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Headmistress's Message

Dear Parents

What an exciting second half to our Autumn Term. Oaklands pupils have been incredibly busy both in and outside the classroom.

Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Celtic Harmony and learnt so much to support their learning in class.

Our sports teams have represented us in athletics, football and swimming events and should all be commended for their efforts and team spirit.

Christmas rehearsals are now in full swing and I look forward to sharing these events with you in person and in the next newsletter.

Mrs Copeman

KS1 and KS2 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 | Rafael, Reggie, Omi, | Anya | Emily | Maya |
| 1V | Christopher, Arya, Emily, Ethan | Noah | Emily T | Mikey |
| 2S | Sartaj, Rabani, Sofia, Carmella | Isabella | Charlie | Olivia |
| 2Z | Radhe, Amelia, Freya, Archer | Lennox | Sienna | Radhe |
| 3C | Leo, Safaa, Zack, Rufus | Bryony | Jimmy | Jemima |
| 3D | Kendra, Ella, Mila, Louis | Zikr | Libby | Isla |
| 4C | Soransh, Jude, Evie, Winnie | Margot | Arabella | Kais |
| 5Z | Max, Zara, Sammy, Erin | Alicia | Lucy | Lucy |
| 6G | Arjun, Rafaella, Georgia, Chanel | Anastasia | Reggie | Betsy |

Merits

Well done to all the KS1 and KS2 children who received a Merit from their class teacher in assembly.

We are very proud of everyone, displaying resilience and determination to work hard in all your subjects. You are all stars.



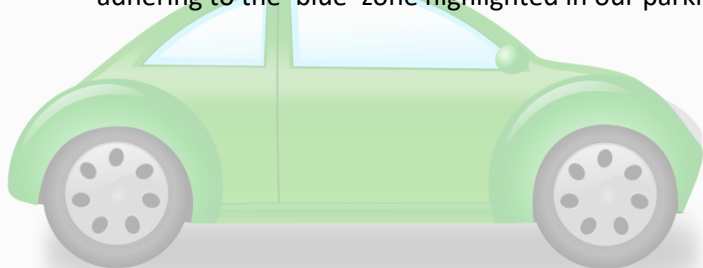
Remembrance

On Friday 11th at 11am, we remembered the deaths and sacrifices of those who served in the two world wars and in other conflicts. We had a special Remembrance Assembly in the morning reflecting on this day and what it means.



3PR Assembly

Our 3PR Aliens have now landed in Albion Hill and are marking part of the area we would prefer parents not to park or drop off. Pupils have started collecting orange tokens and are excitedly waiting to see who the first winners will be! Thank you to all parents who are adhering to the 'blue' zone highlighted in our parking letter.



School Council

In the KS1 and KS2 assembly, our school council representatives gave us feedback linked to their first council meeting they had. We are very excited to see what will happen with the suggestions they are taking forward to our Headmistress and kitchen staff. Well done to Arjun and Rafaella for your excellent presentation.



Work Smile Day Assembly

On Monday 17 October we celebrated World Smile Day! We thought about things that makes us happy.

We were challenged to do more things that will make us smile and we thought about positive things we can say to ourselves and others that will make us smile. Lastly we had to share some goals that we are going to set for ourselves to fill each other's buckets. Thank you to the Year 6 children who told us a few funny jokes. That definitely cheered us up.

Keep on Smiling Oaklands.



Lower Kindergarten

To celebrate World Nursery Rhyme week, the children in Lower Kindergarten have been learning a variety of number rhymes, such as '5 Speckled Frogs', '5 Little Monkeys' and '5 Little Ducks'. These songs allow the children to recite numbers 1-5 and to see that a number changes when something is taken away.

The children participated in a variety of activities, they were able to create either a frog, monkey or duck mask. They decorated their masks using a variety of materials and coloured glue. For our Maths focus, we have been encouraging the children to use the language of size. Looking at 3 different sized ducks, frogs or monkeys, the children were asked to name what size the animal was. Some of the language used was big, small, little, Mummy and Daddy. We also introduced lots of new vocabulary to the children including tiny, medium and ginormous.



