

News Hub



May 2024

Headteacher Update



As we move into the final term of the school year, I am delighted to share the progress and achievements our students have made over the last month. It has been a period of significant growth and positive change for both our secondary and primary students.

Secondary Students: Thriving in Transition

Our secondary students have shown remarkable resilience and adaptability as they settle into their new transition groups. They have embraced the change, forming special friendships and learning to work cohesively with their new teachers. It is heart warming to see the camaraderie and mutual support within these groups.

Beyond the classroom, our students are making active contributions to the community. They have taken on litter picking initiatives and are gaining hands-on experience in our agricultural area, learning to grow their own fruits and vegetables. These activities not only enhance their practical skills but also instill a sense of responsibility and environmental stewardship.

A noteworthy highlight is the progress our students are making towards becoming independent travelers. Many are now confidently navigating their way to the train station and understanding the intricacies of using public transport. This is a significant step towards their independence and a testament to their determination and hard work.

Academically, we have seen a dramatic increase in performance levels, particularly in English and maths. The dedication of our students, supported by the unwavering commitment of our teaching staff, has resulted in significant improvements, and we are incredibly proud of their achievements.

As Primary Students: Embracing Change and Growth

Our primary students have also had a successful month. They are adapting well to the changes brought about by the introduction of new students for transition. It is encouraging to see them implementing the appropriate regulation strategies provided to them, which helps them manage and thrive in their new environment.

One of the exciting developments has been seeing many of our primary students independently riding the mini-bus and experiencing new surroundings while listening carefully to adults. This newfound confidence is a joy to witness and marks a crucial step in their journey towards independence. We have also introduced new ASD play techniques, working closely with our dedicated teams. These techniques are designed to help students learn how to play step by step, and the benefits have been evident. All students are engaging positively, and these structured play sessions are fostering better social interactions and developmental progress.

In conclusion, it has been an incredibly productive and positive month for our students. The growth in their academic performance, social skills, and independence is a testament to their hard work and the support of our fantastic staff and parents. We look forward to continuing this journey together, ensuring every student reaches their full potential.

Thank you for your ongoing support.



Primary Update

Secondary Update

Saplings Class: This term Sapling class have been focusing on 'Traditional tales.' They have looked at **The three little pigs, Goldilocks and the three bears, Jack and the bean stalk** and the **Gingerbread man**. Sapling really enjoyed these stories and during cooking decorated their own gingerbread biscuits and created their own beanstalks during art. Sapling class also went on their second trip to the park which they all enjoyed and went on the minibus for the first time.

Elm Class: Elm class have been exploring mark making and handwriting practice as part of our daily routine and the class have grown in confidence in these skills. The children have also been developing their play skills further through the exposure to "my play and leisure" sessions. The children have really enjoyed the topic of the term, under the sea and have been engaged throughout the exploration of the theme of the term

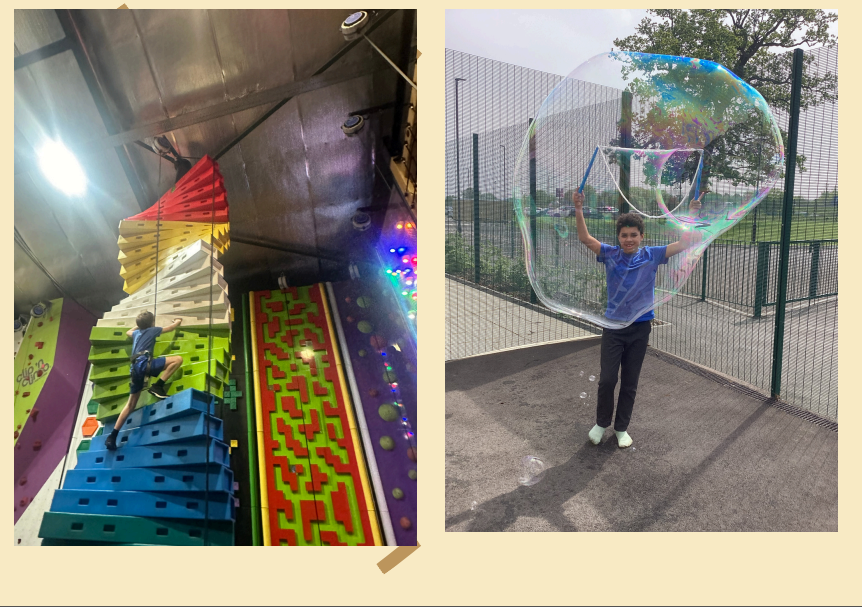
Ash Class: Over the last couple of weeks, Ash class have been exploring the book '**Commotion in the Ocean**'. We have been reading and listening to poems, focusing on rhyming words and identifying the animals. We have extended our play and leisure sessions to include a group game and then choosing a different game. It has been lovely to play **What's the Time Mr Wolf?**, Hide and Seek and messy play with water in the sunshine! Ash class have also been to a nearby park and practiced our turn taking skills and safety on vehicles. We hope that Ash class have a good half term break, and look forward to seeing them in Summer 2 term!

