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Headmistress's Message

Dear Parents

It is lovely to be able to publish this newsletter as it contains a wonderful mixture of Oaklands children enjoying and succeeding with their learning across the many areas of the curriculum both at school and at home.

For example, EYFS children have been particularly creative in their art tasks, our KS2 scientists have been practising their investigative skills and Y6 have produced realistic designs for Anglo-Saxon homes. At home, all the children have been captivated by the imaginative musical Zoom sessions provided by Mrs Rathbone.

The staff and I have been incredibly impressed by the consistent effort and enthusiasm that the children and parents have given to their home learning experience. Well done everyone!

I was delighted to welcome children in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 6 back to school on 1 June. It has been wonderful to see how happy they have been to return to their classrooms, to see their friends and teachers and to accept the visual differences in the school whilst still enjoying and gaining from the education and pastoral care we are so proud of.

Finally, we have included links to the teacher videos and to the school 'Isolation song'; please do watch them if you have not done so already.

Although we are without many of our usual summer events, I am sure that we will all enjoy the rest of the term.

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A Message From The Teachers...

The teachers at Oaklands wanted to send a special message to all the pupils to let them know how much they were missing them! Click [here](#) to view the video.

They also put together a message for the parents, which you can view [here](#), to thank you for all your dedication to home learning.





NEWSLETTER

Merit Certificates

The following children have been awarded merit certificates in the Summer Term. Congratulations to them all!

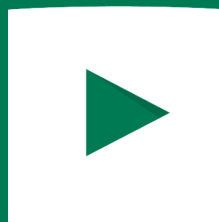
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Y1Z	Florence, Arabella, Archie, James, Aakarsh, Kartar, Kaitlyn
Y2C	Max, Oliver, Anaya, Jude, Basil, Giselle, Zara, Isabelle
Y2S	Paolo, Lucy, Stefan, Alicia, Ethan, Ozlem, Abigail, Eva
Y3C	Reggie, Henry Compton, Henry Caruso, Ava, Georgia
Y4C	Holly, Sienna, Jusleen, Annabel, Alanna, Ethan, Tyran, Melveen
Y4Z	Kristina, Xavier, Alex, Santiago, Sophia, Cleo, Saffiyah, Olivia
Y5C	Keira, Jamie, William, Annabella, Jamie, Kaylan, Riana, Oliver
Y6G	Jack, Luke, Amber, Jeyda, Phoebe, Chloe, Sofia, Freya
Y6J	Sara, Charlotte, Inaya, Ellie, Poppy G, Maya, Jayden, Gwilym

House Points Cup

Well done to **Holly House** who won the House Points Cup for Summer Term 1 with a massive total of **1,107 points!**

Getting Social

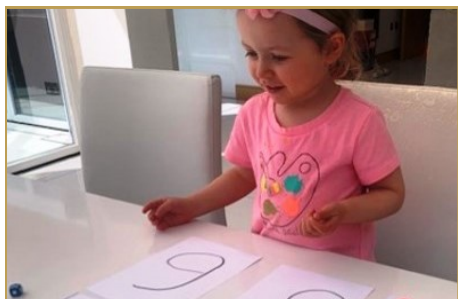
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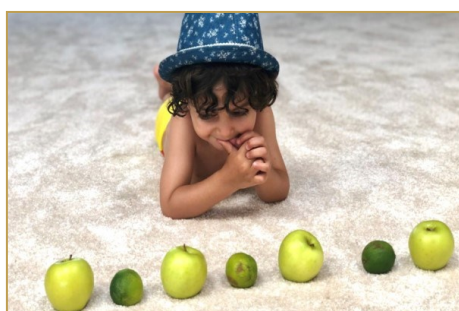
Lower Kindergarten Butterflies

We have loved receiving all the home learning photos from our Lower Kindergarten Butterflies. They have been exercising at home with their families, been playing games in the garden, learning their numbers, investigating mini beasts, painting and helping out around the house to name just a few activities!



Lower Kindergarten Ladybirds

We have enjoyed seeing what our Lower Kindergarten Ladybirds have been getting up to at home. A few of their activities included learning about shapes, reading and then drawing/painting the Very Hungry Caterpillar and helping out in the kitchen and garden. Well done for working so hard Ladybirds!



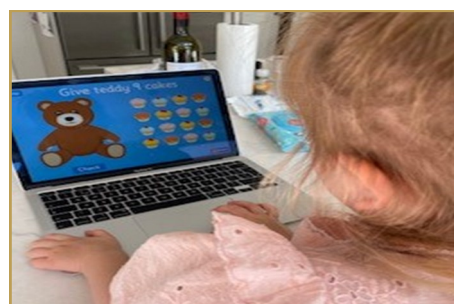
Lower Kindergarten Bumblebees

Our Lower Kindergarten Bumblebees have been very busy during their time learning from home. They have enjoyed spending time with their families and taking part in all sorts of activities including learning about all the different farm animals, cooking and baking and painting.



