



Oakmere Primary School
Tall Oaks from Little Acorns Grow

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Headteacher's Message



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have been very busy in school with lots of Christmas events. We started with the Christmas Panto 'Cinderella' which the children thoroughly enjoyed.

The EYFS/KS1 nativity was fantastic and the children sang beautifully. We then had the KS2 Carol Concert which completely blew me away, again with beautiful singing. I am sure you will join me in thanking all the staff for their efforts for both the nativity and the concert.

Yesterday was the Christmas lunch which again the children really enjoyed and enjoy every year thanks to the efforts of HCL and Oakmere staff. Also every year, the PTA pays for Christmas crackers for children to enjoy and children decorate their placemats and make hats for the event. The last of our Christmas celebrations will be on Monday when the children will have their Christmas parties.

This is our last newsletter before the Christmas break. I hope you all have a restful holiday and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Ho, Ho, Ho!

Mrs Wilson



CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT— HAWTHORN CLASS



Hawthorn class have certainly had an active half term!

We have been investigating Forces in science where we made parachutes of differing sizes and found a brave Lego pilot to test the time each took to reach the ground. We learnt about correct experimental procedure, fair testing and air resistance as well as how it can be used to benefit us.



In P.E. we have been studying cultural dances with a focus on the bhangra style of dance with the children creating their own choreographies, implementing known movements. We have also been learning about hockey and within this unit, perfecting many skills that are common in invasion games such as principles of attack and defence.



I do believe, and I'm sure the children will agree, that the highlights of this term for us has been our class assembly on ancient Greece where the class retold the story of the Trojan war. This is only equalled by the class' fabulous rendition of a future Christmas classic by Elton John and Ed Sheeran in the KS2 Christmas concert earlier this week!





RAINFOREST PROJECTS



The year 3 and 4 children have been learning about the rainforest and produced these beautiful houses for their homework:



KS2 CAROL CONCERT

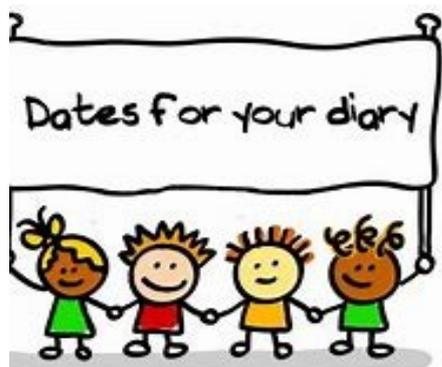


This week's KS2 Carol Concert was a huge success! The children sang beautifully and Mrs Buckley did an amazing job of conducting the choir. Also, a big thank you to Mr Noakes, our Music Leader, for organising the event with the support of all of the teaching staff.



Role Model Badges 2023

Name	Class	Name	Class
Isabel	Birch	Francesca	Poplar
Ali	Birch	Elena	Sycamore
Noer C	Chestnut	Evelina	Sycamore
Billi	Blue Oak		



- 18th December - Class Christmas Parties
- 19th December - END OF TERM AT 2pm
- 4th January - Term Begins
- 8th - 16th January Parent curriculum meetings
- 22nd January - Olympic athlete in school (postponed date TBC)
- 22nd - 26th January—Family learning week

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
Week 6	930	849	998	962
Week 7	876	1120	1163	1136
Overall this term	6587	6820	7204	6891

Star of the Week—Week ending 8th & 15th December 2023

Name	Class	Name	Class	Name	Class
Riley	Willow	Elena	Sycamore	Thomas	Cedar
Kylian	Willow	Grace	Sycamore	Isaac	Cedar
Damian	Birch	Noah	Chestnut	Reyanshi	Blue Oak
James	Birch	Darcie	Chestnut	Amelia	Blue Oak
Aren	Hazel	Freddie	Hawthorn	Gracie-Mae	Red Oak
Doga	Poplar	Bentleigh	Hawthorn	Megan	Red Oak
Archie	Poplar				



ATTENDANCE



Week commencing:	First	Second	Third
4th December	1st Chestnut 97%	2nd Blue Oak 96%	3rd Hazel 94%
11th December	1st Red Oak 99%	2nd Sycamore 97%	3rd Beech 95%