



OAKLANDS INFANT SCHOOL

OAK TREE NEWS

Deep roots for future growth



Dear Parents/Carers,

It already seems a while ago now, but I hope you all had a wonderful Easter break. We are now in the summer term, and you will see by the list of dates that it will be a busy one this term.

National offers for school places were announced last week; we still have spaces available in all year groups, so please do recommend us to your friends or any potential new families moving into the area.

Miss E Weston

Acting Headteacher

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

Ash: Jack W and Samhitha

Willow: William and Sophia

Chestnut: Noah and Ella

Silver Birch: Freddie and Ava B

Beech: Maria and Ophelia

Elm: Florence and Felix



Uniform Reminders

- Now that we are heading into summer, the children often take their jumpers and cardigans and leave them out on the playground. Please ensure they are named so we can return them.
- We have noticed children coming into school in colourful trainers. These are not part of our school uniform. If you are awaiting new shoes, can children wear dark coloured shoes please.
- Headbands with ears are not permitted as part of the school uniform.

Reminders!

Change of Date

- Sports Day 28th June. Reserve day Friday 30th June. Details to follow at a later date.
- Willow class assembly Thursday 29th June at 9am.



Thank You!

A huge thank you to Kathryn Pierce, our Community Governor who owns Two Sisters in Crowthorne for donating funds to our school to pay for the life saving defibrillator box. This is now based on the wall between Infants and Junior school.





In recent years the internet has become an integral part of our children's lives and it can be hard for parents to keep up with developments and to know the best way to keep their child safe online.

In school, we deliver a planned, progressive e-safety curriculum and key messages appropriate to your child's age.

We are using Project Evolve, a tool kit that provides opportunities for discussion; prompted by appropriate questions accompanied by honest and useful information to shape thinking and challenge misconceptions.

This term the theme is: Online Relationship.

What we will cover

*I can give examples of how I (might) use technology to communicate with people I know.

*I can give examples of when I should ask permission to do something online and explain why this is important.

*I can explain why it is important to be considerate and kind to people online and to respect their choices

*I can identify who can help me if something happens online without my consent.

Below are a selection of questions we will be asking the children:

What does communicate mean?

What examples of technology do you know? What ways could you use technology or the internet to communicate with someone you know?

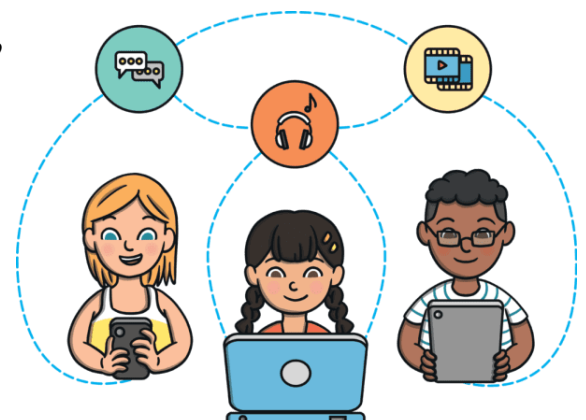
What does it mean to 'ask permission'?

What would you do if someone was unkind to you online?

What kinds of things do you share online?

Who is a trusted adult?

Why might you need to use the internet or technology to communicate with someone you know?



Our Oaklands Tree in the hall



Well done to all the children who received an Ivy and Goldie leaf last half term. You should feel very proud of yourselves!



This term our focus for the school character is Laurie.

In the first Olympics in Greece, the winner needed to have a crown to wear. They couldn't use gold or silver so they chose laurel. Laurie was very proud to be used to make the first wreath that was worn on the heads of the winners.

Laurie often says....

- Be proud of yourself and be proud of others.
- You're the best!
- I'm so proud of my achievements.
- Be proud of who you are.
- Are you proud of your work today?
- What have you done to be proud of yourself today?



