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## Headmistress's Message

Dear Parents

It has been wonderful to have all the children back at school, enjoying their learning with their new teachers, seeing all their friends again and making the most of the sunshine at playtimes.

We have had a very busy half-term so far, as you will see from this newsletter.

There has been a variety of assemblies, House Council and School Council meetings and the 'Jeans for Genes' charity day. Our newly formed Sport Council is also due to meet for the first time at the beginning of October under the guidance of Mr Paine.

In the classroom, all the children have settled well into their new routines and have made a very positive start to the academic year. The children have been working hard in their lessons and the displays around the school already show some of their amazing work.

We are looking forward to welcoming new prospective parents to our Virtual Open Morning on Thursday 8 October. An invitation is also extended to our current parents to attend this different presentation of the school. Please visit our website and follow the links to register your attendance.

Kind regards

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## 2C Maths



In Maths, 2C have been using a number line to practice their addition and subtraction skills. Great work, 2C!





## Year 6 Prefects and House Captains

Year 6 pupils are proudly wearing their Prefect badges and enjoying performing their prefect duties each day. We are already very impressed with their enthusiasm for their roles of responsibility and their daily commitment to the children and the school.

House Captains and Vice Captains introduced themselves to their House members in both Key Stages on Monday 7 September and Wednesday 9 September. A special 'Sport' assembly was held on Monday 21 September to introduce our four Sport Captains for the year to KS2 pupils.

The Office Prefects are being particularly efficient in their morning duties around the school.

## Year 6 Responsibilities 2020—2021

NAME	ROLE OF RESPONSIBILITY	PREFECT CLASS
Zaid	Beech Vice Captain	1Z
William	Head Boy	2S
Thiago	Holly Vice Captain	4C
Konstantin	Willow Vice Captain	2C
Annabella	Beech House Captain	UK
Sophia	Head Girl	Rec Owls
Riana	Swimming Captain	Rec W/peckers
Millie	Gymnastics Captain	UK
Ava	Girls Football Captain	UK
Oliver	Deputy Head Boy	LK
Keira	Sycamore House Captain	Rec Robins
Kaylan	Boys Football Captain	Office
Aanya	Sycamore Vice Captain	Y3C
Natalia	Deputy Head Girl	LK
Jamie	Holly House Captain	Office
Maya	Willow House Captain	1F



## KS1 and KS2 Merit Certificates, Good Behaviour and Friendship Awards

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been awarded either a merit, Good Behaviour or Friendship certificate so far this term.

Class	Good Behaviour	Friendship	Merit Certificates
1F	Mila	Leonardo	Summer, Ella, Edeline, Zara
1Z	Edward	Jimmy	Louis, Isaac, Delia, Alyssia
2C	Anais	Archie	Jamie, Annabelle, James, Kartar
2S	Evie	Isabella	Siana, Aaryan, Esra, Alex
3C	Lina	Gisele	Erin, Gisele, Alicia, Millie
4C	Betsy	Rafaella	Chanel, Henry, Sienna, Anay
5Z	India	Holly	Dylan, Lilly, Sienna, Jusleen
5G	Maja	Saffiyah	Joah, Kristina, Cleo, Samrit
6C	Zaid	Natalia	Jamie, Oliver, Aanya, William

## School Council

Our new School Council members have all been appointed from Year 1 to Year 6. During their first meeting they discussed the important topic of being an environmentally friendly school. The children had some excellent ideas to put forward and were very enthusiastic. Miss Sandford was very impressed with how imaginative the children were.

## House Council



House Council attended their first meeting and discussed many different House events that they would like to see happening during the Autumn term.

We are looking forward to seeing our council members putting their plans into action.



