

Oaklands School NEWSLETTER



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Headmistress's Message

What an incredibly busy start to 2024! Our Early Years and KS1 children certainly have been making the most of our beautiful grounds either at lunchtime or as part of their learning – our wellies are quite muddy now!

Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed their trip on the Tube to the Globe Theatre and we were so impressed with the help from TFL staff that we will certainly explore more Year groups travelling this way in future.

Awards

Congratulations to all the children who have been presented with either a Values, Good Behaviour or Friendship awards since the last newsletter.

Class	Good Behaviour	Friendship	Merit
1V	Akeira, Raeham	Hayden, Dilroop	Aaron, Amelia
1C	Ata, Kaya	Ava-Rose, Taylor	Sophia, Blossom,
2S	Ava, Abir	Brady, Christopher	Lani, Christopher,
2Z	Harleen, Anya	Finley, Alfie	Harleen, Fionnbharra, Omi, Audrey
3CA	Sihame, Naavya	Carmella, Presley	Jovan, Naavya, Vallavi, Harper
3CO	Rabani, Sienna	Margot, Harvey	Sofia, Isabella, Archer
4C	Emily, Isla	Jessica, Eddie	Louis, Zack, Jemima, Jessica
5Z	Ni'al, Amari	Kais, Alex	Rufus, Arabella, Nhi, Margot
6G	Ethan, Lucy	Alicia, Ayianna	Tasnim, Abigail, Alic, Erin

3PR Cup

Well done to Yr6G for winning the 3PR cup this term. The children will remind you what the 3 parking rules are again: Care, Consideration and Caution.



Award Photos

Well done to our KS1 and KS2 children who received Merits, Good Behaviour and Friendship Certificates. We are very proud of you.



Reception Music

Reception have been learning to read music! We have learnt about the “musical family” and the children can recognise the different symbols and sounds



Reading Ambassadors

Thank you to all our Reading Ambassadors who have been reading stories to different classes in the morning, break and lunch time. We love reading at Oaklands.