Harvest Assembly

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.



Guide Dog Assembly

The children at Oaklands School have been learning about the role of guide dogs in the community and how they support people who have sight loss.

They particularly enjoyed meeting Duffy who is a puppy being trained to become a guide dog and were very impressed by how well-behaved he was through the entire assembly. The pupils learnt about how guide dogs could be trained to navigate a range of different obstacles, access public transport, our town centres and help people who are visually impaired to live their lives safely.



Upper Kindergarten

The children in Upper Kindergarten have been learning all about Autumn. The children started the week by participating in leaf printing. They chose a leaf and then painted it with the colour of their choice. Then they turned the leaf over and pressed down with all their strength to create their picture. The children loved to see the patterns they had created!



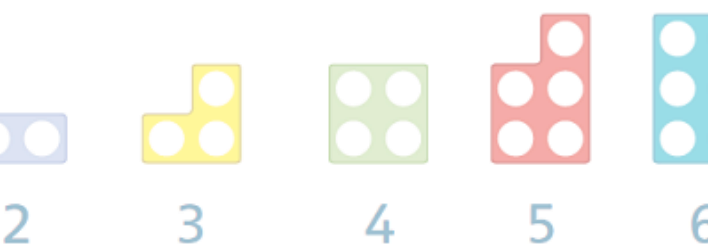


KS2 Art Club

KS2 Arts and Craft Club has been exploring and applying their knowledge about different art styles such as collage and pop art. They have created jigsaw puzzles and created an outstanding art work on the theme of Queen Elizabeth. Excellent group work!

Reception Woodpeckers

Woodpeckers paid respect to our fallen soldiers when learning about Remembrance Day. They made poppies using a variety of different mediums to create a wreath for our 2 minute silence.



Reception Robins

Robin class went on a number hunt, matching numerals with numicon shapes. We managed to match all of them!



Reception Owls

During the first Drop In of the year, parents had the opportunity to see the children's early morning routine and could then join them at an activity. Next time, the children will be showing their parents some of their work.

Year 1C

1C have learnt a warm-up routine for their dance lessons and have been learning moves for a street dance sequence. The kick-ball-change part was particularly challenging but they tried hard. What a good job Year 1 have been learning a trick to tell our left from our right in Maths recently – it came in very handy!



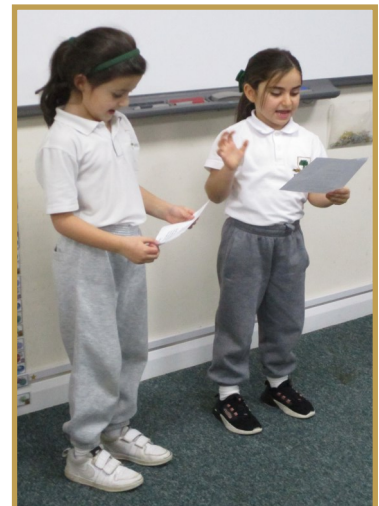
Year 1V

1V created their own poppy field piece of art in honour of Remembrance Day. They used blue paint for the sky, and various green oil pastels to create the long grass. After that, they dipped scrunched up balls of foil into red paint and printed these on top of the grass to create a poppy effect. 1V loved this activity and did a fantastic job!

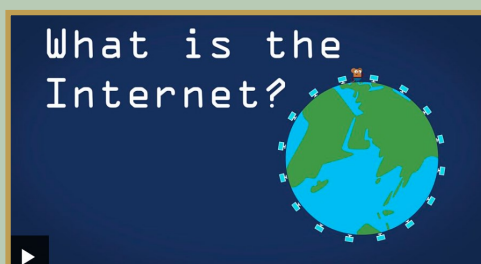


Year 2Z

2Z have been looking at different poems and learning about the features of poetry. They had the opportunity to perform one of the poems that they had learnt this week with a partner. They used different actions and varying tones of voice to make their poetry reading interesting. Well done, 2Z!



