

OAK HILL FIRST SCHOOL

WIREHILL DRIVE, LODGE PARK, REDDITCH



Reading Ambassadors

The Reading Ambassadors have been hard at work promoting their love of reading and sharing the joys of our wonderful library with the school. They are particularly excited for World Book Day. Remember to dress as an interesting word on Thursday 7th March - the Reading Ambassadors can't wait to see which wonderful words you have been reading. During that week there will be times for the whole class to *Stop, Drop, and Read!* and the whole school is going to come together to write a story. Watch out on Dojo for our



'Wear Something Funny for Money'. On 15th March you can wear something funny for money. If you are able to donate, you will be able to do so via Parentpay from 14th March.

Dates for the diary

11th March	RS Parental Engagement
12th March	Year 2 trip to All Things Wild
12th March	RW Parental Engagement
13th March	3E and 3G Trip to Lower Smite Farm
14th March	3T Trip to Lower Smite Farm RM Parental Engagement
15th March	Red Nose Day
15th March	Reception trip to Hatton Country World
15th March	Year 4 Outdoor Learning
19th March	Parents Evening
20th March	Parents Evening
22nd March	Break up for Easter Holidays
8th April	Return to school

Books Together

Our first session of this new programme began last week with our Family Learning Tutor, Lisa Tye.

This course is running for 5 weeks and is based around different books and will involve arts/ craft activities linked to the books. Each week the parent/carers will start by working with the Tutor then their child joins the group for some time together. We are hoping to run more course during the year– if you are interested in joining future courses then please pop into the school office and we will add you to our list.



Did you know that schools are graded by OFSTED in relation to attendance. For attendance to be considered "good"

'Pupils have high attendance, come on time to school and are punctual to lessons.'

By working with parents ,we have previously achieved this but the current picture is not a positive one. If there is any way that we can help you to reduce the absences or lates that may currently be on their record, please get in touch with the class teacher.

	Recent % attendance	Average attendance since September	Recent No. of lates	Total of lates since Sept
RM	97.33%	95.66%	10	46
RS	90.71%	91.66%	14	120
RW	98.67%	96.15%	9	45
1A	97.34%	95.96%	6	48
1C	97.87%	95.85%	7	107
1W	97.44%	94.30%	8	72
2C	96.28%	94.88%	12	66
2F	87.04%	91.37%	9	127
2S	89.44%	92.42%	11	85
3E	91.82%	95.52%	12	102
3G	96.19%	94.10%	20	152
3T	91.94%	93.44%	7	123
4F	94.23%	95.22%	5	48
4PW	97.39%	95.74%	8	107
4R	93.38%	94.27%	13	146

Classes with a green box attendance are matched to the current national averages.

Classes in orange are very close to attaining the current national average.

Classes in red are potentially a cause for concern and further analysis will take place.

Mrs Aldridge (Office) is now the Attendance Officer for Oak Hill and liaises with parents, teachers and senior leaders when dealing with all attendance matters.

Express Yourself Day



The Well Being Ambassadors were delighted to see how much effort the children and staff put in to the day to celebrate Children's Mental Health week.

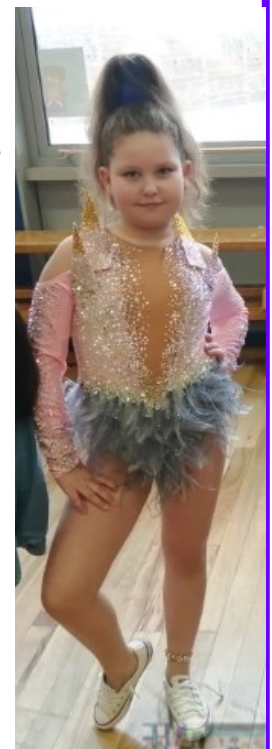
We saw such a wide range of outfits showing how special and unique we all are....

From hobbies the children and staff have including dancing, Rainbows/Brownies, football, horse riding, cooking ...



To future careers of doctors, scientists, Police officers, gardeners, builders.

To favourite superheroes and cartoon characters



To favourite or special clothes.

Thank you all!!



Online Safety Day 2024

'Inspiring change: Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online'

To help us to understand about making the internet a safer place for all and how to keep ourselves safe online.

We read the story of Mo and Jas and found out what happened to them when they were having problems online. We talked about how we can ask trusted adults to help us and the children were confident to share who they could ask.

Some of our Online Safety Reps helped to deliver class assemblies which helped us to understand what 'Safer Internet Day' is all about and some the steps we can take to stay safe online.

We also learned a motto to help us: **'STOP, CLOSE, TELL'!**



PCSO visit in Year 3

PCSO Jake came to talk to Year 3 about staying safe. We looked at online safety. He was impressed that we knew so much already about not giving out personal information like your name, age and address. He told us about putting photographs on to online websites and how we need to be aware of wearing our uniforms as these can identify where we are.

We learnt about using Avatars instead of our own identities when we play online games and how we should make sure that parental controls are on and only play with people we know in real life.

We also learnt that if we are out and about and we get lost then finding someone in a police uniform can help us. Police officers are trusted adults who will help us to find out where we need to go.



We learnt about the equipment that police officers use and how it keeps them safe.

We also had the opportunity to try on some of the equipment. You never know we could be future police officers keeping everyone safe!

PCSO Jake will be visiting other classes during the year.

Outdoor learning day in Year 3

Unfortunately, the weather was against Year 3 for their recent outdoor learning day but we didn't let that stop us and we just moved the activities inside.

As it was during Children's Mental Health and Wellbeing week they took that as their theme and took part in activities that tested our problem solving skills, co-operative skills and resilience to keep going.



They also made and decorated boxes and wrote messages for children in the class to let them know what we thought their gifts and talents were. It is a really uplifting feeling to see how much our friends think of us.



March Picture News Assembly Themes

Each week, we will be discussing issues that are in the news in an age appropriate way. Your child may come home and want to discuss views on the question of the week. To support this, we will send a sheet via Class Dojos with questions that you can discuss with your child.



Individual Liberty

We have opportunities to choose our food and drink. It is important to consider how these choices may impact things such as our health, the environment or our beliefs.



Questions discussed last month were:

- What makes someone inspirational?
- How important is packaging?

This week we will be focussing on:



Cost of Living

Let's Work Together



Cost of Living Information

If you are struggling with the cost of living crisis, Redditch Borough Council has a handy webpage that provides links to support and advice that is available.

This is advice from a wide range of agencies.

Even if you don't claim any benefits you may be entitled to support you weren't aware of, and not just monetary support, but good advice from legitimate sources you can trust.

Have a look and please share the links with anyone else who may be struggling financially.



www.redditchbc.gov.uk/costofliving

March Assembly Themes, Festivals and Awareness Days

Throughout the school year at Oak Hill, we learn about a range of festivals and awareness days.

During March the whole school will have the opportunity to discuss:

World Book Day, Mother's Day and Red Nose day, Easter



Outdoor Learning Day Fun!

Year 1 had a great time getting outdoors despite the weather. To help us practice identifying a number to 20 we used the PE equipment to represent the tens and ones. The children were excellent at this! We enjoyed going to the Forest School area to explore what we could find. We had been looking at poetry with one poem using the structure 'I found a _____' So we made up some poetry lines by applying our knowledge of adjectives and nouns. The children showed great teamwork working together to build a boat construction using the large wooden blocks too. What a super day!