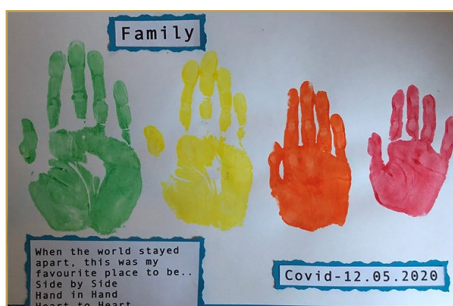
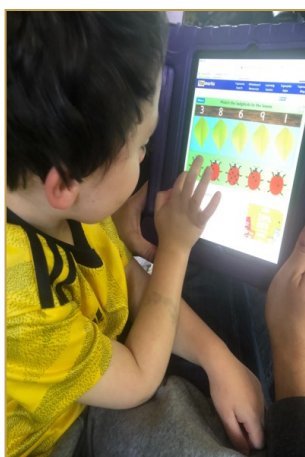
Upper Kindergarten Squirrels

We have seen lots of evidence of our Upper Kindergarten Squirrels working from home. Their focus was on mini beasts, so they completed lots of fun activities around this topic. They also had some fun baking and playing in the garden alongside their core learning.



Upper Kindergarten Hedgehogs

We loved seeing what our Upper Kindergarten Hedgehogs have been getting up to at home. They were very busy learning their letters and numbers, making tasty treats in the kitchen and creating lovely artwork!



Fruity Art

Reception and Woodpeckers have been channelling their inner artists and have been making faces from fruit and vegetables in their kitchens, based on Arcimboldo's famous 'Vertumnus' painting. **They look great!**



Upper Kindergarten Foxes

Upper Kindergarten Foxes haven't stopped! At home they have been learning about mini-beasts, so they went on a hunt for some outside. They then painted their own mini beasts and even made fruit versions!



Badgers Home Learning

Badgers class have been completing some wonderful home learning. Activities have included finding examples of mini-beast outdoors, making their own mini-beasts, looking for sphere shapes, making cakes and playdough, and finally winding down with some yoga!

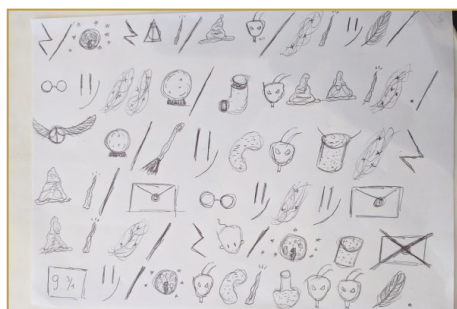


Reception Robins

We have loved seeing what our Reception Robins have been getting up to at home. It looks like they had lots of fun spending time with their families while also working hard on the tasks they were set.

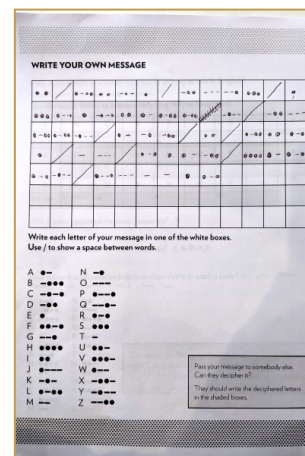
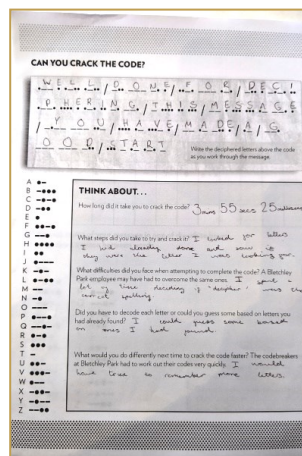


Code-Breakers!



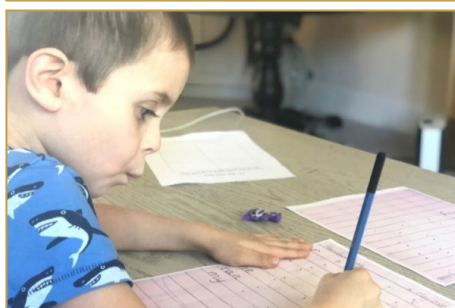
In preparation for the VE Day anniversary, Year 5 looked at the work of Alan Turing, a WW2 code-breaker.

