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Headmistress's Message

Dear Parents

What a wonderful start to the Autumn term. It has been lovely to see how quickly all children have settled into their new routines and they are now back into the rhythm of school and getting on with learning in the classroom and at clubs.

We have had a variety of lovely assemblies in the past few weeks, including an introduction to our new PSHE topic, 'Being Me in My World' and our Jeans for Genes information assembly.

It has been lovely to see both our Year 3 and Year 5 & 6 working alongside other Oak-Tree Schools. Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed the Oak-Tree Camp, making new friends and learning new skills and Years 5 and 6 are enjoying using the Peter May centre for their PE lessons.

There is wonderful working buzz around the school and we are looking forward to inviting prospective parents to our Open Morning on Thursday 6 October. An invitation is extended to our current parents for this event too.

Kind regards

Mrs Gretchen Copeman

Rosh Hashanah

On Monday 26 September, the whole school celebrated Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year. Thank you, Miss Zaidi, for leading the morning's assembly. It was very insightful to find out how Jewish families in our school and community are celebrating this special day.

The festival, meaning "first of the year" or "head of the year," is a time for reflection for all Jews. Rosh Hashanah is celebrated with symbolic foods, prayers, synagogue services, and the blowing of the shofar (the ram's horn), which is a traditional horn.



Ticket Prices

£7 per child

£12 per adult

or £34 family ticket (2 adults, 2 children)

Hot dog (or veggie option) included in ticket price.

For more information and to book your tickets, visit: <https://bit.ly/3UGFNQs>

All proceeds go to the Oak-Tree Schools' Parents' Associations.

Out of This World Music

Year 5 have been exploring music inspired by the solar system. After listening to Holst's Planet Suite, they used a wide variety of classroom instruments to explore how the elements of music, such as dynamics, texture and tempo, can alter mood and atmosphere.

They then performed their pieces of music to their classmates.



Welcome back assembly

All our children at Oaklands met our new Headmistress Mrs Copeman on the first day of term. She led a wonderful assembly followed by the Year 6 prefects who introduced themselves to the school.

We are very excited to have everyone back at school and hope everyone has a fantastic term.



Oaklands School Open Day



Thursday 6 October 9.15 -11.15am
Head's Speech at 9.30am

Take a guided tour around the school
Meet our staff and pupils
See the school in action

Lower Kindergarten

Adventure Playground Fun

The children in Lower Kindergarten recently had their first visit to the Adventure Playground. Although a little hesitant at first, most of the children enjoyed using the playground equipment. They showed good balancing skills when walking across the moving bridge and practised their climbing skills by trying to climb the rope wall. We think their favourite part was going down the slide!



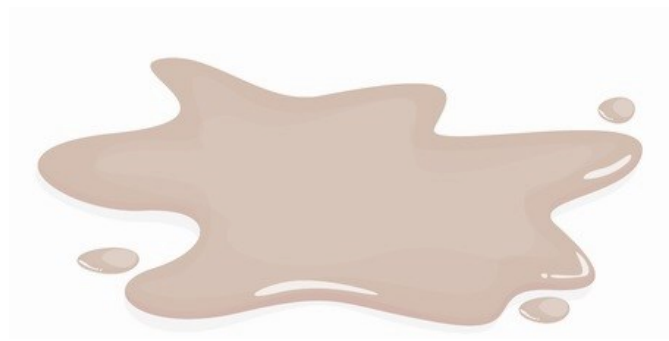
A Fruit and Veg Tasting Session

The children in Lower Kindergarten listened to the story called 'Oliver's Vegetables'. Miss Collins explained to the children how Oliver tried new vegetables and fruit. We put this into practise when the children took part in a fruit and vegetable tasting session. They were able to try kiwi, strawberries, blueberries, carrot, cucumber, radish and tomatoes. We spoke about why it is good to try new things and how these foods are good for us. The strawberries and blueberries were a big hit.



