



OAKLANDS INFANT SCHOOL

OAK TREE NEWS

Deep roots for future growth



Dear Parents/Carers,

Today, Ash class had their class assembly to parents. They were absolutely amazing and spoke so loudly and clearly. It was a real celebration of all their learning and achievements - great work Ash class.

Recently, we have had a lot happening in school. Year Two had their trip to Thatcham nature reserve, the joint sports day with the Juniors, Year One had a Chinese workshop and Foundation Stage has their first trip out, to Birdworld. It certainly has been a busy time but everyone has been enjoying all the activities. Thank you to all the staff and parents for their continued support with these events and making sure they all run smoothly.

With best wishes,

Mrs H O'Neill

END OF TERM

Please note that the last day of Summer term is:

Wednesday 20th July at 1:30pm

CELEBRATIONS OF LEARNING

Ash - Friday 15th July at 8:40am

Willow - Tuesday 12th July at 2:50pm

Chestnut - Wednesday 13th July at 3pm

Silver Birch - Thursday 14th July at 8:40am

Beech - Leavers play Wednesday 13th July at 2pm

Elm - Leavers play Thursday 14th July at 2pm

More to follow regarding Leavers Assemblies next week.

LOST PROPERTY

Lost property! Class jumper boxes are full of unnamed jumpers/cardigans. So a reminder for any parent missing a jumper to check the class jumper boxes.

Tips to avoid your child's property:

1. Name it! Every time you wash it check the name is still visible. We find lost items all day and manage to return many items to children's pegs because they are named.
2. If your child comes out of class without their property LOOK FOR IT STRAIGHT AWAY—wait until all the children have left the classroom and ask to check the class.
3. If you think the item may be un-named keep checking lost property—sometimes lost items take a while to find their way to lost property.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL REMAINING AND UNCLAIMED LOST PROPERTY AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR IS RECYCLED.

LEAVES

Children who have received a Casey leaf
(now on display on the Oak Tree in the hall):

Ash: Nancy, Toby, Jenson and Chelsea

Willow: Edward, Charlotte, Rosie and Stephanie

Chestnut: Amelia, Sasha, Kiran and Jaxon

Silver Birch: Poppy, Emily, Luca and Owyn

Beech: Lilly, Poppy, Macie and Toby

Elm: Heidi, Iris, Alex and Oliver

Goldie awards for children across the school
(now on display on the Oak Tree in the hall):

Silver Birch: Ophelia, Kairi, Emilia, and Liana

Beech: Oliver, Florence, Arthur and Theo





READING NEWS



The Reading Ambassadors recently met to discuss what authors the children know. They then went back to class to ask their friends to name as many authors that they could.

These are just a few they named: Julia Donaldson, Eric Carle, JK Rowling, Michael Morpurgo, Jill Murphy, Roald Dahl, Michael Rosen, Laurence Anholt, David Walliams, Dr Seuss, David Conway, Jill Tomlinson, Francesca Simon, Martin Waddell, Daisy Meadows, Andy Shepherd, Enid Blyton, Alex Brychta and many more.

Below you will find a 'Who am I' quiz created by the Reading Ambassadors, the answers are at the bottom of the page (don't peek!).

Miss Weston (Deputy Head and English Lead) and The Reading Ambassadors

1. Who am I?

- When she goes on walks she uses what she sees to inspire her next book.
- She has written a book about a monster with purple scales and a green wart at the end of his nose.
- All of her story books rhyme and are written for all ages.

2. Who am I?

- He is an illustrator and an author.
- His stories are mostly about animals and insects.
- He wrote a story about a very hungry insect that likes to eat cake, tarts, pears, apples, oranges, strawberries, pickles and juicy leaves.

3. Who am I?

- She has written many amazing books about a magical wizard.
- Some of the books have been turned into movies.
- She has recently written a book about a toy pig that turns real at night.

What are we reading?

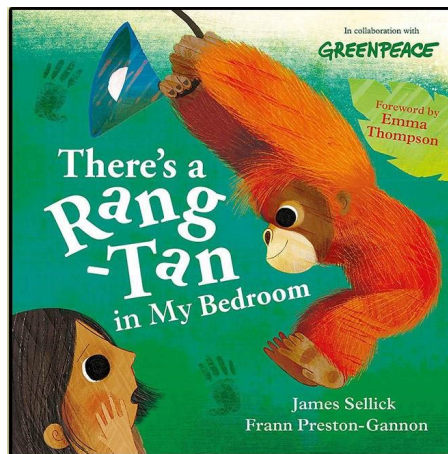
Year 2 Recommendation



A stunning picture book about one little girl and her orangutan friend. When a little girl discovers a mischievous orangutan on the loose in her bedroom, she can't understand why it keeps shouting 'OOO!' at her shampoo and her chocolate. But when Rang-tan explains that there are humans running wild in her rainforest, burning down trees so they can grow palm oil to put in products, the little girl knows what she has to do: help save the orangutans!