Pupils were given codes to decipher and then got creative by creating their own cipher!

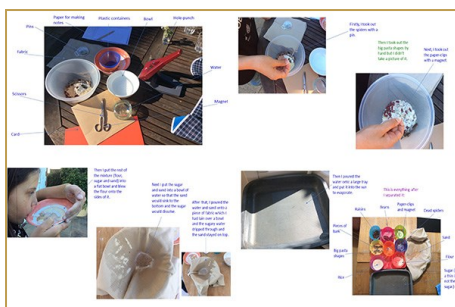


Reception Owls

Thank you for sending in all the lovely pictures of what Reception Owls got up to at home. From making their own pizza and bird feeders to exercising and taking zoom lessons, they didn't stop!

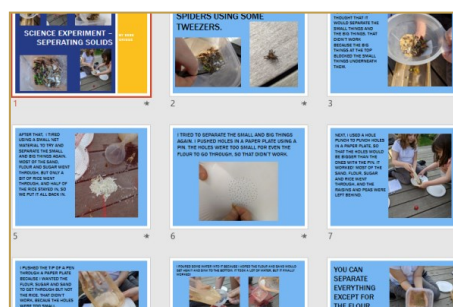


Science Experiments from Home



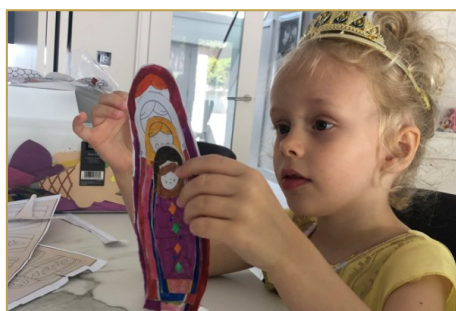
We were so impressed with how pupils conducted their Science work from home.

While completing all their experiments, Year 5 took photographic evidence and put the whole thing into very detailed PowerPoints.



Upper Kindergarten Rabbits

Upper Kindergarten Rabbits worked really hard on their work during home learning. They learned all about mini-beasts, completed some worksheets and created some fantastic art.



Reception Woodpeckers

We received some wonderful snapshots of our Reception Woodpeckers hard at work. From working on number bonds to making bird feeders, they put so much effort into their work!





Back to School

It was fantastic to see the first group of pupils returning to school on Monday. Classrooms might look a little different at the moment but the children have adapted brilliantly and are very much enjoying seeing their friends again!



Read Write Inc Lesson



Upper Kindergarten pupils really enjoyed their Read Write Inc lesson in the sunshine. Mrs Gadhavi was super proud of the children who

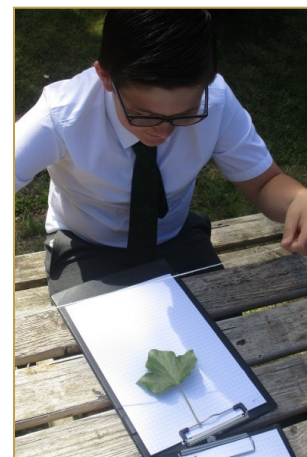
are now writing words. **Well done!**



Year 6 Maths



This week, Year 6 have been focusing on practical maths activities. They applied the knowledge and skills they had learned in the classroom to outside by working out the area and perimeter of leaves that they had found around the school, which was certainly easier said than done!





1Z RE



Year 1 have been learning about the Jewish festival of Chanukah in RE. The children in 1Z completed a comprehension activity on the story of Chanukah and self-assessed their own work with their purple pens. **Well done 1Z!**



Year 6 PE



Year 6 really enjoyed their indoor PE lesson recently. They had a fantastic workout focusing on Hip-Hop and Latin-American dance styles and movement. **Well done Year 6!**



The London Book Project

"I am sure you will recall that we supported this new charity at the beginning of January 2020 with the children donating over 1,000 books.

Earlier this week, I received an email notifying me that the charity has been awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. This award recognises work in the local community and excellence in voluntary activities and is the equivalent of an MBE for voluntary groups.

The charity considers that every one of the schools that has conducted a Book Collection on their behalf should regard this award as one to share within their community. I would like to thank you again for your generous book donations that have helped children who do not have access to reading books.

We will certainly be organising another 'book collection' next year!

We are also very pleased to announce that we raised £212.95 for Sport Relief and £161.62 on World Book Day this year. Thank you for all your kind donations."

Mrs Belej





KS2 Isolation Song

During the last few weeks of the half term, the pupils and Mrs Rathbone were very busy putting together a special Isolation Song. If you haven't seen it already, please give it a watch as it will certainly put a smile on your face! You can view the video [HERE](#).