Mud Painting!

The children also got to 'experience' painting with mud! They thought it was quite funny at first when their teachers showed them the wet mud mixed with water, but were soon happy to hold their paint brush, cotton buds and sponges to paint their own mud picture.



Computer Class

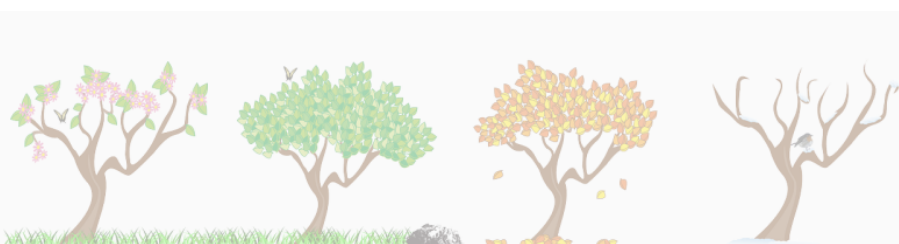
In their Computer lesson, the children in Reception played a game called Tizzy's Busy Week. They began by using a double click to open the program then helped Tizzy the clown to complete a series of chores. The children are beginning to be able to use a mouse and click the correct places by themselves. This is a huge improvement from swiping the screen! Well done Reception.



KS2 Art Club

Arts and Crafts Club gives each pupil an opportunity to imagine, express and apply their creativity.

KS2 Arts and Crafts Club focussed on the four seasons. Pupils finger painted the colours they associated with each season. Later they discussed the reasons for choosing those colours.



Dance Club

Great energy from Year 1VB in dance class! Their teachers were very impressed with their group ideas on their own choreography and for their improvising performance for Miss Dee.



Upper Kindergarten

Upper Kindergarten had lots of fun in the adventure playground. They were all very confident using the playground equipment and showed good balancing skills when walking across the moving bridge.



Upper Kindergarten had lots of fun during their Wild Woods session. They have all been creating 2D shapes using natural resources such as sticks, conkers, acorns and leaves. They also made 2D shapes using stencils and sieved flour on top. The mud kitchen was a huge hit!



All the children in Upper Kindergarten have settled well into their new classrooms. They are all making new friends and are beginning to follow our daily routines and learning our classroom rules, such as sharing toys and using kind hands.



Reception Woodpeckers

Woodpeckers have settled well into Reception, they enjoyed exploring the school on a Treasure Hunt. They searched the school for all the magic stars and learnt how to navigate their way around the school.



Woodpeckers got very muddy on their first visit to Wild Woods with Miss Francis. They explored the mud kitchen, used the chalk logs for mark-making and went on a hunt for the best leaves for leaf rubbing.

Reception Robins

Robins have been having great fun exploring in the outside area. Here they are role playing with the cooker and theatre, constructing and mark making among other activities.



Reception Owls

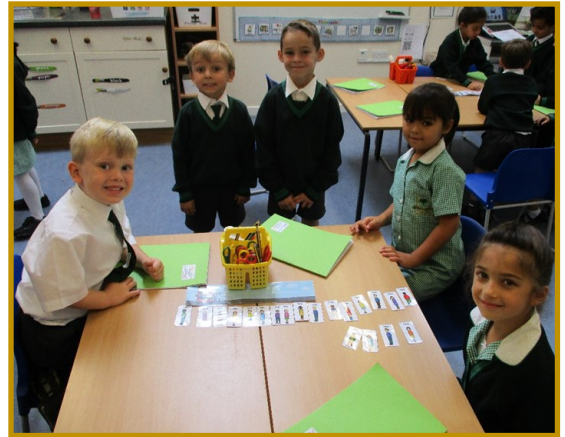
In Maths, the children have begun learning correct number formations and started by practising how to write numbers 1 and 2.