Chestnut Class: This term in Chestnut class, we have been looking at two books in English: **The Journey and The Wanderer**. We have been writing our own journey stories, as well as making our own 3D scenes, looking at expanded noun phrases. In Maths, we have been looking at measurement using metre sticks and trundle wheels. In Science, we have been doing lots of investigations, finding out whether things dissolve, how we separate and testing the properties of materials. We have had a successful trip to Sedero Lounge in Wokingham, where we all order our own food and drinks. We have also had trips to Pets at Home and now have 11pet fish, 4 shrimps and 3 moss balls. In life skills, we have been learning how to look after our pets and how to clean their tank.

Beech class: Beech class has been deeply engaged in exploring and utilising poetic devices in English. In Maths, our focus remains on converting between fractions and decimals and interpreting fractions on number lines. In RSE, our topic this half term has been building and maintaining respectful relationships. Students have successfully defined the meanings of privacy, consent, and personal space and have reflected on how these concepts apply to their own lives. We continue our community outings, where students are developing their confidence in interacting with community members. Beech class particularly enjoyed their trip to **Clip 'n Climb** this half term.

Pictures Shared From Secondary Around the School

Pictures Shared From Primary Around the School



Maple Class:

Maple have had a fantastic half term. They have explored poetry within English, fractions into decimals and percentages within Maths, energy and transfers within Science as well as many, many more topics. Maple have been enjoying learning about climate and supported this with a trip to green park to see the renewable energy sources. Maple have also been designing and implementing an eco project to encourage recycling across the school and been to litter pick in the community. All students have settled fantastically since Easter with the transition groups and started to build more friendships across the school.

Willow Class:

Willow Class have adjusted brilliantly to the addition of a new pupil and have been very kind, caring and welcoming. We have been out to the Wokingham Leisure Centre on a swimming community visit which was a real hit. The pupils worked on their self-care skills, getting changed effectively and practising swimming with some different pool games. This was followed by a picnic in the park, enjoying the sunny weather. The pupils have responded excellently to our class text 'The 1000 Year Old Boy' and have showed intrigue when discussing the characters, making some great predictions about what may happen next. In science, we have been exploring different materials and their properties, establishing how to separate mixtures and solutions from one another. We have also been understanding the difference between reversible and irreversible changes. We hope you all have a very well deserved rest this half term and have lots of fun!

Pictures Shared From Secondary Around the School



School council have been working hard this term to create a house system for our school. We now have 4 houses: Morgan, Temple, Greta and Carl. All the children and staff have been placed into a house. School council set up our first house competition, which was to design a mascot for each house. Anyone who entered gained 5 points and the winners received 20 points. Once the winners were selected, their drawing were turned into mascots and the points were totalled up.

The winners are: **Saffron, Noah, Ben and Max.**

House point totals so far:

- Joint 1st - Temple and Greta - 50 points
- 3rd - Carl - 45 points
- 4th - Morgan - 40 points

A team of pupils recently visited Hamilton school for our first ever basketball match. Team Oak Tree were fantastic and put some of the skills that they learned in PE into practice, exercising brilliant team work and resilience to win the match! We are really proud of everybody who took part and the sporting nature in which they competed.



Family Support Worker Update



Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope the May edition of our **Oak Tree** newsletter finds you all well and you have managed to get out and about to enjoy a few sunny and warm days.

Safety in the Sun

A reminder now that the sunnier/warmer weather is on its way:

Please apply sun cream to your child before they come to school on hot days.

The long-lasting protection types are recommended. However, if your child is prone to burning and you feel they may need an additional application you may send in a labelled bottle of sun cream, which your child should give to their teacher.

