



Inset Day - Friday 13th October - School Closed



Year 6 Residential

Two weeks ago 32 children from Year 6 went to East Sussex to the outdoor centre TREKCO. They were amazing and challenged themselves in activities they had never seen before. Please see some of their achievements below.



Open Afternoon

On **Tuesday 17th October**, the school is holding an open afternoon from 3.15pm- 3.40pm. Parents are invited into class to see the work their child has been completing for the half term. The aim is for the children to share and talk about what they have learnt and be able to showcase the pieces of work they are proud of.

Teachers will not be in class, as this is a child focused event, but parents will have an opportunity to talk to teachers at the upcoming parents evening in November.



Important allergy information

Please note that we have some children and adults in school who have life threatening allergies.

Please do not include nuts or nut based products (i.e Nutella, peanut butter) and shellfish for either lunch or snack time.

Please make sure you check labels for hidden ingredients.

Thank you for your co-operation.



Peanut butter



Nutella



Shellfish



Nuts

Harvest Festival

Once again Oak View are supporting the Hatfield Food Bank during the Harvest Festival period. In school the children have had an assembly led by Mr Richardson linked to community support, our school value, “kindness” and the impact food donations can have on our local community.

Some children have already brought in items of food, which will be displayed in both Key Stage halls. We appreciate that with this present economic situation not all households are able to support, but if every child brought in at 1 item each, the school will be able to donate over 400 items of food.

Thank you in advance for your support.





World Mental Health Day



Tuesday 10th October is World Mental Health Day.

At Oak View, we will be celebrating this day in a number of different ways.

- * Dress to Express - all children can wear their own clothes and express how they are feeling.
- * During the afternoon, the children will be participating in wellbeing activities.
- * We are taking part in the ITV Britain Get Talking campaign. During the day, the children will draw or write their feelings, worries or fears. They will then bring this home and are encouraged to talk to you about this.



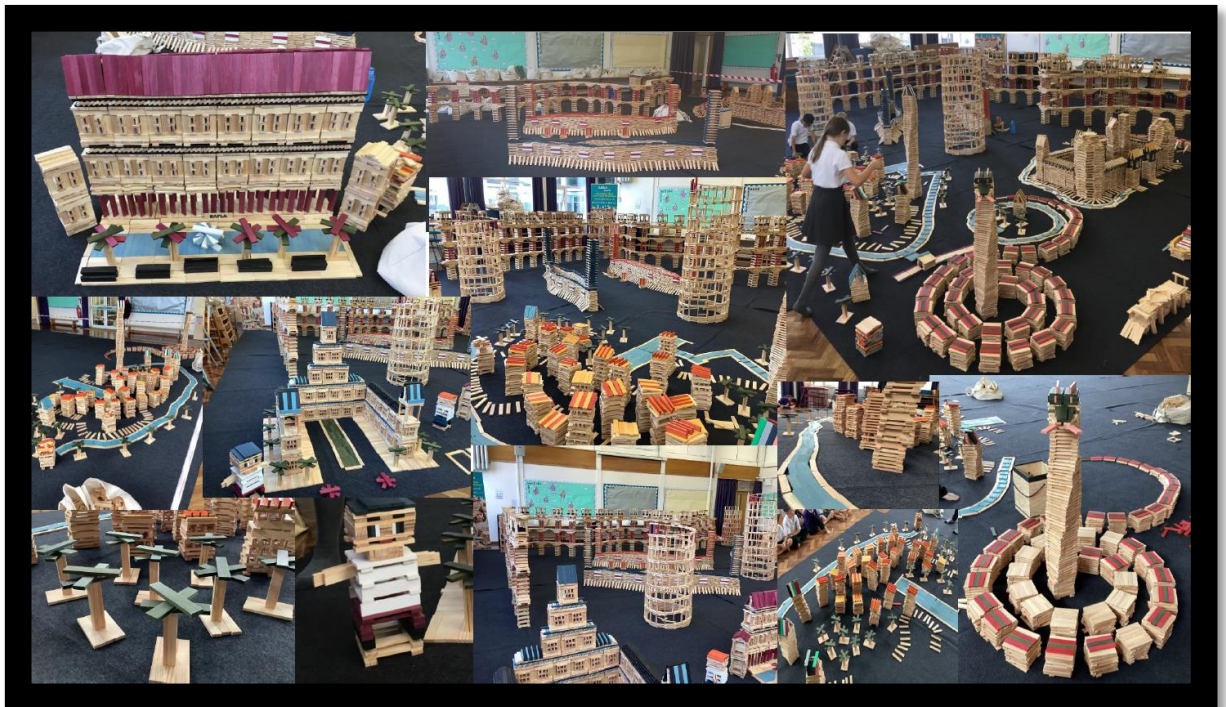
We are looking forward to this special day promoting mental health and equipping the children with different ways to look after their mental health as well as reminding them to share their feelings.