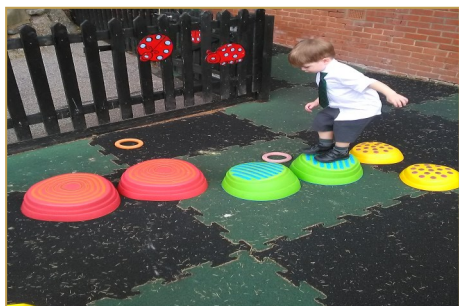


## Lower Kindergarten

**Counting Bugs** - The children in Lower Kindergarten have been counting bumblebees, ladybirds and butterflies from a large group. This activity was a great opportunity to introduce numerals 1-5 and to develop the children's counting skills.

**Balancing** - The children have loved practicing their balancing skills in our outdoor area. They have followed the stepping stones, tried to balance on the slithering snake and walked along the curvy path.

**Vegetable patch sensory tray** - The children in Lower Kindergarten enjoy playing with the Year 6 prefects every morning. During this activity, the prefects helped the children to plant and dig up some real vegetable including carrots, potatoes and green beans!



## Upper Kindergarten

**Genes for Jeans Day** – The children in Upper Kindergarten decorated their own jeans using different materials. They also learnt about why they came to school in non-uniform.



**Rosh Hashanah** – The children in Upper Kindergarten learnt about Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year. They spoke about how apple and honey are eaten to celebrate a sweet and Happy New Year. The children then went on to do a painting of the apple and honey.



**Harvest** – For harvest, Upper Kindergarten spoke about the different fruits and vegetables that can be harvested and the children then went on to do their own vegetable printing.







## Reception Explore the Wild Woods

Reception children have thoroughly enjoyed their first couple of Wild Woods sessions. The children have been learning about the natural materials in the Wild Woods and have made excellent use of these. They have created self-portraits, explored measure using balance scales and independently made their own mud paint for mark making and practicing name writing. The children have also been using mud in the kitchen to bake cakes for a birthday party. The children continued to build up their imaginative play by safely creating a stage using the wooden pallets to perform a show at the party too!



## Reception Building Site Visit

Reception went on an exciting local walk to visit a building site. The children spotted some road signs on route and they spoke about what they could see and hear using a huge amount of vocabulary related to their construction topic. They were also lucky enough to have a chat with some of the builders on site too!



## Macmillan Coffee Morning

A big thank you to the staff at Oaklands who raised **£141.47** during their Macmillan Coffee Morning!

The cakes were delicious!





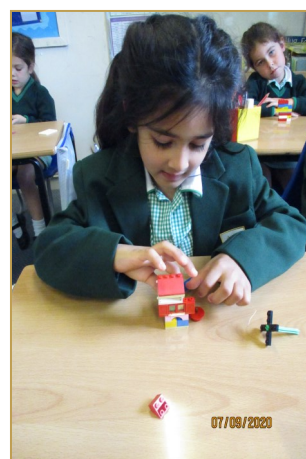
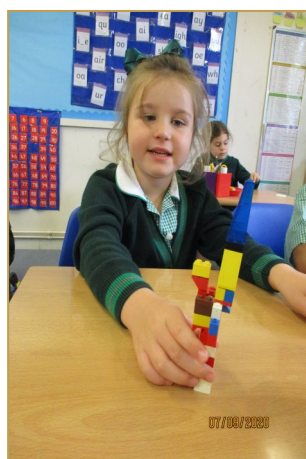
## Reception Robins - Making shapes

Robin Class have been learning about 2D shapes this half term. They have enjoyed making their own shape pictures using lots of different shapes such as triangles, squares, rectangles and circles.



## Year 1F - Creation

In RE, 1F have been talking about creation. They each made their own 'world' out of Lego and then explained how it was special to us. Pupils then had a discussion about how we can be better to our world to keep it a happy place.