Mrs Potts told them a story about Ticklish 2, a swan, whose shape helped pupils to write 2. They then became detectives, hunting for number 1 and 2 on car number plates in the school car park. It was great fun and lots of children asked if they could do it again with different numbers. It was lovely to hear that some Owls had also carried on the idea at home, looking for numbers 1 and 2 as they were out on a walk.



Year 1C

1C have been practicing ordering objects and learning their ordinal number names. The groups had to put all the people at the bus stop in the right order. They were very good at recognising the numbers to 20 and knowing which order they went in, but it was much trickier learning the correct ordinal number. It took some practice to remember to say *third* instead of “threeth” or *fifth* instead of “five-eth”!



Year 1V

In English, Year 1 have been reading the book ‘Beegu’. As a class, they discussed how Beegu’s feelings change throughout the story and why, and discussed their favourite part within the book. The children most enjoyed performing a scene from the story in front of an audience.

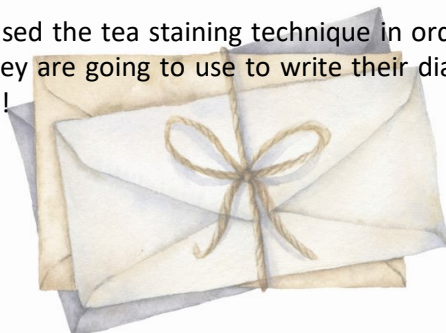


Year 2Z

In Topic lessons, 2Z have been learning all about the Great Fire of London. The children will be writing diary entries, just like Samuel Pepys did.

They decided to make their writing paper look old, as the Great Fire of London happened over 350 years ago.

In their Art lessons, 2Z used the tea staining technique in order to age the paper that they are going to use to write their diary entries on. Well done, 2Z!



Year 2S

This term 2S have been learning about pop art and have been studying the works of Andy Warhol and Roy Lichtenstein. The children used the technique of 'dotting' to produce their own pop art piece.

The finished work looked great!



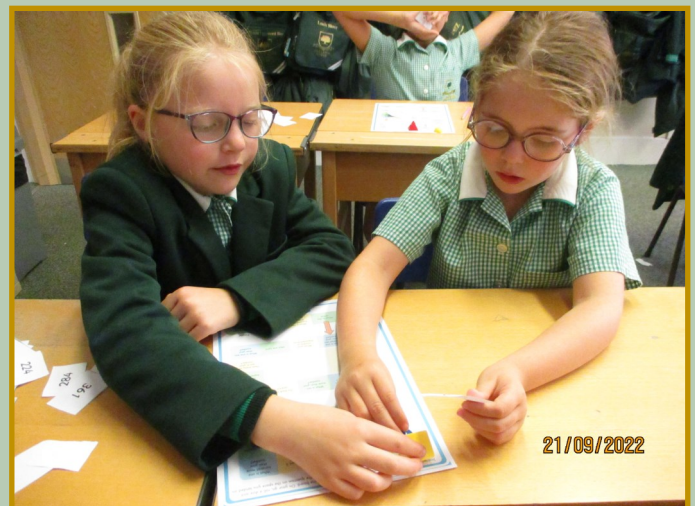
Year 3C

Year 3 have taken to swimming like ducks to water. The skills the children demonstrated on their first day impressed everyone! Clearly, the children were very excited to get into the water. Adam Peaty and Anna Hopkin watch out; you have competition!



Year 3D

Class 3D have been investigating the place value of 3-digit numbers. The children had fun playing maths games to strengthen their understanding during a problem solving lesson. This involved using practical resources and reasoning skills whilst working as a team.



Year 3 Camp

Thursday 15 and Friday 16 September marked the long-awaited Year 3 Camp. Children from the Oak-Tree Group joined forces to enjoy two days of problem solving, sporting and team building challenges, with a big emphasis on fun and collaboration. The children learnt new skills such as making a fire and pitching a tent. They also made natural art, and at the end of the day there was hot chocolate with marshmallows and camp fire songs. For many children, this was their first time under canvas. We don't believe for one minute it will be their last.



