



Occasional Day - Friday 1st December - School Closed



Autumn 2

I can't believe that tomorrow is December and we only have 13 days left at school before Autumn term is finished. Again, school has been very busy and this week's newsletter really shows the wide range of learning and opportunities children at Oak View are experiencing at the moment.

The recent parent survey was completed by over 100 parents, with some really positive feedback, so thank you for that. Over the next 2 ½ weeks there will be lots of Christmas activities happening, with all of KS2 attending church, as well as the school choirs singing at various events, plus lots of inter school activities. We will send a letter home next week with all the key dates on so you are aware in advance.

We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday at the open afternoon and Art gallery display.

Oak View Art Gallery - Tuesday 5th December

On Tuesday 5th December, we will be holding an exhibition of your children's art. Our school halls will be converted into our very own art gallery! Each child's artwork will be framed, mounted and presented for parents to browse and view the masterpieces. The school art gallery will be open from 3.15pm.

Pictures may be purchased on the day and taken with you. The framed pictures are on sale for £6.50 each. The event is CASH ONLY. Some examples of the childrens work can be see below.



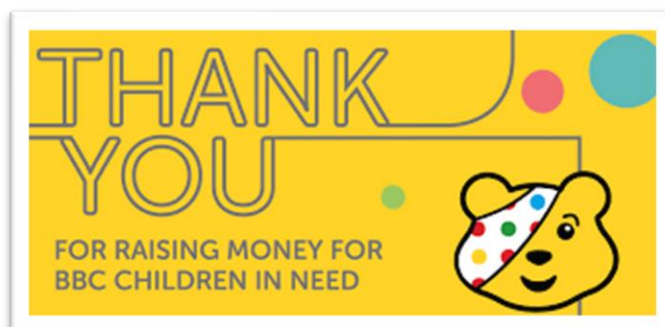
Open afternoon - Tuesday 5th December

We will be holding an open afternoon on this day so that parents will be able to take a look at their children work. Your children will have an opportunity to show you what they have been learning in class. This will take place between 3.15pm - 3.45pm.



Children in Need 2023

A huge thank you to everyone who supported Children In Need. We raised an amazing £302.58. Thank you again for your support!



After school clubs - Jan 24

We are currently working on a list for after school clubs in January. Information will be sent out during December about the clubs we will have available and how to book in your child.

Nursery applications

Nursery applications are now open for children born between 1st Sept 2020- 31st Aug 2021.

Please follow the link below to apply for your child's nursery place.

<https://oakview.herts.sch.uk/our-school/admissions/>

Child safety at pick up and drop off times

Please can you make sure that your children are in your care, at all times, when entering and leaving the school.

We have had some incidents recently where children have run away from their parents/carers causing a great deal of concern to all involved.

Many thanks

Parent survey

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the parent survey that was sent out a couple of weeks ago. Your feedback is valuable and will help us to improve our school.



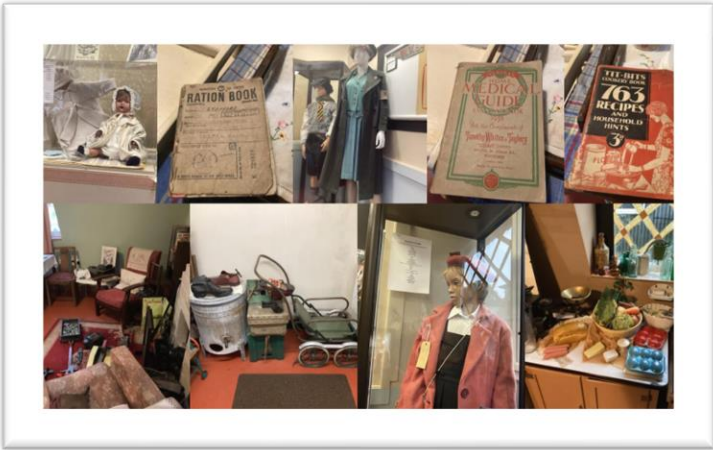
Year 6 trip to The Lincolnsfield Centre

Last week, Year 6 visited the Lincolnsfield Centre in Bushey. The children enjoyed going back in time to the 1940's to experience what life was like during WW2. As well as sitting in a bomb shelter, the pupils helped put out a 'fire' from an incendiary bomb using a hand pump and bucket. They enjoyed a tour of the museum and the 1940's house. Finally, Year 6 had a taste of 1940's education and they seemed very shocked by the discipline methods! The pupils gained so much from the day. Thank you to Mrs Robb and Ms Hagger for driving us there on the mini bus.