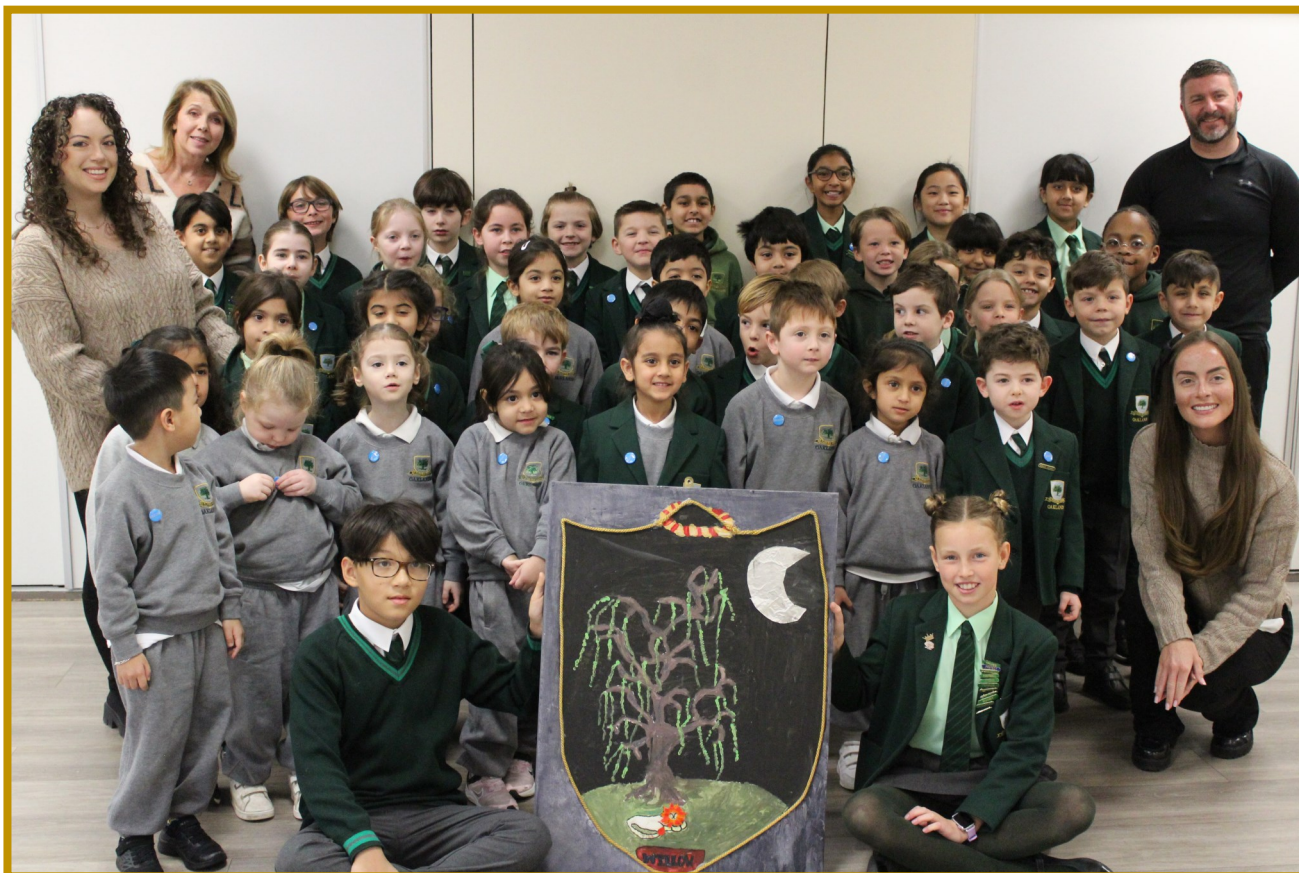


Our House Badges

We would like to welcome our Reception children who have joined our four houses this year. Beech, Sycamore, Willow and Holly. Thank you to our House Captains who presented their badges in a very special ceremony.



Our House Badges



House Points

Congratulations to Beech House who received the most house points for Autumn 2. Well done to all of you!



Orchestra

New orchestra members were given their badges at our final Christmas assembly. The orchestra played beautifully in the Carol Service at St. Mary's and we look forward to working on new and exciting pieces next term.



Lower Kindergarten

The children in Lower Kindergarten have been learning about 'Winter'. They loved exploring our ice and shaving foam 'snow' sensory tray. It was a great opportunity to encourage the children to use descriptive language to describe the different textures. Some of the descriptions used by the children were, "The snows going to melt in my hand", "It's like an ice cave" and "Penguins getting stuck".



They also made some delicious Snowy Rocky Road. The children had to first take it in turns to break the biscuits, by using a rolling pin. They then helped to mix the biscuits, raisins and apricots, with the melted chocolate, golden syrup and butter. Once all the ingredients were mixed together, we put the mixture into a tin and placed it in the fridge. The children were very excited to take their Rocky Road home.



Upper Kindergarten

Upper Kindergarten had a special visitor on Tuesday. Dr Tharma came into class to talk to the children about being a doctor and how we can take care of our bodies. Dr Tharma explained how important it is to eat healthy foods, exercise, get plenty of sleep and drink lots of water. However, we had one child who said he doesn't like water but loves apple juice.



Reception Woodpeckers

Woodpeckers had fun combining two groups in Maths. They practised counting what was in one group and adding it to another to find the total. Well done Woodpeckers!



Reception Robins

We learnt about 'all things birds' this week to join in with the Great British Birdwatch. We went on a senses walk in the school grounds, trying to identify different bird songs. Then we made a huge nest in the Wild Woods using sticks and leaves.



Reception Owls

In PE the children have been learning to transfer movement skills such as sliding and balancing from the floor to different pieces of apparatus. They had to focus to ensure that they jumped off correctly and landed safely.