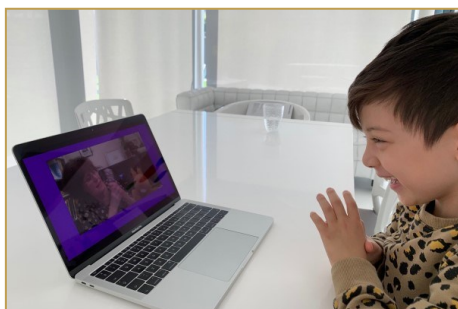


Year 3 Science with Celery

In Science, 3C are learning about the transportation of water through a plant. For their homework they were asked to test a piece of celery to see if adding food dye to water would change the tubes of the stem. Enzo sent this picture in to show us that the experiment had worked!



Music with Mrs Rathbone



Pupils have been really enjoying their music lessons with Mrs Rathbone, especially when special guest Rataat appears! The lessons were very interactive, we just hope they were not too noisy!



Emily's Handwriting Video

We have received this wonderful video of Emily teaching handwriting based on a Zoom lesson she had just had. It's great to see how much she remembered, keep up the fantastic work Emily! Practise your handwriting skills with Emily [HERE](#).



Keyworker Children



During the first half of the term, we enjoyed having the keyworker children from all four of the Oak-Tree Schools at Oaklands. It was a great opportunity for the pupils to get to know each other while safely learning at school.



They also got to make use of the lovely sunny weather alongside their lessons, and fish and chip Friday was a particular highlight!

Anglo Saxon Home Designs

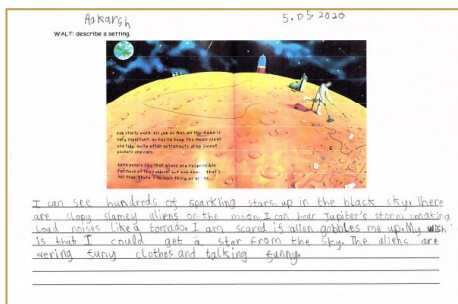


In school just before Easter, Year 6 pupils created some fantastic Anglo Saxon home designs in Design and Technology.

The children were instructed to conduct their own research. They then had to design and make their homes, carefully thinking about the resources they were planning to use. They had to think about a typical Saxon Village, provide a water source and think about the layout of the buildings. Finally, they were given the chance to construct their village. They loved this task and learnt a lot through their research and working as a team. **Well done Year 6.**



Home Learning Gallery

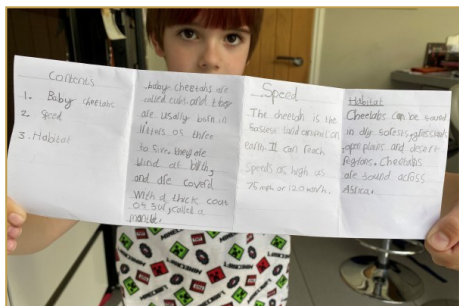


We have received this amazing piece of writing from Year 1 pupil Askarsh!

For his Science work, Oliver has been planting some seeds and predicting if he thinks they will grow on not when left in different locations. We are looking forward to seeing the results!



Home Learning Gallery Continued



Well done to Jude who has made this fantastic non-fiction book about Cheetahs. Great work Jude!

After working so hard on his homework, Aaron was super pleased to receive three gold stars! He is now busy working on his phonics and numbers. Keep up the fantastic work Aaron!



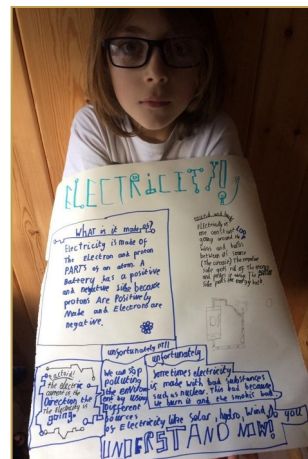
Ana has been working very hard during her RRInc lessons. She even got an extra bit of learning in during breakfast!



Anaiya has been enjoying taking part in lots of activities at home such as PE workouts, drawing and Easter inspired Maths work. Well done!



Denim had a great time creating a mini garden while the weather was nice.



Santi made an informative poster all about electricity. A lot of work went into this poster, well done!



Isla had fun taking part in some Yoga with her pet dog!

Thiago carried out a Science experiment at home. Pupils were asked to put bicarbonate of soda in a balloon and then attach the balloon over a jar containing vinegar. The resulting Carbon Dioxide gas should expand the balloon – which it did!

