



# OAKLANDS INFANT SCHOOL

## OAK TREE NEWS

*Deep roots for future growth*



Dear Parents/Carers,

I can't believe I am writing the last newsletter of the term. This year has really flown by, it feels like only yesterday that we were in September greeting the children back from their summer holidays. We have had a busy few weeks with school trips, transition for all year groups including Year 2 to Year 3 and our new Foundation Stage children. The children keep coming up to me excited to share which class they're in.

Last week our Year 2 children performed their leavers assembly. It was an absolutely amazing leavers assembly, the children all got into character, showcasing their acting skills and their beautiful singing. They should feel incredible proud of themselves. A huge thank you to the Year 2 team for their hard work putting on the performance of the year!

I want to take this opportunity to say goodbye to our Year 2 children. Over the last three years the children have shown to be incredibly resilient and have risen to a variety of challenges, just like Ivy. It has been so rewarding to see you grow, blossom and see your personalities shine. You have worked incredibly hard and should be very proud of your achievements. All us staff can't wait to see what the future brings for you, we know it's going to be a wonderful one. Good luck in Year 3; your future is being written right now, so make it the best story you've ever written. To our families who are leaving the Infants, we thank you for your continued support and wish you all the best as you move on.

To all the staff at the Infants...thank you! You have all worked incredibly hard to support the children and ensure they continue to flourish by enriching their school life. My thanks can never be enough.

Thank you to all our families and Governors for continuing to support Oaklands Infant school, we wish you all a wonderful summer.

*Miss E Weston*

Acting Headteacher

# THANK YOU



Thank you to the PTA for all your hard work in organising many different events over the year to raise funds for the school. Our highlights of things you've paid for this year have been our ducklings and our African and Chinese workshops!

A special thank you to Sarah Gordon who will sadly be leaving us this term, you have been a huge support and we wish you all the best.

We want to say a special thank you to Mr Joyce, a parent in Chestnut class who has been building us a special bus for our new Foundation Stage children. We know the children, and staff will enjoy it greatly. We look forward to sharing photos with you next term.

Thank you to Mrs Brown, who did actually retire last year but has been back to cover in classes, help in with the library and book fair. We love having you back to help!

# GOODBYE



Goodbye to Mrs Smith and Mrs Bennett, our two lunchtime controllers. Thank you for all you have done and your support.

Good bye to Ms Moore who has been covering maternity cover in Elm. Thank you for everything, Elm class have had a fantastic year.

Goodbye to Miss Naylor, our School Secretary. Thank you for all your hard working and supporting our school and families.

Goodbye to Mrs Higgins, English lead for Corvus. Mrs Higgins has been a huge support to our subject leads in developing our curriculum as well as supporting our Year 2 children in reading.

We wish you all the luck for your future. The children and staff will miss you greatly.

## Violin Concert

Our Year Two violinists performed a short concert with their teacher Fernando. They showed us how to hold the bow and violin and performed several pieces. They all performed with such confidence and have made such good progress in just one year! Well done.

If your child is interested in taking up the violin (or another instrument/sing in a choir) you can find out more information from the Berkshire Maestros website. Fernando will continue to teach violin in both schools in September and violins are available to loan through Berkshire Maestros.



### **Children who have received a Casey leaf**

**Ash:** Arian, Charlotte, Toby, Thevan, Ethan and Olivia.

**Willow:** Edie, Sophia, Darcie, Louise, Harrison and Jess.

**Chestnut:** Milly, Noah, Nancy, Conor G, Lucas and Hadley.

**Silver Birch:** Zack, Alfie, Charlotte N, Heart and Phoebe

**Beech:** Leon, Jia, Poppy, Libby and Iris.

**Elm:** River, Liana, Ruby, Zurielle, Aryahi and Nyla

### **Goldie awards for children across the school:**

Miles (Beech), Ruby (Elm), Kiran (Elm)



