artwork



Final Locker

PRIZES AND DEADLINE

A winning design from each age category will appear on an Amazon Locker with winning artists receiving a goody bag full of Red Nose Day treats, and their school will receive £1000 in Amazon Gift Cards.

You have until midnight on **24 November 2023** to submit entries to the competition. Good luck and make us smile!



Find your nearest Amazon pickup location by scanning this QR code:

IN SUPPORT OF



We will be supporting the Poppy Appeal, in aid of the Royal British Legion. Every poppy makes a difference to the lives of the armed forces.

This year we will be selling poppies with a suggested donation of 20p.

We will also be selling, with a *suggested* donation of:

- Zip pulls 50p
- Reflector clips 50p
- Silicon wristband 50p
- Snap bands £1

Please note that we need each pupil to give the correct money as no change can be given. Children can purchase these in class from Monday 6th November to Friday 10th November



FRIDAY 17th NOVEMBER 2023

Both Oaklands Infant and Junior Schools will both be supporting Children in Need this year.

We would like to encourage everyone to wear **non-uniform** and something spotty and make a donation of £1.

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Home-Learning Grids

Please find the new home-learning and Victor Vocabulary sheets for this half term on the school website:

Please **click** the links below for your year group:

[Foundation Stage: Ash and Willow](#)

[Year 1: Chestnut and Silver Birch](#)

[Year 2: Beech and Elm](#)

If you have any feedback about our newsletter, please email

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