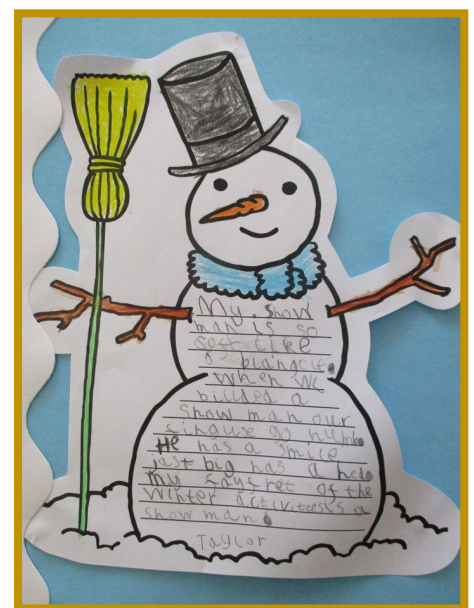
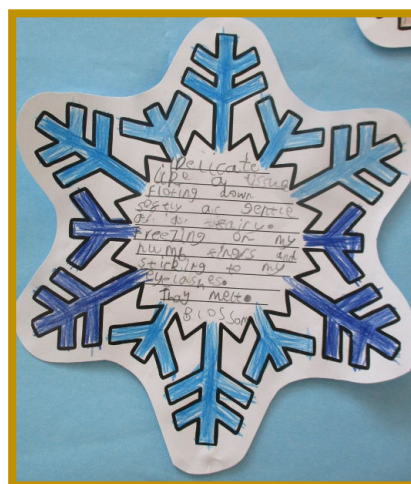
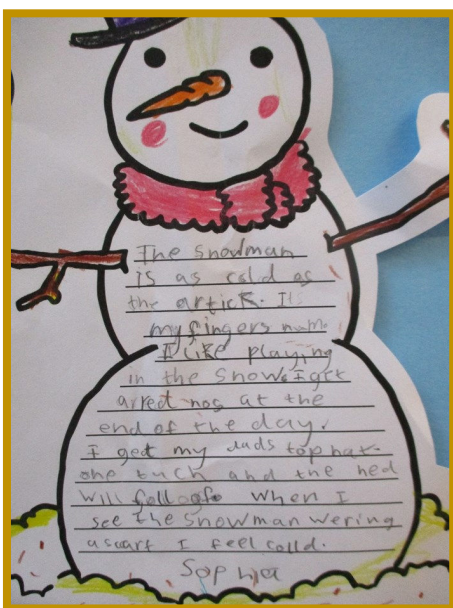
Year 1V

This term in Science, year 1 have been learning about materials and their properties. During the lesson, we discussed different types of paper and their uses. In groups, the children then made a boat and tested it on water to see which was the most durable. We deliberated our findings using vocabulary such as absorbent, strong, flat, flexible, thin, thick, waterproof and so on.



Year 1C

1C have been writing winter poems inspired by the chilly, frosty days in January. We brainstormed all the things we do or feel in the winter, then we made a list of useful adjectives we could use. Finally, we chose a template of a winter image and wrote our own shape poems. The children came up with some lovely phrases and some even managed to get a simile or alliteration in their poem!



Year 2Z

This week in Maths 2Z have been learning all about different 3D shapes. 2Z used pens to draw on mini 3D shapes to help them identify all of the properties correctly, including the faces, edges and vertices. They even learnt about the difference between a 'vertex' and an 'apex'. Well done, 2Z!



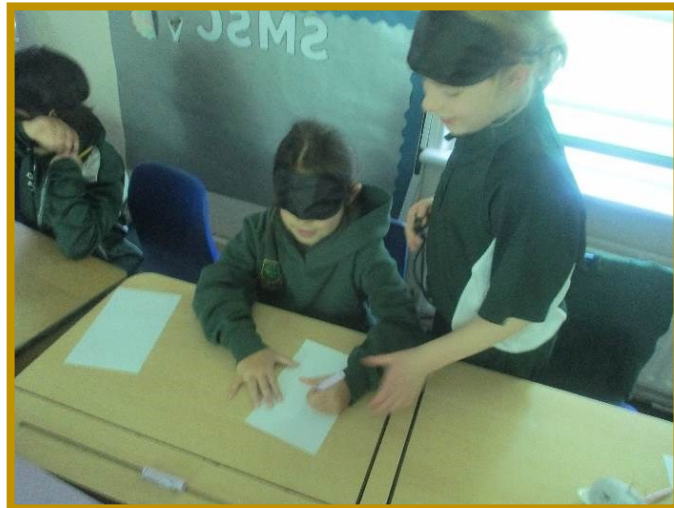
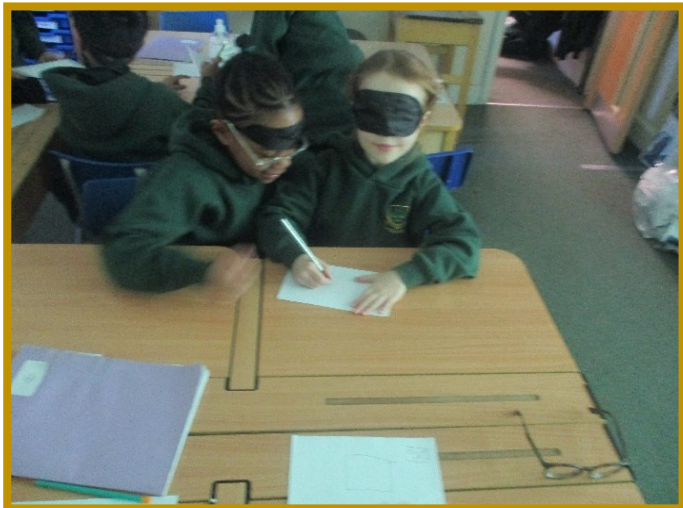
Year 2S