## Governor Awards

Today in 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	Toby W	Chestnut
Holly – not afraid to fail	Ava S	Silver Birch
Laurie – pride in achievement	Nathan L	Elm
Solo – encouraging independence	Sasha B	Beech
Goldie – respect for all	Leticia G	Ash
Casey – being happy, cared for and cared about	Christian S	Willow





# READING NEWS



Each year, we conduct a survey with our pupils to hear their thoughts and opinions about reading. We spoke with several children from each class, all of whom were happy and confident to talk and answer questions. We asked them about reading both in school and at home, whether they enjoy reading and being read to by others, what skills they have learnt to help them read and understands texts, and what they feel we could do to improve their reading experiences in school. Their responses are an important part of how we develop teaching and learning at Oaklands Infants.

Here are some of the main outcomes from this year:

Our pupils:

- \* confidently explain how phonics helps them to read new words.
- \* enjoy having stories read to them by an adult.
- \* understand how reading helps them to learn more.
- \* know when they are improving in their reading.
- \* refer to lots of different reading opportunities that they have each day.

They would like:

- \* more visits from authors.
- \* to be able to read with their friends more.
- \* the chance to go on the Big Red Reading Bus at the Junior school.
- \* to be able to change their home reading books more often.
- \* more fact books, “cool” books, and picture books for older children.

## Kew Gardens

First Beech left the class and entered the coach which took us to Kew Gardens. On the coach we sat with our friends and we played a game of I spy, Thumb War and Rock, Paper, Scissors. We had great fun!

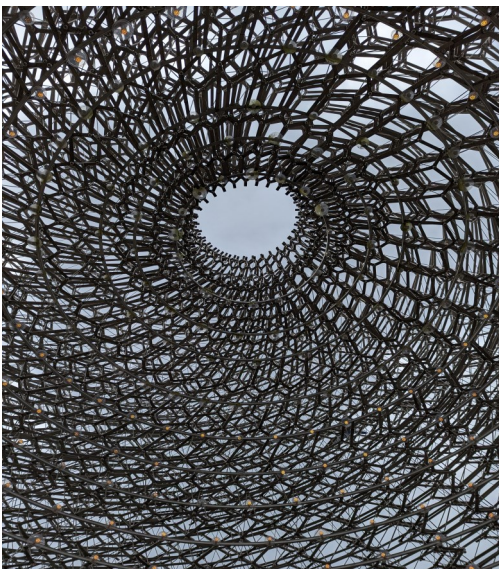
When we got there everyone went to their adult and followed the teachers through some fancy gates into the immense gardens. Our first activity was a work shop called Super Spines and Climbing Vines. We did the workshop with Nick who was really interesting and knew such a lot about plants. We went in the glasshouse and learnt about all the different plants and how they adapt to their habitats.

After the workshop, we had a walk around the area and climbed inside the metallic Hive. Then we had lunch in a big tent. In the afternoon we got to go in the playground which so cool. There were massive climbing frames and slides and we all really enjoyed it.

Finally we got ready to leave everyone went to the toilet , the teachers counted us to make sure we were all there and then we got back on the coach to head back to school. We all agreed it was an amazing day and we would like to return to Kew again.



### Year 2 — Shared Write



RETURN TO SCHOOL  
MONDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2023



Thank you for all your end of term cards and gifts. You are all so generous and kind. We are all overwhelmed by your generosity.



### Goldie's Helpers

Ruby and Kiran both received a Goldie last week from Mrs Thuambe. They received this leaf from collecting rubbish that was found in the playground.

Here is a little message from both of them:

Please don't drop your litter because there will be litter everywhere which can harm animals. It's also unhygienic and just looks horrible! Please take your litter home or pop it in a bin.

Thank you



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:

[nlenon@oaklands-iun.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:nlenon@oaklands-iun.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.



Happy birthday to all the children having birthdays over the summer holidays.

We would also like to wish happy birthday to Mrs Blair, Mrs Peters, Mrs Whibley, Mrs Shrieve and Mr Smith who all have birthdays this summer.

We hope you all have a wonderful time celebrating your special day.



# SUMMER BIKE BONANZA

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