



OAKLANDS INFANT SCHOOL

OAK TREE NEWS

Deep roots for future growth



Dear Parents/Carers,

What a busy few weeks we've had in school. Year 2 visited Pizza Express as part of their Healthy Me topic, learning where food comes from and the process of making pizzas. I was lucky to spend the morning with Elm class who were extremely well behaved and brightened up my morning, the free pizza we received also helped!

On 24th March parents joined us for Silver Birch class assembly. Every child was proud to share their learning and achievements from this term. It was a delight to listen to them singing, including some solo performances.

This week we ran a workshop for Year 1 parents on how to support your child in their reading and writing using phonics. If you were unable to attend the workshop please look at the Learning section on the school website for the presentation shared.

Last week I wrote to our local councillors to complain about parking and our concerns about road safety on Ellis Road. I'm pleased to share that local councillor Chris Bowring joined me at morning drop off on Ellis Road this week. I also raised my concern about the lack of speed restrictions and speed/school signage. He will come back to monitor at morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up and then feedback to the councillors. If you would like to share any of your concerns please do email: Chris.Bowring@wokingham.gov.uk

It's been wonderful to see so many parents and carers during Celebrations of Learning. It's always rewarding to see children rushing around their classroom wanting to show off their work on the displays and in their books.

Finally, I want to say thank you to the whole staff for making it through yet another busy term. I really appreciate all the work they do and the support they have offered me in my first term as Acting Headteacher.

I wish all our families, staff and Governors a happy Easter and I hope everyone enjoys the break. Hopefully the sun will start to shine a little bit more for us all!

Miss E Weston (Acting Headteacher)



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

Ash: Dasiy, Edward, Saskia, Leticia, Jack W and Eleanor.

Willow: Joshua, Rhomuel, Mason and Sam.

Chestnut: Harper-Jane, Thea, Kaitlin, Milly, Oscar and Ellie.

Silver Birch: Oliver, Ellena, Harry, Charlotte N, Finley and Elfi.

Beech: Iris, Mevanya, Miles, Jia. Isla and Max.

Elm: Liana, Zurielle, Malik, Florence, Aiyla and Emmie.

Goldie awards for children across the school:

Hannah (Elm)



Thankyou to all our families across Infants and Juniors for donating on Red Nose Day. Together we have raised £550.85!



We are delighted to say that the money raised by the book fair including vouchers was £978.82 and the rewards earned therefore for the school was £527.29. We will be asking the children what books they would like to purchase for the school and classroom libraries. A huge thank you to Mrs Brown who gave up her time to run the book fair. Thank you for your support.



We would like to say thank you to the PTA and parent and staff helpers for giving up their Friday evening for the school discos on Friday 24th March. Our children had a wonderful time dancing away with their friends.





Year 2 Visit to Pizza Express

On Tuesday 21st March, Year 2 became junior Pizzaiolos for the morning. Elm Class visited Pizza Express in Wokingham whilst Beech went to Camberley.

During the morning, the children learnt about good food, tasted fresh ingredients, and of course, made their own authentic Margherita pizza. The children kneaded the dough to make the perfect base before topping their creations with passata and mozzarella.

At the end of the visit, the children brought their pizzas back to school for a shared lunch in the classroom. We all agreed that the pizzas tasted delicious and we'd quite like to go to Pizza Express every week!



For further photos, please see photo gallery on school website.

Governor Awards

Today at our final assembly, the Governors presented six children with a Governor Award, based on our school characters. The teachers nominated different children from across the classes for these awards. It is always extremely hard to choose when everyone has been doing so well. All the children appeared surprised to receive their certificate but proud at the same time. Well done from everyone at the Infants.

Character	Name of pupil	Class
Ivy – rising to challenges	Harry	Silver Birch
Holly – not afraid to fail	Stanley	Beech
Laurie – pride in achievement	Olivia	Ash
Solo – encouraging independence	River	Elm
Goldie – respect for all	Esme	Chestnut
Casey – being happy, cared for and cared about	Mason	Willow



Attached to the newsletter is an Easter reading bingo that your children might like to participate in to keep reading fun during the holidays!



Easter Reading Bingo

A book that makes you laugh.	A book about Easter.	Read a book to your teddy.	A book that features a bunny.	A book about spring.
A book with poems.	Read a book under a tree.	Read a book in your pyjamas.	Read a book to a family member.	Read a book in a den.
A book with yellow on the front cover.	Read a book under a blanket.	A book about growing.	A fairy tale.	A book with magic.
Your favourite book.	A book that has been turned into a film.	Read a book outside.	A book about new life.	A comic.