Awards and Badges

Well done to all our KS1 and KS2 children who received either a Values badge, Friendship Award or a Behaviour Award in assembly. Congratulations to all of you, we are very proud.



Year 4C

Year 4 have been exploring the natural geographic magazines and asking questions about Earth, our environment and what is happening in the world at this current time. They were intrigued and asked lots of thoughtful questions.

Year 5Z

Pupils in 5Z have a better understanding of British Values after participating in School Council and Eco-Council this term. The classroom became a polling station and the candidates had to give a presentation on why they were suited to the role of councillor. The children spoke confidently and used persuasive language to strengthen their argument.

After using the ballot box to cast their votes, the results were announced, with Erin and Lucy being voted as our Eco-Councillors and Sammy and Alice being voted as our School Councillors. Well done to all our candidates and to everyone who voted!



Year 6G

Year 6 were very busy during the holidays. They had a variety of projects to choose from and the children worked hard to create summer recipe books, create wonderful artwork, plan day trips, upcycle items, devise new museum exhibits and cost garden designs! Well done Year 6!



Year 5 and 6 PE

Years 5 and 6 have been joining forces with Braeside and Normanhurst at the Peter May Centre in Walthamstow for their Games lessons. It has been a great success with the pupils enjoying the opportunity to play with other schools whilst developing their football/netball skills. Our Games Captains, Sienna and George, have helped out with the warm-ups putting the classes through their paces with some gruelling moves including burpees and mountain climbers!



Athletics Club

The pupils have been put through their paces at Indoor Athletics club, practicing the vertical jump, speed bounce, chest push, triple jump, long jump and shuttle run. With lots of events on the horizon, they will be more than ready!



Sports Meeting

Our Games Captains George and Sienna were accompanied by our House Captains Henry, Georgia, Anastasia and Gabriella to meet with Mr Paine and discuss all thing Sport and PE at Oaklands. Various topics were raised and the minutes from the meetings will be displayed on our school council board soon. Thanks for your input team!



Year 1 PE

Year 1 took part in a fun agility course, learning various skills whilst they smiled their way through the afternoon! They balanced, ran, skipped, kicked, threw and had a great time.



PSHE at Oaklands



The children enjoyed their assembly on 'Being Me in My World'. We welcomed back several characters, including Jerrie Cat, who reminded children to stop and think, so as to practise observing their thoughts and feelings.

The scheme is very effective in bringing together Personal, Social, Health Education, emotional literacy, social skills and spiritual development in a comprehensive scheme of learning.

Jeans for Genes Day

Oaklands raised money for Jeans for Genes Day on Friday 23 September. Jeans for Genes Day is all about raising money to help some of the most vulnerable people in the UK. Thank you to all our families for your contribution. The money raised will help in the transformation of the lives of families affected by a genetic condition.



KS1 & 2 Certificates and Awards

Since the last newsletter, the following pupils have been presented with either a **Merit Certificate**, **Good Behaviour** or **Friendship Certificate**. Well done everyone!

Class	Merit Certificate	Good Behaviour	Friendship	Values
1C	Alfie, James	Finley	Mickey	Gabby
1V	Raef, Harper	Arya	Audrey	Emily
2S	Kayden, Dorothy	Sihame	Carmella	Olivia
2Z	Margot, Sienna	Lily	Shiv	Sofia
3C	All	Evie	Alex	Emily
3D	All	Thiaan	Lilah	Aria
4C	Kais, Anais	Nhi	Raffy	Siana
5Z	Teddy, Hannah	Ethan	Lina	Hannah
6G	Ava, George	Gabriella	Henry C	Darcey

Harvest Festival

Thank you to all our families for all their amazing contributions towards our Harvest Festival week. The children had a wonderful assembly, celebrating the fact that they have made a massive difference in the lives of families in need! We are very proud of Oaklands.