Year 2S

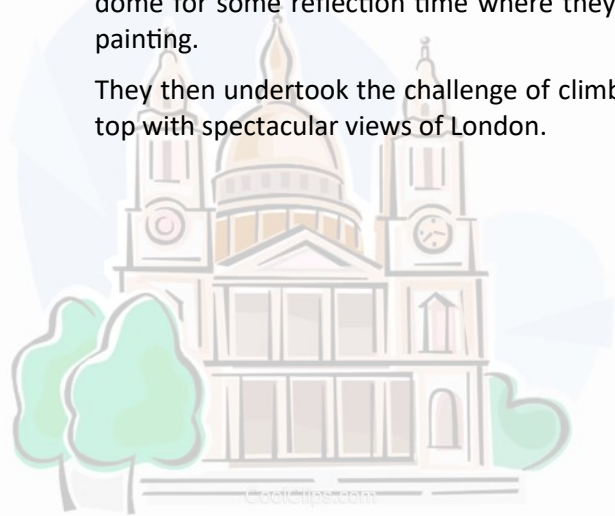


Year 2 have been learning all about using the internet. The children have explored different browsers and searched for information on 'Guy Fawkes'. They safely navigated the BBC website to find interesting facts and watch videos all about the Gunpowder plot. The children from 2S have also navigated websites to find educational games. They thoroughly enjoyed playing ICT games especially the 'Funky Mummy'.

Year 2 St Pauls Cathedral visit

On their recent trip to St Pauls Cathedral the children laid down underneath the dome for some reflection time where they took in the beautiful architecture and painting.

They then undertook the challenge of climbing the dome and were greeted at the top with spectacular views of London.



Year 3 Stone Age Workshop

Year 3 recently visited Celtic Harmony in Brickendon to attend a series of Stone Age workshops. The day began with the children bargaining to enter a fortress. It turned out to be full of all sorts of artefacts, including mammoth bones and teeth, and various stone items which had been knapped to form tools.

Year 3 were lucky enough to be joined by a real-life Stone Age character who, despite appearances, was very friendly. He showed the children how to make fire using an improvised bow to create an ember. As this was fairly sophisticated, they were right to guess that their new friend was from the Mesolithic Age. They built dens to keep them dry and found out about the sorts of plants that Stone Age people could have foraged, and those they would have definitely left alone. The children also took part in a hunt, traded, looked at Stone Age tools and even cooked. Everyone had a fantastic time and the site is definitely worth making a visit to if you are in the area.



