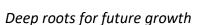


OAKLANDS INFANT SCHOOL

OAK TREE NEWS





Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been a busy but enjoyable couple of weeks. Last week for mental health week the whole school went for a walk around the school field. Fresh air, chatter and movement were just what the children and staff needed.

Thank you to those who have attended this half term's celebrations of learning, it's always a joy to see the children beaming with pride as they share all their hard work. Today we celebrated Willow class assembly, they showcased their learning with a variety of songs, artwork, story re-telling and a wealth of information about minibeasts. All the staff and parents felt very proud of them.

Unfortunately, today we say goodbye to Mrs Greatrex, one of our lunchtime controllers for 8 years and Miss James one of our teaching assistants. We would like to thank them for their commitment to Oaklands Infant School and wish them all the best for the future, we will miss them dearly.

This week we finally managed to get outside for afternoon tea.

We hope you all have a lovely half-term, and we will see you on Tuesday 4th June.







Children who have received a Solo leaf

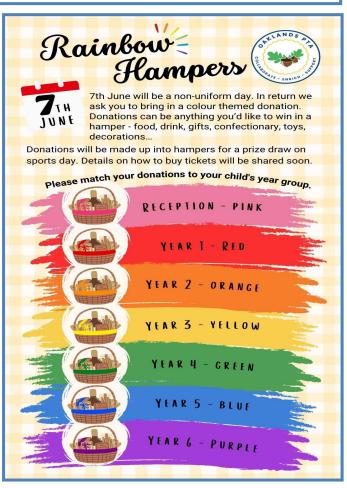
(now on display on the Oak Tree in the hall):

Ash: Seb, Benjamin, Daisy and Joshua Willow: Alfie, Ryan, Ava and Antonii Chestnut: Ethan, Immie, Dylan and Ella Silver Birch: Hollie, Logan, Charlotte and Hugo

Beech: Mia, Frankie, Myles and Benji Elm: Connor, Phoebe, Ellena and Miesha

Goldies (all in Silver Birch):

- Charlotte and Leticia for showing respect to our environment by tidying the reading shed.
- Sammy for using his manners by holding open a door for a member of staff.
- Sophia for showing respect to our environment by tiding up after others.





Foundation Stage

It has been another fun packed half term for Ash and Willow Classes. This term we have been learning about "In the garden". We have done everything from minibeast hunting to writing lists and descriptions, bird watching to doubling and addition. The children have enjoyed being hands on and exploring our outside environment. We

found so many minibeasts, although Miss Devereaux was not too pleased to see SO many spiders! The toad was a great and unexpected surprise too. We have enjoyed lots of stories, especially The Very Hungry Caterpillar, Superworm and The Very Busy Spider. In



music we learned lots of songs and rhymes which we performed to our Grandparents and relatives. The whole afternoon was a lot of fun and the children sang brilliantly and enjoyed showing our visitors around. The biscuits and squash were also a highlight!



Year 1

Last term Year 1 sowed nasturtium seeds. This term in our 'And it grew' topic they have patiently cared for them and observed the changes each week. Finally in the last week of this half term there are some flowers and more promising buds. Ask your children about the different parts of a plant. Our flower pictures were inspired by the story of The Tiny Seed by Eric Carle and some of his creative techniques. For the background we had a go at abstract expressionist painting like Jackson Pollock. We are glad it is warmer now as we have been using water and a variety of containers to learn about capacity and volume. Thank you for sending in the Laurie leaves to show how proud you are of your children. We are proud of their amazing writing giving instructions on how to grow a plant.



Year 2



This half term the children have been learning about significant people Rosa Parks and Emily Davison. To enhance their learning, the children have been giving talks and presentations to their classes explaining who they are inspired by and why. They all did a terrific job.

In Maths they have been focusing on measurement. We have measured length and height, mass and volume and capacity. The children have really enjoyed the practical side of this unit. Year 2 have also been working hard at revising previous topics.

In English, we have been thinking and writing about their own teacher pleaser inventions and the children have been very creative with their ideas. We have been focusing on using interesting vocabulary and conjunctions throughout. Elm and Beech have also written fantastic narratives based on the book Rosie Revere. In Design Technology, Year 2 have designed and built their own bridges.



Library Visit



This half term each class walked to Crowthorne library where we were met by a member of staff. They showed us how the children's story books are organised from board books for the youngest children, story books to share together and paperbacks for more of a challenge. We learnt how the information books are arranged by different topics. Year 2 learnt about some different authors. The children enjoyed looking at the wide range of books and those who brought their library card chose a book to take home to share. After a story we walked back to school. Thank you to all the adults who walked with us, we look forward to our next visit.

The library is open until 5pm so you could pop in after school to enjoy a quiet story together and change your books or get busy with Lego engineers 10-11.30 on Saturdays (free).