Book Day Competition

Thank you and well done to all who entered the Book Day Competition to design a bedroom for a story character. We were so impressed with all the entries that choosing one winner per class was a difficult decision.

Congratulations to our winners who received a book for their prize.

Ash Class

Olivia



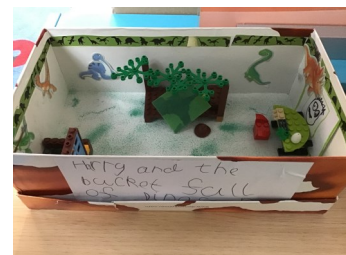
Willow Class

Tanveer



Chestnut Class

Toby



Silver Birch Class

George



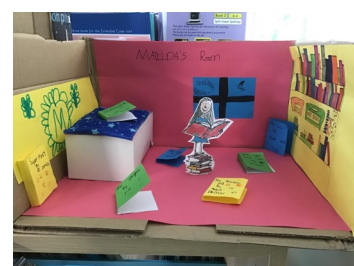
Beech Class

Libby



Elm Class

Aiyla



Date for Parents: Summer Term 2023

Date	Activities in April
Summer 1	Character Focus: Laurie
Monday 17 th	Return to school
Friday 21 st	2.15pm: Grandparent afternoon (Foundation Stage)
Thursday 27 th	Yr1 trip to Woolley Firs
Date	Activities in May
Monday 1 st	Bank holiday
Thursday 4 th	Polling Day – school closed
Friday 5 th	Coronation Day – school celebration
Monday 8 th	Bank holiday for Coronation
Monday 15 th to 19 th of May	Walk to School Week
Friday 19 th	PTA Quiz Night
Monday 22 nd to 26 th May	Year 2 SATS throughout the week
Tuesday 23 rd	Year 2: African Workshop: assembly to parents' late afternoon: TBC
Friday 26 th	PTA: Make the Rules' non-uniform day
HALF-TERM Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June 2023	
Date	Activities in June
	Character Focus: Casey
Monday 5 th	Return to school
Friday 9 th	Foundation Stage Bird World trip
Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th	Y1 phonic screening check and Y2 retakes
Monday 12 th June	School photos
Friday 16 th	PTA disco
Monday 19 th – 23 rd	Sky Arts: Access All Arts Week
Wednesday 21 st	Sports Day
Friday 23 rd	9am: Ash Class Assembly
Tuesday 27 th	Author visit: Alison Simpson: Bodhi the Pirate Dog and the Great Pile of Litter
Wednesday 28 th	Reserve sports day
Friday 30 th	9am: Willow Class Assembly
Date	Activities in July
Wednesday 5 th	Yr2 trip to Kew Gardens
Thursday 13 th	Morning: Whole school transition
Friday 14 th	1.45pm: Yr2 Leavers Play to Elm and Beech parents/carers
Monday 17 th	1.30pm: Yr2 Leavers event with PTA
Wednesday 19 th	PTA: Crazy Hair Day
Thursday 20 th	Inset day
Friday 21 st	Inset day

Congratulations, 'Time To Talkers!'



Well done to Finley, Harley, Frank, Heart, Charlotte and Lilibeth for completing the course 'Time To Talk'. They have worked hard with Mrs Bunce and Ginger Bear enjoying all the group songs, rhymes, activities and games.



Bracknell Music Centre Saturday mornings

Develop early musicianship skills and have fun singing, dancing and playing in our Mini Maestros music classes. Led by qualified music teachers, with REAL instruments. Engaging and social for children aged up to seven.

AGE	CLASSES	
3 TO 4 YEARS 9.30AM-10.00AM	Beat Keepers (with parent/carer)	
4 TO 5 YEARS 10.05AM-10.45AM	Song Keepers (Reception)	Music Centre Children's Choir FREE membership to Mini Maestros children (from Reception)
5 TO 6 YEARS 10.05AM-10.45AM	Rhythm Makers (Year 1)	
6 TO 7 YEARS 10.50AM-11.30AM	Music Makers (Year 2)	

FREE TASTER SESSION!

To book your free taster session, email admissions@berkshiremaestros.org.uk www.berkshiremaestros.org.uk

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