“Take Pride” like Laurie

Amazing Art



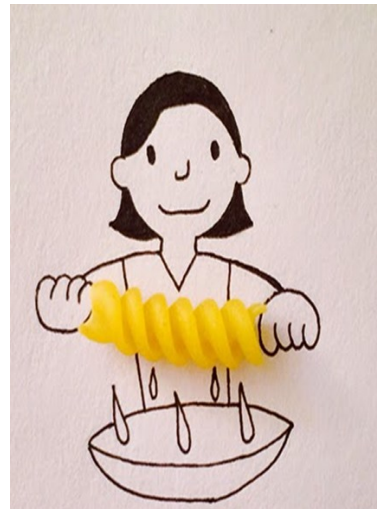
In our Art assembly this week we looked at how artists such as Christian Voltz and Hyemi Jeong use everyday objects to create pieces of Art. Miss Davies has had a go as you can see below. If you would like to create your own piece of Art using objects found at home then we would love to see them and include them on our gallery wall. Either take a photo and hand in to your class teacher, remembering to put your name and class on the back or email a photo of your art work to admin@oaklands-inf.wokingham.sch.uk with the subject line 'Art Assembly.'

Happy Creating!

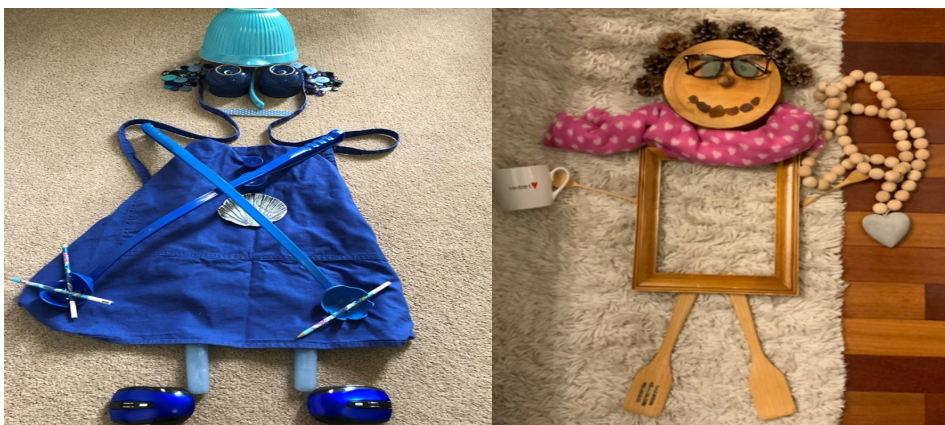
Miss Davies



Christian Voltz



Hyemi Jeong



Miss Davies

Year 1 Woolley Firs

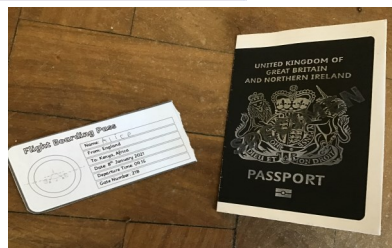
Having had our fingers crossed for nearly two weeks, Year 1 were blessed with dry weather all day during our wonderful trip to Woolley Firs Education Centre. The children relished the freedom to explore the beautiful setting. There was great excitement from all, as the children took part in a number of fun learning activities that linked with our 'And It Grew' topic. The two classes identified trees, planted seeds, played the parts of flowers and bees in an exciting pollen collection game, plus a host of other valuable learning activities. It was a day to remember for everyone.



YEAR 2



On Wednesday 19th April 2023, Year 2 packed their bags, had their passports stamped and boarded Oaklands Air on a flight to Kenya. After a safety briefing the flight took off and the children enjoyed some in-flight entertainment and a snack. Fortunately it was a smooth flight, there was little turbulence and after a successful landing the children touched down in Nairobi to begin this half term's topic 'Home and Away'. During this topic the children will compare life in Kenya to life in the UK. They will go on a 'safari' and find out about the Big Five Animals and write their own stories based on the book 'Lila and the Secret of Rain'. They will end their topic with an African workshop, experiencing African dancing and drumming and Adinkra printing.





COLLABORATE . ENRICH . SUPPORT

The PTA has already had a successful start to a jam-packed year of fundraising.