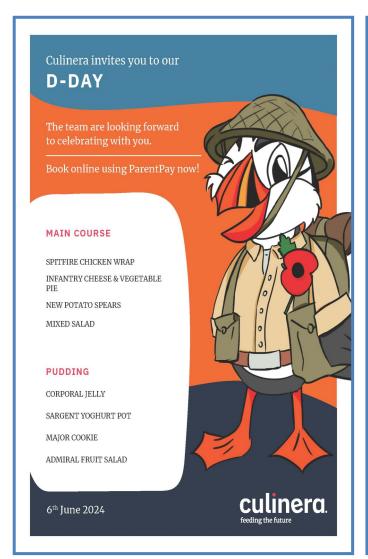


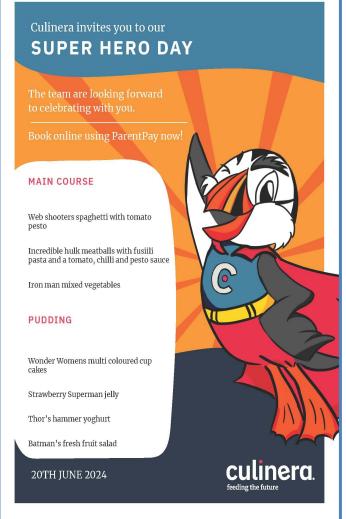
Elmer is 35 this month and all Bracknell Forest libraries are celebrating with events on each day of the half term. At Crowthorne library there will be a themed craft session on Wednesday 29th May 10.30-11.30 ages 2 and up, £1 per child.





Below are the two menus for theme days next half term, these can now be ordered and sandwich options will also be available. If you have any special requests e.g. no butter on your sandwiches please email the school office. If you would like to discuss any allergies regarding the menu or creating a menu plan please contact steve@culinera.co.uk

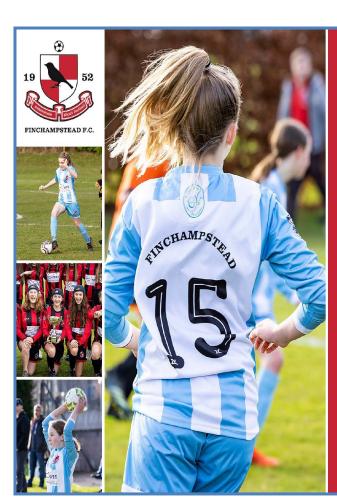






Oaklands Infant School Spring Term Dates 2024

| HALF-TERM Monday 27 th May – Friday 31 st May 2024 | | |
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| Date | Activities in June | |
| Summer 2 | Character Focus: Casey | |
| Monday 3 rd | INSET DAY | |
| Tuesday 4 th | Return to school | |
| Friday 7th | PTA: Non-uniform/Rainbow hamper day | |
| Friday 7th | PTA: Wellbeing Evening | |
| Monday 10 th – Friday 14 th | Y1 phonic screening check and Y2 retakes | |
| Monday 10 th | School photos | |
| Friday 14 th | Foundation Stage school trip | |
| Tuesday 18 th | 8.15am: Reading for Pleasure morning in the hall | |
| Friday 21 st | 9am: Ash class assembly | |
| Wednesday 26 th | Sports Day | |
| Thursday 27 th | Year 2 school trip | |
| Date | Activities in July | |
| Wednesday 3 rd | 12.05pm – 1.15pm: Yr2 lunch at OJS | |
| Thursday 4 th | 10.15am: Yr2 assembly/playtime at OJS | |
| Saturday 6 th | Crowthorne Carnival | |
| Thursday 11 th | 9.05am – 11.20am: Whole school transition including OJS | |
| Friday 12 th | Reports out to parents | |
| Saturday 13 th | Crowthorne Flower Festival | |
| Wednesday 17 th | 1.45pm: Yr2 Leavers Play to parents | |
| Thursday 18 th | Pm: Yr2 PTA Leavers afternoon | |
| Friday 19 th | PTA: Crazy Hair Day | |
| | 1.30pm: end of term | |
| Monday 22 nd | INSET day | |
| Tuesday 23 rd | INSET day | |



GIRLS FOOTBALL

FINCHAMPSTEAD FC IS CURRENTLY SEEKING GIRLS IN YEARS 0 to 6

Come along and try out one or two sessions for free on Monday nights on the 3G pitch at Farley Hill School in Arborfield Green (Baston Road)

Details of our age group training sessions are as follows:

| Age Group | Time | Venue |
|-------------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Soccer School* | 6-7pm | Farley Hill School |
| U7, U8, U11 | 6-7pm | Farley Hill School |
| U9/10, U13, U14 (Pumas) | 7-8pm | Farley Hill School |
| U12 | 6.45-7.45pm | Edgbarrow School |
| U15 | 8-9pm | Farley Hill School |

*Soccer School is for ages from Reception to Year 2
Our teams from U7 upwards compete in the Berkshire County Girls Football League,
with matches played on Saturday mornings

New players always welcome at all age groups & levels!

For more information, please contact Graham Kay at:

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