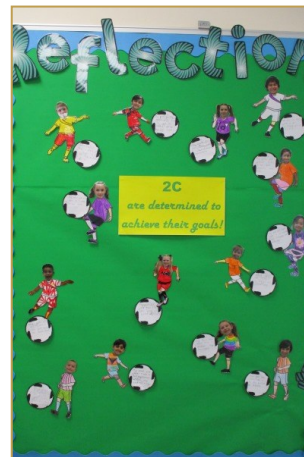
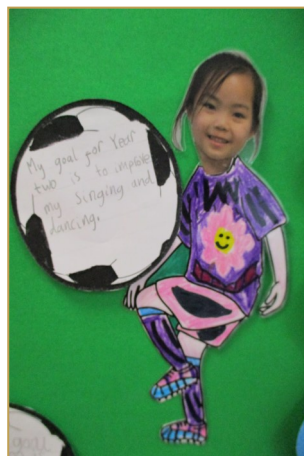
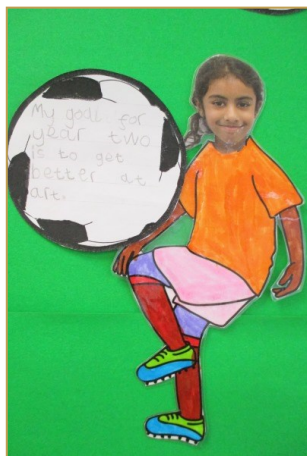
## Year 1Z - 5 senses

In their Science lessons, 1Z have been learning all about the 5 senses. Here are some pictures of them using their senses in different experiments. Can you guess which sense they are using?



## Year 2C Reflection

2C were given time to reflect and think about the things they wanted to achieve by the end of this new school year. In class, they talked about the word 'goals' and how it has different meanings. The children came up with the idea of displaying their goals as a football to demonstrate this. They all thought of a different goal that they could achieve if they really put their minds to it. **You can do it, 2C!**



## Year 2S Save our seas

During the summer holidays, 2S collected plastic bottle top lids in lots of different colours. They then decided to make a Save Our Seas display with the recycled lids and hope that they have been able to stop some of the plastic going back into the seas!

The display looks incredible!



## Year 4 Science

In Science, Year 4 have been looking at the digestive system. Using the school iPads, they conducted their own research linked to how the digestive system is breaking down food. Great work Year 4!







## Year 3C Stone Age

Year 3 have been exploring the Stone Age in their English and Topic work. Cave paintings made by Stone Age people show what life was like millions of years ago. 3C were inspired to create their own cave painting using chalk and charcoal; materials which Stone Age people may well have used themselves.



## Year 4C PSHE



Year 4C have been thinking about how to be a good friend and how to work well as a team. They wrote down some ideas and ordered them in levels of importance, from the most important aspect to the least important.



## Reception Woodpeckers & Bob the Builder



Reception Woodpeckers have loved learning about the different jobs within the building trade.

They thought very carefully about what colour they would need to use to paint Bob the Builder and practiced pouring a 'penny of paint' into the pallet.

After learning about the tools the builders would use, they enjoyed cutting and sticking pictures of tools from a catalogue to Bob's tool belt!





## Year 5Z William Morris

In Art history, 5Z have been busy studying William Morris who was a revolutionary force in Victorian Britain with his work as an artist, designer, craftsman and writer. The children have examined well-known pieces of his art work including Strawberry Thief, the Trellis and the Peacock and Dragon. They have reproduced art in the style of William Morris and are enjoying designing their own tile designs in a similar style.



## Year 5G Victorian Life

Year 5 have been learning about the Victorians. They have carried out independent research on Victorian workhouses and extended their knowledge by analysing photographs from the time. Alongside this, they have been reading 'Street Child' in English which describes the workhouse life from the point of view of a young orphaned boy called Jim. Year 5 have also thoroughly enjoyed taking part in drama activities to decide whether Jim should run away from the workhouse or not!



## Year 6C - Design Technology

As part of their work in design technology Year 6 have been learning to sew. They are preparing to make their own cushions for Christmas. They have really enjoyed researching the history of cushions and seeing some of the awkward and uncomfortable cushions of the past. Next week they are designing their own cushions; everyone is very excited!

## Fun in Music



Pupils are really enjoying their music lessons this term. Reception have been making 'rain' music on a variety of instruments. Whilst Year 2 have been learning about pitch. They have been using Boom Whacker instruments to explore the different pitches as well as learning the pitched singing names of Do Re Mi Fa So La Ti Do.