I like it when Rang Tan howls at the shampoo because it made me laugh.

Arthur G



I liked the language James Sellick used and it made me check the cookies I ate.

Robert

All of Year 2 would give this book a trillion out of 10!

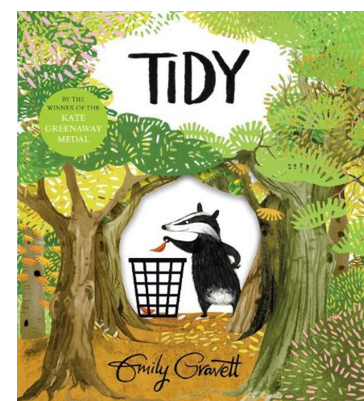
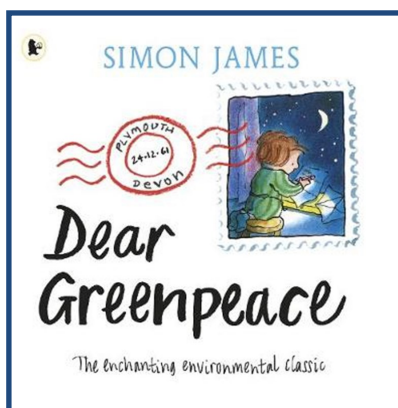
I loved the illustrations because they were colourful and detailed. **Flo**

I enjoyed listening to the story. It was happy but a bit gloomy in parts and it made me think. **David**

I thought the pictures were beautiful and told the story well. **Jasper**

I loved it when Rang Tan swung of the light in the girl's bedroom because it is funny. **India**

Other books Year 2 are reading:



Year 1

This half term Year One are thinking about places far and near, and in particular China. Earlier this month, the children took part in a Chinese workshop. Year One had a wonderful time marching the splendid dragon around the hall, spinning beautiful parasols and fluttering colourful fans. It was a delightful start to our *Far Far Away* topic that gave the children totally new experiences.

In order to help contrast living in China with living in the United Kingdom, Year One spent a morning taking part in activities that children in Chinese schools encounter every day. The morning began out on the playground in the beautiful summer sunshine. The children stood in rows in order to copy exercises demonstrated by each of the teachers. There were opportunities to try some new skills such as painting Chinese symbols to represent numbers one to ten, solving tangram problems and picking up objects with chopsticks – very tricky indeed! Year One showed a great *Have a Go Holly* attitude when trying stir fried noodles and vegetables, lovingly cooked by the amazing Mrs Brown and Mrs Thompson.

Year One are also spending time looking at and understanding maps, as well as designing their own simple maps. They are also learning about human and physical geographical features and the names of continents and oceans. The children are showing lots of lovely enthusiasm for learning about the amazing world around them.



HERE TO HELP

Please do let us know if there are changes in 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.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Please look out in our next newsletter for the Summer Reading challenge

The **Summer Reading Challenge** combines **FREE** access to books with fun, creative activities during the summer holidays. Throughout the Challenge, library staff and young volunteers support the children, helping them to discover new authors and illustrators and to explore a wide range of different types of books and ways of reading,

How the Challenge works

- Children sign up through their local library and choose their books
- Children set a reading goal we recommend 6 and borrow and read library books of their own choice during the summer, when they have read 1 book, then can return to the library to collect, their special stickers and poster to complete.
- Children who complete the **Summer Reading Challenge** by reading 6 books are presented with a certificate and a medal.
- The official Challenge website, summerreadingchallenge.org.uk , hosts digital rewards, author videos, games and more for children to enjoy all summer.

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GOVERNING BODY

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.

Mat Parker (Chair of Governors)

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Or via the school office

BIRTHDAYS

We would like to wish a very happy birthday to

We hope you all have a wonderful day!

Benji in Chestnut

Jaxon in Chestnut

Billy in Chestnut

Noah in Ash

Leo in Ash

Liana in Silver Birch



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