Year 3 Swimming

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



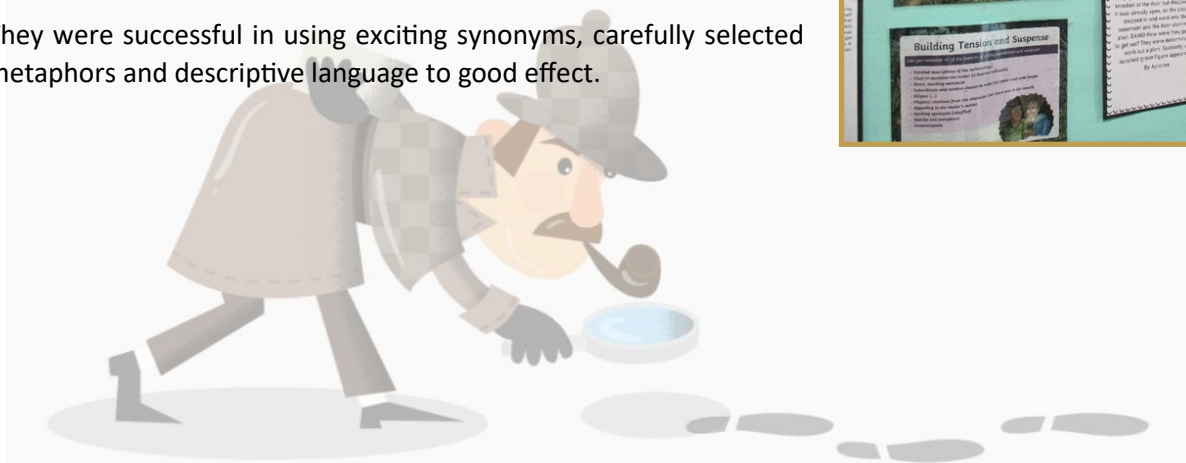
Year 4C

On the topic of Anti-Bullying Week, Year 4 have been thinking about what makes a good friend. We have been creating our own odd socks, designing an 'Anti-Bullying superhero' mask and talking about what makes a good friend. We discussed a list of ideas about what makes a good friend then they wrote it on their 'hands' and decorated them in bright colours.

Year 5Z

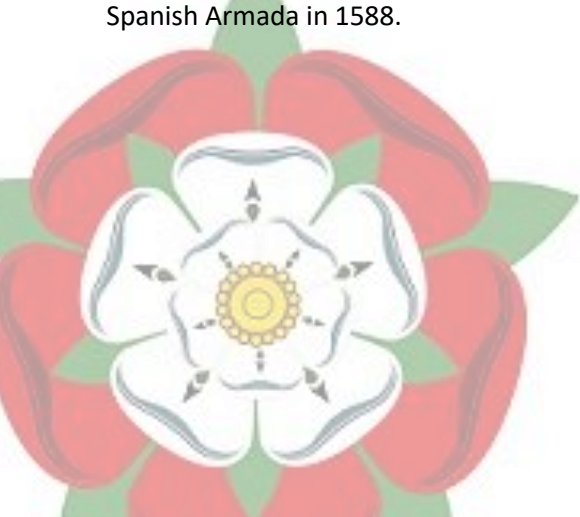
Year 5 have enjoyed writing mystery stories with suspense and tension in English lessons. The children worked hard to give detailed descriptions of their setting and had to use language which would engage the reader. To create suspense, they had to give the reader clues about what would happen in the story, but not overexplain or give too much away.

They were successful in using exciting synonyms, carefully selected metaphors and descriptive language to good effect.



Year 4 Queen Elizabeth Hunting Lodge Visit

Year 4 enjoyed their trip to the Queen Elizabeth Hunting Lodge. They thought about how the lodge was used over 500 years ago and learnt about all the different types of Tudor food and drink. Even learning the myth of Queen Elizabeth riding the stairs on her white horse after defeating the Spanish Armada in 1588.



Year 6G

In Year 6 we have been learning all about algebra. The children have been building formulas, answering simple algebraic problems and finding the n th term. The children thoroughly enjoyed making algebra chatterboxes. Betsy says "It's a fun way to do algebra and perfect for revising."

Y6 St Edmunds Taster Day

On 13 October, Year 6 were invited to a taster day at St Edmunds School. The children had a wonderful time learning 'lacrosse' in their P.E. lesson. They realised how tricky it was scooping up the ball and passing it. Following this, they had a Science lesson using Bunsen burners and discovered which chemicals made the different colours in fireworks. Finally, they had a Music lesson where they learned how to compose music. This was all topped off with a delicious lunch with far too many desserts to choose from! A fun day was had by all.



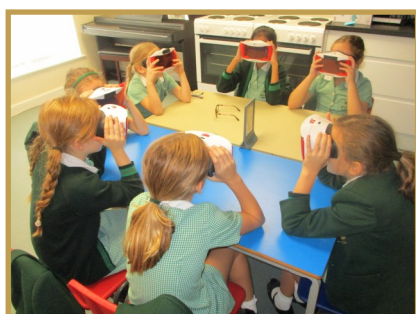
Wild Woods

This half term we focused on what's happening in the woods in Autumn, looking at trees leaves changing colour, the nuts and seeds they produce and how they are dispersed. We also thought about our feathered friends and learnt about migration and how birds adapt to staying here for winter. If you shout, "flock together!" your Wild Wooders should give you a lovely group hug! In our final week of half term we made potions, cast spells and celebrated Halloween. Every week we have opportunities for wild play, a themed trail to allow exploration and build confidence and focused activities. Some pupils have already achieved their 'mallet licence' - and can safely use the wooden mallets to bang in tent pegs to make dens. Their confidence and independence in the woods is soaring. Next half term it will be cold, and we will be outside! Get out and enjoy the forest around you and let your Wild Wooders share their knowledge!