If your child is able, they can apply the sun cream themselves when needed (usually just before lunchtime) under the supervision of a classroom staff member and some children may require some assistance with this. Please complete the permission slip that was recently sent to you if you would like your child to apply sun cream in school.

It is also advisable to provide your child with a sun hat/cap on hot days and we will encourage children to sit in the shade as required at break-times and drink plenty of water.

Visitors to school

This half term we had a visit from the volunteers at 'Spencers Wood Repair Cafe'. They joined the year seven students to build bird boxes made from recycled wood. The students thoroughly enjoyed the experience and the volunteers were impressed at the quality of the bird boxes made.

Claire Groves from Wokingham library visited Saplings class to share some stories and nursery rhymes.

Student's use of mobile phones

With half-term approaching I would like to take the opportunity to remind you that as a school we want our young people to be safe while using social media and their mobile phones.

Year seven have covered appropriate use of devices within their PSHE sessions and we want to ensure positive peer interactions are occurring.

As a school we cannot control what happens when students are using their devices, we thank you in advance for your support ensuring this happens.

As always, if you ever need to get in touch, you can contact me the following ways:

t.crandon@maidenerlegitrust.org

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My usual working days are Mon-Weds 8:30-4pm & Thurs 8:30-12:30

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Family Support Worker Update



Activities / Helpful links available :

Red kangaroo - kanga calm SEN sessions that is on twice a week

SEND Voices Booklet

Please click here to view an information booklet for parents from SEND Voices.

SEN sessions at Arborfield Leisure Centre

Please click here to view a flyer about SEN sessions being held at Arborfield Leisure Centre.

Promise Inclusion

Please click here to read a flyer about the Promise Inclusion Family Liaison Service

Link for free karting every Saturday morning - absolutely karting at Maidenhead track for all Disabilities

Save the Dates!

Monday 3rd June School returns after half term.

Monday 10th June-OT training for Primary parents.

Tuesday 11th June-OT training for Secondary parents.

Wednesday 12th & 19th June Parents evening -please contact your teacher to book your place.

Tuesday 18th June-Primary sports day (More details to follow)

Thursday 20th June- Secondary sports day (More details to follow)

20th June 1:30am-4:00pm Lions' Funfest - Welcome (lions-funfest.org.uk).

Dates for Saturday Club May - July:

SATURDAY CLUB

27th April
11th May
8th / 22nd June
13th / 27th July

11am – 1pm Children with Physical disabilities/Downs
3pm – 5pm Children with ASD and associated conditions
Put the dates in your diaries and we look forward to seeing you all soon.
Any queries email ots@hilti.org.uk or call 07925692277
No need to book Our House, Toutley Road, Wokingham. RG411QN

Activities / Helpful links available :

DESIGN A LOGO COMPETITION

For Wokingham Borough Council's SEND Local Offer

Get creative and design a logo for our [SEND Local Offer!](#)

The SEND Local Offer is information for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and their families, who live in Wokingham Borough.

- It tells people about:
- who helps children, young people and their families
 - activities and clubs in the local area
- You can use:
- felt tips
 - colouring pencils
 - the colours below (it's ok if you don't have these exact shades)

Here are some logo ideas to get you started:

You don't need to include words in your logo, just a picture.

FIRST PRIZE
£25 Amazon voucher
Your logo will be used as part of our Local Offer!

RUNNER-UP PRIZE
£10 Amazon voucher
We will include your logo in our SEND strategy!

This competition is open to children and young people aged up to 25, who live or go to school in Wokingham Borough
Competition deadline: Monday 10 June 2024
Please email entries to localoffer@wokingham.gov.uk
Entries can also be dropped into the Wokingham Borough Council offices, RG40 1BN