'I found it interesting to learn about rationing during I found it interesting to learn about rationing during the way' - Alfie M

'I enjoyed the Blitz experience and sitting in the shelter' - Michael M

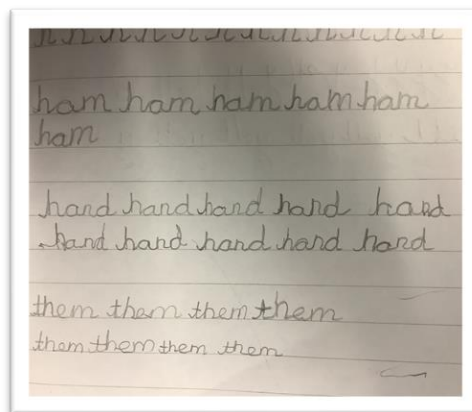
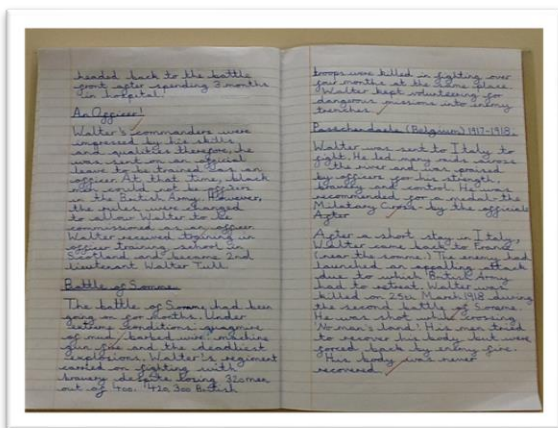


'It was a great opportunity to experience what life was like in WII' - Shanaya S



Handwriting

The whole school have really embraced our new handwriting style. The children have really quickly taken on board the new letter formation and joins. Well done everyone for all your hard work. Some examples of the childrens work are shown below. If you wish to practise at home then you can log onto letter join using the details that were sent out to you.



Maths

Recently some Parents have asked about how we teach Maths at Oak View and the new ways to +, -, X and /.

Please find the link below for our school calculation policy which has examples of the different strategies for each year groups.

This can also be found on the school website.

Hope this helps!

<https://oakview.herts.sch.uk/download/herts-model-calculation-policy/?tmstv=1701258392>



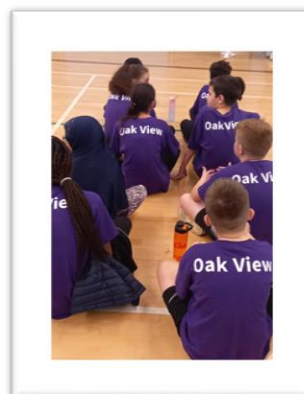
Oak View Football

Well done to our school team who won 3-2 against Hatfield Free School. Congratulations to them all!



Y6 Basketball

Well done to our Year 6 Basketball team. They took part in a competition at Ridgeway Academy and came 5th out of 8. They played really well and some amazing shots were taken. Congratulations to them on this achievement.





Year 1 Orienteering

Year 1 have been taking part in some Orienteering lessons over the last few weeks. Orienteering is an exciting outdoor adventure sport that exercises mind and body. The aim is to navigate between checkpoints or controls marked on a special orienteering map. They have all thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



Year 3 Tag Rugby

Year 3 have been enjoying learning how to play tag rugby with the Saracens. As you can see, they all had fun during their lessons.





Christmas Festivities

With Christmas just over 6 weeks away, we are currently planning some activities for the children.



Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day Wednesday 13th December



Children can wear their Christmas jumper for Christmas dinner day on Wednesday 13th December. **If you have not pre-ordered your child's Christmas Dinner, please make sure you provide them with a packed lunch on the day as we will be unable to provide them with a meal.**



Menu



Roast Turkey

Halal Chicken (for religious reasons)

Quorn Fillet

All served with roast potatoes, vegetables and sage and onion stuffing

Selection of festive desserts



Christmas Songs around the Tree



Nursery and Reception - Tues 19th Dec 9.15am & 2.30pm

Year 1 and Year 2 - Mon 18th Dec 9.15am & 2.30pm

EYFS & KS1 will be singing Christmas songs around the tree. More information regarding times will be confirmed in due course.

Carol Service for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

Tuesday 12th December

KS2 children will attend St Etheldreda's Church on Tuesday 12th December for a carol service in the morning. Children will be walking to Church. Unfortunately parents will not be able to attend.

Class Parties

Class parties will be taking place for KS2 on Monday 18th December and EYFS & KS1 on Tuesday 19th December. More details to follow.



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affordable and help save the planet at the same time.

**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

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



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 -

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.

Diary Dates

Fri 1 st Dec	Occasional Day - School Closed to Pupils
Mon 4 th Dec	Young Voices choir to St Etheldreda's Church
Tues 5 th Dec	Art Exhibition & Open afternoon 3.15pm
Thurs 7 th Dec	Rocksteady assembly
Tues 12 th Dec	KS2 Carol service at St Etheldreda's Church
Fri 8 th Dec	Y2 Great Fire of London Workshop
Weds 13 th Dec	Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day
Mon 18 th Dec	KS1 Christmas Songs 9.15am & 2.15pm
	KS2 Class parties
Tues 19 th Dec	EYFS Christmas Songs 9.15am & 2.15pm
	EYFS & KS1 Class parties
Wed 20 th Dec	Term Ends 1pm