Kapla

Last week, Years 1 to 6 took part in a whole school project which involved building with Kapla planks. The children had a fantastic time creating different sculptures with each year group adding to the whole school display. I am sure you will agree the end result was amazing! It took lots of concentration and patience so well done to everyone who took part.





Y6 trip to St Etheldredas' Church

Young musicians from Purcell School performed a classical concert and the pupils drew to the music. Our pupils also watched dancers who performed to the live orchestra and were able to join in later by producing sounds and drumming beats.



Y3 Cemex Trip

This half term, Year 3 have been learning about rocks, the different types and forms which we see in everyday life. We were very lucky to have the opportunity to go to Cemex Quarry, Here we got to walk around the site, understand what jobs they did there and learn how they transformed the rocks into cement. The children got stuck in and had a fantastic afternoon.





Road Safety

Unfortunately again, the traffic congestion outside of school is a concern for the children’s safety on a morning and afternoon.

Please ensure you try to park in a sensible location and when crossing the road your children are with you and not running.

We have sent out a parent questionnaire to try and support our ongoing discussions with the highway agency to make changes on Woods Avenue. Please complete it with any suggestions you may have.

Please keep safe.

Values - Kindness

This half term the school value is Kindness, which will be a high focus through our learning, assemblies, playtimes etc. We would like our children to understand how kindness can make a difference to a person’s day.

Please reinforce this at home and if your child demonstrates our value out of school please let me know on the school gate.



Book Exchange

Oak View’s new Book Exchange is available to all children and parents. To encourage reading for pleasure, we have a selection of books that are FREE to any Oak View pupil who would like to take one home. You do not have to donate a book to take a book. We are hopeful that books will be shared throughout the community and will be grateful for any used book donations to keep it running. The Book Exchange is inside the foyer beside the office. Please do have a look and support it the next time you visit.





From the Office

Attendance - If your child is going to be absent from school, please let the school office before 9.30am.

Lateness - We are still having a number of late arrivals in the mornings. Please try to get your child in school by 8.50am and collect at 3.10pm KS1 & 3.15pm KS2

Communication - Please make sure that all of your contact details are up to date and we have the correct ones on your child's records. It is important so we can keep you up to date.

School Admissions Dates -

Secondary	Open 1/9/23	Close 31/10/23
Primary	Open 1/11/23	Close 15/1/24
Nursery	Open 1/11/23	Close 15/1/24

More information can be found on the [HCC website](#) for Secondary and Primary admissions. Nursery application forms will be available from the school website.

Year 6 Secondary School applications

Reminder - Secondary school applications need to be submitted by **Tuesday 31st October**.

Appointments during school time

We are seeing an increasing number of children being taken out during the school day to attend appointments. Whilst we understand that some appointments have to be attended and are unavoidable, please try and make your appointments after school has finished.

We will ask for proof of the appointment if you ask to take your child out of school early or bring them in late.

Thank you



Diary Dates

Mon 2 nd Oct - Fri 13 th Oct	Y4 Kandinsky - Swimming
Mon 2 nd Oct - Fri 6 th Oct	Harvest Festival
Fri 13th Oct	Inset Day - School Closed to Pupils
Mon 16 th Oct	Y3 Cemex trip
Tues 17 th Oct	Open afternoon 3.15pm - 3.40pm
Mon 23 rd - Fri 27 th Oct	Autumn Half Term - School Closed
Tuesday 31 st October	Y6 Secondary School application closes
Mon 6 th Nov	Parents Evening
Tues 7 th Nov	Parents Evening
Weds 22 nd Nov	Flu vaccination Day
Fri 1 st Dec	Occasional Day - School Closed to Pupils
Wed 20 th Dec	Term Ends 1pm

Term Dates - 2023-2024

Autumn Term 2023

Mon 23 rd - Fri 28 th October	Autumn Half Term - School Closed
Fri 1 st December	Occasional Day - School Closed to Pupils
Wed 20 th December	Term ends 1pm

Spring Term 2024

Thu 4 th January	Term Starts
Mon 19 th - Fri 23 rd February	Spring Half Term - School Closed
Fri 15 th March	Inset Day - School Closed to Pupils
Thurs 28 th March	Term ends - 1pm

Summer Term 2024

Mon 15 th April	Term Starts
Mon 6 th May	May Bank Holiday
Mon 27 th May - Fri 31 st May	Summer Half Term - School Closed
Fri 19 th July	Term ends - 1pm
Mon 22 nd July	Inset Day - School Closed to Pupils
Tues 23 rd July	Inset Day - School Closed to Pupils