



Oakmere Primary School
Tall Oaks from Little Acorns Grow

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Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

A warm welcome back to all our families after the Easter break. We start from Thursday and following on next week with our curriculum meetings. Please see the parent calendar on the school website for dates.

I wanted to update you on the superb work of our school council. Earlier in the year children shared ideas on how to improve attendance and we introduced weekly certificates, an attendance cup and an attendance pencil for the winning class each term. They also devised a list of potential lunchtime clubs and as a result we will be implementing lunchtime clubs from next week. We are also developing a values area in the KS2 playground as a result of children's ideas around projects they would like to be involved in. Last year we discussed the garden project and this is now coming to fruition. We are hoping to start planting in the next couple of weeks and are looking to purchase benches and bird houses for children to enjoy at lunchtime. We have had a couple of garden centres donate seeds and plants.

On another note, we have been very lucky to welcome a couple of visitors to our assemblies. Pastor Critoph attended from Causeway Community Church to talk to children about Easter and Rabbi Rosenblatt from Hadley Wood Synagogue to talk to children about Passover. Both visitors captivated children's curiosity and our visitors were very impressed by all our children's impeccable behaviour.

I hope you have a good weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs Wilson



CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT - HAZEL CLASS

In this lesson, we explored a range of real seeds including, pumpkin and sesame. Then, we discussed the different ways these seeds could spread before making our own helicopter seed spreader. This represented the falling and blowing method of seed dispersion, particularly relevant for dandelion and sycamore seeds. We took them outside to test them!





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Online safety

Playing games online

Does your child play games online? We have outlined some points that you may wish to consider to try and create a safer experience for your child.

Have you set up parental controls?

As well as setting up appropriate parental controls through the game's setting, ensure you have set them up on the console/device your child is playing on. For example, many consoles allow you to restrict the games accessed by age.

Is the game age appropriate?

Before buying the game, check that your child is old enough to play it. All games will either have a PEGI rating or be rated by the App Store /Google Play. UK Safer Internet Centre have published a blog, which shares tips on what to do if your child asks about playing a new game: |

- <https://saferinternet.org.uk/blog/help-my-child-wants-to-playgames-that-are-too-old-for-them-2>

Chatting to strangers

Some games will allow communication, for example (FIFA and Fortnite). Depending on the game, this may be via the in-game text chat, direct messages or talking through headphones. Some games do offer the ability to switch communication off or restrict bad language so make sure settings appropriate to your child are set up for each of the games they play. It can also be very easy online for children to behave in a way that they would not if they were face to face with each other. Talk to your child about how they are speaking to others online and encourage them to talk to people online with respect, like they would if they were face-to-face

Further information

The NSPCC provide further guidance and support regarding this topic:
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/onlinesafety/online-games/>

Role Model Badges 2024

Name	Class
Lilly Watkins	Hawthorn
Angel Southgate	Hawthorn
Anuva Khan	Hawthorn

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- 22nd -26th April - Parent Curriculum Meetings
- Wednesday May 1st - Year 1 Willow Class Assembly
- Thursday 2nd May - Parent Forum
- Wednesday 8th May—Yr3/Yr4 Hampton Court Trip
- Friday 24th May—Mini and Micro Marathon

House Point Results - SummerTerm 2024



Week	Marie Curie	JK Rowling	Pablo Picasso	Mo Farrah
Week 1	647	1196	1007	698
Week 2				
Week 3				
Week 4				
Week 5				
Week 6				
Overall this term	647	1045	1007	698

Star of the Week - 28th March /19th April 2024

Name	Class	Name	Class	Name	Class
Eva	Birch	Evan	Cedar	Imran	Chestnut
Hazel Class	Hazel	Davi	Blue Oak	Akshath	Hawthorn
Latanzea	Poplar	Jack	Red Oak	Lyra	Cedar
Joseph	Sycamore	Eva	Birch	Billi Rae	Blue Oak
Imran	Chestnut	Diontae	Poplar	Gracie-Mae	Red Oak
Akshath	Hawthorn	Atanas	Sycamore		

ATTENDANCE

commencing:	First	Second	Third
25/03/2024 - 28/03/2024	Red Oak 98%	Sycamore 97%	Hazel 95%
18/04/2024 - 22/03/2024	Blue Oak 100%	Red Oak 99.6%	Chestnut 98%