## Tennis Fun in P.E.

This term, pupils have been enjoying learning all about tennis in their PE lessons.

Reception children have started this year really well, learning lots of new tennis skills and most importantly having fun! Year 1 have been practicing 'skills stations' learning lots of tennis skills including catching the tennis ball in the magicians hat. Year 6 have been extending their tennis skills to play battleships, aiming their tennis ball towards their opponents fleet to destroy them. It's great to see all of the pupils having fun and improving their tennis skills, great work all!



## Reception Owls - Designing Clothes



As part of Jeans for Genes day, Owls really enjoyed getting creative and designing their own pairs of jeans using pieces of old denim.



## Science 'Wonderlab'

The 'Wonderlab' has been bustling with budding scientists; exploring and investigating, wondering about the world around us. Across the year groups the children have made various models to bring their learning to life: Year 3 have made model skeletons as part of their topic of 'Amazing Bodies'; Year 5 made a human model of the Solar System, demonstrating the correlation between a planet's distance from the Sun and the length of its orbit; Year 6 have made anatomically accurate paper hearts, a human model of the circulatory system, and even made their own 'blood mixture' using various different sweets to represent each component of blood!







## Y6 Sport Captains

On Monday 21 September, KS2 pupils were introduced to their Sports Captains for Oaklands School. The children chosen for these roles spoke about their passion for their sport and how they are going to help deliver sport through the school. The assembly also saw sports colours handed out to those pupils who represented the school for the first time last year.



## 'Jeans for Genes' Day

On Friday 18 September, all the children came to school in their denim jeans, shirts, skirts or dresses to support 'Jeans for Genes' day. Each class had discussed with their teacher earlier in the week what genetic disorders are and how their donations will significantly help to fund essential research and support for affected families. **The school raised £279.70. Thank you to everyone for your donations.**



## Getting Social



## KS1 & KS2 PSHE - Jigsaw



We have introduced the exciting new Jigsaw scheme in our school assembly to pupils in Key Stages 1 and 2. Jigsaw, the mindful approach to PSHE, brings together Personal, Social, Health Education, emotional literacy, social skills and spiritual development in a comprehensive scheme of learning.

The children have met the entertaining Jigsaw friends such as Jigsaw Jerrie Cat, who reminds children to stop and think, and to practise observing their thoughts and feelings. Pupils are all enjoying working on the first Jigsaw topic which focuses on 'Being Me in My World'.



## Wild Woods Club Big Bee Project

KS1 Wild Woods club have spent the last 3 weeks taking part in a big bee project! Their first session involved learning all about the importance of bees through a pollination game, this involved taking on the role of a bee collecting nectar, transferring pollen and identifying wildflowers that we have on the school grounds.

During the second session the children made wildflower cannon balls using mud, flower and seed; they also sowed wildflower seed in our new 'Bee B&B' area. The following week the children decorated the area with bee and wildflower stones.

They are very excited to seeing some wildflowers appear for the bees in the spring/summer next year! The children are also looking forward to playing some more bee related games with a hot chocolate on our last session before half term. The children have learnt that bees work extremely hard and are vital for pollinating crops (our food!). Their next project is to create a fairy garden in the Wild Woods.







## Year 6 Peer Assessment



Year 6 have been busy writing character and setting descriptions linked to the novel they are reading in class. They had to read each other's stories and give verbal feedback to each other. They shared ideas and celebrated each other's work. Well done everyone!

## 2S Self-Assessment Skills



2S have been working on their self-assessment skills in class. They all wrote a story and their task was to use a checklist to evaluate their own writing. Well done 2S for using excellent grammar and handwriting!



## Harvest Festival

We would like to thank all of our Oaklands' families for their very generous donations for this week's Harvest Festival. The donations were sent to the White Chapel Mission, where they will distribute the food to those in need.



We had a beautiful KS1 and KS2 Harvest Assembly where we were challenged to think about how we can make a difference in our community.

We were reminded that we should be grateful and thankful for the meals we eat every day. We ended the assembly by reflecting and listening to a Harvest song.