Year 2 have been learning all about The British Isles and the different countries that make up the U.K. The children have learnt the names of the countries, the most famous sites and landmarks as well as the different types of food.



Year 3CA

Year 3CA are looking at how Jesus performed 'miracles'. This week we told the story of Jesus giving back the sight of a blind man and how it could be a miracle. We put ourselves in the shoes of a blind person by being blindfolded, drawing a picture following clear and concise instructions.



Year 3CO

3CO have been exploring how to create tints, tones and shades in Art. They really enjoyed exploring the various colours they created through mixing and improved their knowledge of the colour wheel.



Year 4 The Globe Theatre Visit

Year 4 recently had the exciting opportunity to visit the Globe Theatre on London's South Bank, as part of their Topic - The Tudors. The children were only too keen to reduce their carbon footprint by travelling on the underground. Arriving at the Globe, they learnt all about the history of the theatre, and even got the chance to stand on the famous stage. They learnt that the theatre we see today is a recreation of one that was first built in 1599 to entertain an audience of four thousand people. Originally, no actresses performed at The Globe Theatre, or indeed at any other theatre. All of the female roles were performed by young boys. Thankfully, times have changed and we can now play any role we choose. As well as touring the theatre, Year 4 learnt new and exciting skills in a drama workshop and had fun identifying London landmarks as they walked across the Millennium Bridge.



Reception Construction Club

Reception had an amazing time constructing in both 2D and 3D. They used modelling dough to join wooden cocktail sticks and let their imagination run wild! Some of the 3D models proved tricky to construct but the children showed great perseverance, resilience and independence! It was lovely to see the children so engrossed as they built.

There was an impressive range of creations including mini umbrellas, boats with decks, houses, candyfloss and a hedgehog. As it was impossible to take them home due to their fragility, parents were invited in at the end of the club to enable the children to show off their fantastic creations. Well done Reception.



Wild Woods Club

Last half term at Wild Woods discovered how animals and plants behave as autumn turned to winter. With the beautiful autumn colours we made leaf kebabs, bracelets and matched leaf silhouettes along a trail. We improved our bug hotel ready for the insects to over winter in, played migration games and made nests and bird feeders for our feathered friends. We always have time for wild play with the mud kitchen always out and then rotate activities such as low ropes course, a rope swing and den building. It's great to see the children working and playing together! We introduced the fire circle and this term have been having campfires every week, provide hot water bottles (if needed) and play lots of running around games to ensure everyone stays warm. Wild Woods is muddy! so please ensure your child has wellies and either waterproof trousers / puddle suit / old tracksuit bottoms. The first green shoots are emerging and the birds are singing - before we know it it will be Spring!



Year 6G

Year 6 have started their topic this term on South America. We thought we would make it more exciting to learn all the countries by just using the outlines of them all, just like the online game Wordle. We love solving the puzzles in our class assembly time or when it's a wet break.



Sports Assembly

Oaklands sign off the year with a memorable Sports Assembly!

In December we had a memorable Sports Assembly. Pupils were awarded their sports colours for representing the school this year and we rounded it off with lots of photos to highlight all the amazing things the children have done! Looking forward to plenty more sports events in the New Year!