Space Week

We celebrated World Space Week in October and all of the children took part in various workshops to extend their learning outside of the classroom. Upper and Lower Kindergarten got the chance to visit our Wonderlab and spend the afternoon learning about the different planets with Mrs Georgiou. After an entertaining video and discussion, there were so many activities and games to play to build on their knowledge – from play-doh planet modelling, to rocket building with different paper shapes, and even an interactive solar system. Reception and Key stage 1 were visited by Freshwater Theatre Company and used drama to explore various celestial bodies, as well as learn about Neil Armstrong and his journey to the moon. Finally Years 3-6 had an incredible day exploring the solar system in virtual reality with the Education Group. It was a thoroughly entertaining and educational workshop and left the children (and teachers!) buzzing with excitement and awe! It was a week filled with hands-on learning and great fun that will be remembered by everyone involved.



U11 Oak-Tree Football Competition

Oaklands, Normanhurst and Coopersale Hall took part in the U11 Oak-Tree Football Competition at Oaklands School on Monday 10 October.

There were some outstanding football skills on display with great goals, amazing saves and a competitive spirit throughout the afternoon.

Coopersale Hall won the competition with some very close matches throughout the day!

Final results were;

A Competition:

- 1st Coopersale Hall 4 points (5 goals scored)
- 2nd Normanhurst 4 points (4 goals scored)
- 3rd Oaklands 0 points

B Competition:

- 1st Coopersale Hall 6 points
- 2nd Oaklands 3 points
- 3rd Normanhurst 0 points



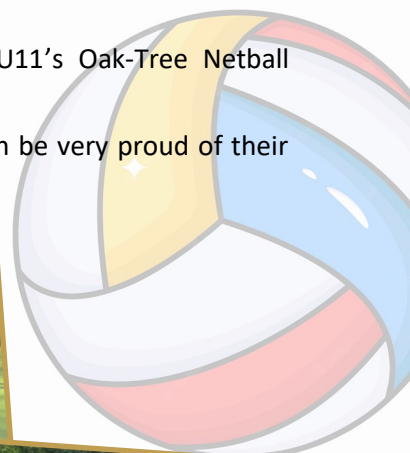
Oak-Tree Netball

Girls from Oaklands, Normanhurst, Braeside and Coopersale Hall took part in the U11's Oak-Tree Netball Tournament at Oaklands School on Monday afternoon.

There were some very close matches and lots of fantastic play on show and the girls can be very proud of their efforts!

Final results were;

- 1st Coopersale 13 points
- 2nd Oaklands 11 points
- 3rd Braeside 7 points
- 4th Normanhurst 5 points



Y5 & Y6 West Essex School Sports Partnership Finals

On Friday 7 October, girls from Years 5&6 took part in the West Essex Schools Sports Partnership at the Grange in Chigwell. Greeted by glorious sunshine, they had a fantastic afternoon of football against 18 other schools in the area. One of our teams managed to win the whole tournament, not conceding a goal and scoring many more in the process! They now progress to the County Finals in November! Well done to all our amazing girls, Anastasia, Chanel, Ava, Darcey, Gabriella, Sienna, Betsy, Zara, Lucy, Lina, Abigail, Erin, Hannah and Alice.



Year 4 Wow With Their Amazing Shakespearean Performance

Year 4 performed an amazing Shakespearean show for their families on 21 October. The children told the story of William Shakespeare through acting, song, and dance, telling the audience about his life and famous works.

Did you know Shakespeare wrote over 150 poems in his lifetime? We learnt about The Globe Theatre and all of the different people involved behind the scenes as well as on the stage. We even learnt that Shakespeare only left his wife his second best bed in his will.

Well done on a fantastic performance Year 4!