So far we have raised £1343 from the school disco, £276 from the Easter egg raffle and £130 from our pre-loved uniform sale.

All of these vital funds go towards educational and fun activities and workshops that enhance our children's learning. The Juniors have a lot of exciting activities to look forward to over the Summer term that have proudly been funded by the PTA. We hope they enjoy them.

The PTA also have some fundraising events in the pipeline including:

- 5th May – Cake Sale (as part of the Coronation Picnic)
- 19th May – Quiz Night – details to be released soon
- 26th May – 'Make the Rules' Non-Uniform Day
- 16th June – School Disco
- 21st June – Summer Raffle: to be drawn at Sports Day. Raffle books to be circulated in due course

We are always ready to welcome any new members to the PTA so if you would be interested in joining or finding out more about what we do please contact

us oaklandschoolspta@gmail.com

Oakland Schools PTA CORONATION CAKE SALE



Friday 5 May

Please bake (or buy) and donate a cake!
Drop the cake off in the morning at the year 2 library.
Cakes will be on sale from 1pm, under the canopy on the
Infants playground.

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Parentkind
Member Association



Class	Date	Time
Ash	Wednesday 24th May	2.45pm
Willow	Thursday 25th May	2.45pm
Chestnut	Friday 19th May	2.55pm
Silver Birch	Tuesday 23rd May	2.55pm
Beech	Thursday 25th May	8.40am
Elm	Thursday 25th May	2.55pm



Dates for Summer Term 2023

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

**There are still places in the following clubs.
Please contact them directly to book:**

Chess club (Years 1 and 2)

Oaklands Infant School Chess Club

My Background

My name is Rob Willmoth. I have played chess for 35 years. I am currently ranked in the top 100 players in the UK and have played in 17 consecutive British championships. I run chess coaching services which provides expert chess tuition to schools

What can Chess offer to Children.

- Potential for better performance in academic studies
- Enhanced problem solving
- Enhanced strategic thinking
- Enhanced self esteem
- Friendly forum for making friends
- Healthy competition in a safe environment

Chess Club Lesson.

- Structured lesson plan by term, from basic play to advanced play
- Regular grading system to assess performance.
- Weekly coaching on demonstration board
- Graded weekly games against other children
- Weekly recap on knowledge learnt.

Sign up For Chess Club

The club will take place Thursday afterschool from 3.15pm to 4.15pm from Thursday 27th Apr to Thursday 6th July.....

Cost £7.50 per lesson. Total Cost Thursday (10 weeks)- £75.....

Online payment Only. If you cannot pay online please contact me on the email below.....

Online Payment <https://chesscoachingservices.co.uk/online-payments/school-club>.....

First Lesson to start on Thursday 27th Apr.....

Email: robwillmoth@hotmail.co.uk Mobile 07956 297329 website chesscoachingservices.co.uk

Music with Mummy: Ash and Willow class:

Brand new to Oaklands!



Does your child love music?

Come and join our brand new **Three-Four Time** after school club with themed musical activities for reception class children

- ♪ Encourage listening skills
- ♪ Develop a sense of rhythm through movement, games and using simple instruments
- ♪ Introduce musical concepts such as high and low, slow and fast
- ♪ But most importantly... to have lots of fun!

This 6 week course begins on Tuesday 18th April and is priced at just £45.
Book now as places are limited!



music-with-mummy-crowthorne.class4kids.co.uk



Congratulations!



Recently, Florence in Elm class entered a writing competition. I'm so proud to share that her poem has been selected for publication in a Young Writer's Anthology.

Lost Noises

One day when a man called
He got all the noises
Put them into a bag
And carried them all away
He never left his name

The barking of the dogs
The whistling of the kettle
The beeping of the phone
The ringing of the doorbell

The creaking of the door
The plopping of the rain
The talking of the people
The ticking of the clock
The singing of the Alexa
The gulping of the fish
The sizzling of the frying pan
The slamming of the doors

And so the man left us with only silence.

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