



Oakmere Primary School
Tall Oaks from Little Acorns Grow



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- Handwriting Awards
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Headteacher's Message

Dear Parent/Carers,

We have had a very busy week with the Hungry Caterpillars Healthy Eating workshop for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Children in Year 5 and 6 have been attending cycle training delivered by Bikeability. Year 3 and 4 visited the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir Hindu temple in Neasden.



On Monday the children are in for a real treat. They will be watching Cinderella presented by the M&M Theatrical Company. Christmas is almost upon us and Mrs Hammond and Mr Viala will shortly be decorating the school with Christmas cheer!

I hope you have a fantastic weekend.



CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT— CEDAR CLASS

Cedar class have been very busy. They presented a class assembly on the Earth and Planets to the rest of the school, parents and friends. They spoke confidently, expressively and loudly enough for all to hear. The presentation was a combination of poems, facts, role play and songs.



For RE, the children learnt about the Jewish festival of Sukkot. The children learnt about why the festival is celebrated, then prepared a typical meal which the children ate.



In our latest Science topic, the children, as scientists, investigated air resistance. They made parachutes of different sizes then tested them from a height to see which parachutes took the longest to land. The children found that the bigger the parachutes, the longer the parachute took to land. This is because there was more air resistance.



In English, the children have been studying the text, 'The London Eye Mystery'. They have been identifying new vocabulary that they will use to write a police report. In Mathematics, the children have been learning about fractions, in particular, how to find equivalent fractions and add and subtract fractions with different denominators.

Handwriting Awards

Children are doing really well in developing their handwriting and we have been awarding children in Year 3-6 with a pen licence and a handwriting pen.

We have just introduced a handwriting award for Reception- Year 2 which will celebrate children whose handwriting has significantly improved and are forming their letters correctly and consistently. They will receive a yel-



Year 3 & 4 Trip to the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir Hindu temple

On Wednesday, Poplar, Sycamore and Chestnut class visited the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir Hindu temple in Neasden and learnt that the marble was sourced from Italy and the stone from Bulgaria. Each piece of marble was numbered and pieced together like a jigsaw puzzle and took the volunteers 3 years to build.



Our guide, Mrs Patel commented on how beautifully behaved our children were and said we were welcome back at any time.

Role Model Badges 2023

Name	Class	Name	Class
Morrie	Sycamore	Nafeesa	Blue Oak
Eliz	Chestnut	Megan	Red Oak
Heshaya	Cedar	Sharon	Cedar

Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day

Wednesday 13th December 2023

Last chance to order a Christmas Lunch for your child. The system will close at 9am on Monday 4th December. Meals cannot be ordered after this time, if you have not ordered, please send in a packed lunch. To book a meal, please log onto School Grid.

Children can wear their Christmas Jumper on this day.



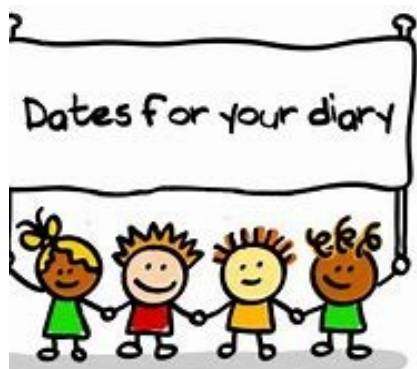
PTA CHRISTMAS FAYRE

FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER

Join us for a fun filled event after school!



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- 4 December—PANTO—Cinderella
- 8 December—PTA Christmas Fayre
- 11 December—EYFS Craft Morning
- 11 December—EYFS/KS1 Nativity (2.15pm)
- 12 December—KS2 Concert (pm - time to be confirmed)
- 13 December—Christmas Lunch & Jumper Day
- 19 December—END OF TERM AT 2pm

House Point Results—Autumn Term (2) 2023



Week	Marie Curie	JK Rowling	Pablo Picasso	Mo Farrah
Week 1	570	635	549	651
Week 2	1097	1095	1173	1193
Week 3	1348	1244	1366	1199
Week 4	881	1054	1051	954
Week 5	885	823	904	796
Overall this term	9100	8835	9652	9517

Star of the Week—24th November & 1st December 2023

Name	Class	Name	Class	Name	Class
	Willow	Sam	Sycamore	Yoana	Cedar
Darlene	Birch	Peyton	Sycamore	Heshaya	Cedar
Anis	Birch	Billie	Chestnut	Billi Rae	Blue Oak
Maliha	Hazel	Imran	Chestnut	Reggie	Blue Oak
Rishona	Hazel	Resul	Hawthorn	Rosie	Red Oak
Yeshwanth	Poplar	Niamh	Hawthorn	Danielle	Red Oak
Kosta	Poplar				



ATTENDANCE



Week commencing:	First	Second	Third
20th November	Cedar (97.4%)	Red Oak (96.5%)	Blue Oak (93.5%)
27th November	Cedar (97%)	Chestnut (95.37%)	Hawthorn (95.34%)