Summer Term 24 Dates for your Diary

For Wokingham Borough Families

Date	Event
13 th May 10am – 12.00 (Zoom)	EHCP Process - A Parent's Guide - SENDIASS Training Course (for those going through the EHCP process for the first time)
14 th May 10.00am – 2.00pm @ Wokingham Youth Centre 2.00 – 5.00pm online	SEND Team Drop-in with Jamie Conran/Sally Furness (In person/on-line) An opportunity for a 20-minute discussion on individual cases that are not being resolved. More details www.sendvoiceswokingham.org.uk
15 th May 7.00 - 8.30pm	Zoom update with WBC & Health on SEND Improvements & Safety Valve Programme
23 rd May 10.00 – 11.00am	Zoom Drop-in & Chat with WBC Early Years Team – Transition to School focus
6 th June 10.00 – 12 noon	Health - Parent Information & Feedback Event @ Lagoona Park RG30 3UH
12 th June 10.00 – 11.30am (Zoom)	EHCP Annual Reviews - A Parent's Guide SENDIASS Training Course
24 th June 7.30 – 9.00pm (Zoom)	Preparing for Adulthood - SENDIASS Training Course
25 th June arch 10 -11am (Zoom) 7.30 - 9.00pm @ Woodley Airfield Centre	Parent Carer Participation Group More information about the Participation Group and how to book on our website www.sendvoiceswokingham.org.uk

More Information about all our events and training sessions and how to book on our website:
www.sendvoiceswokingham.org.uk or email info@sendvoiceswokingham.org.uk

Teresa Crandon
Family support worker





Dear Parents / Guardians,

What a great term it has been.

Yesterday we had a positive Play training for Sapling class parents. Many parents commented on how helpful the visuals are, especially the symbol boards, and how these have been successfully used at home too. At Oak Tree School, we recognise the importance of having consistency between the therapeutic strategies we use, both in the school and home environment. As such, I will be sending out a questionnaire to all parents asking what visuals would be helpful to have at home, so we can share this best practise and support our children's communication.

With the last of this year's annual reviews nearly finished now, I want to say how lovely it has been meeting with the families of our children and reflecting on how far they have progressed in their communication since joining us at Oak Tree School.

Next term, the children will be finding out the classes and class staff for next year. I will be creating and sending home Social Stories and visual supports to help the children understand this upcoming change in the new school year. If you think your child might struggle with this transition, please do get in touch so we can make some more personalised visuals to provide the appropriate support.

As usual, please do not hesitate to contact me (c.jenner@maidenerleghtrust.org) should you have any queries about your child's therapy input.

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Speech and Language Therapist



Social Media

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If you would like to keep up to date with the progress being made at Oak Tree School, follow us on...

Where to find us?

Oak Tree School
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Winnersh, RG41 5LP

West Berkshire Parents & Carers Together

Presents our Special Needs
to Age 11

SEN Kids Summer Party

On Saturday May 25th from 10am to 1pm.

At Thames Valley Adventure Playground, Bath Road, Taplow,
Maidenhead, Berkshire, SL6 OPR.

If navigating by a Sat Nav, please use the postcode SL6 0EF.



thames valley adventure playground

supporting children & adults with special needs and their families

Registered Charity Number 1201388



Profits from this party will go towards funding future WBPCT events.

Children under 2yrs go free if accompanied by an older paying sibling.

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/rg31-4ef>

Free snacks Teddy Bears Picnic Giveaways Popcorn Machine
Outdoor Disco Water Play Adventure Zones Soft Play
Sand Play Free Squash
Giant Bubbles Hamper Raffle Candy Floss Sensory Room
Tombola Raffle

Our ticket shop



TVAP Website



WBPCT Facebook Page



SEN sessions

at Arborfield Green Leisure Centre

To ensure suitability for SEN participants, we have adapted our sessions and reduced capacity to create safe, quiet spaces to have fun!

SEN session information:

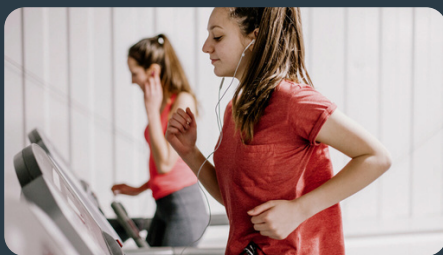


SEN Active Play & Bounce

Try our new SEN inclusive Active Play session. A fantastic way for your child to keep active, whilst having fun! This session includes play equipment, soft play & a bouncy castle

Fridays 5.00pm - 6.00pm

[Click here to find out more](#)



SEN Gym session

This session is not exclusive to SEN users, but during this hour the music will be turned off, and our team will monitor session to ensure the environment is friendly for all users

Fridays 4.00pm - 5.00pm

[Click here to find out more](#)

Additional details:

During both of these sessions, from 4.00pm - 6.00pm, Studio 2 will be available for all SEN families to use as a quiet space. We welcome you to use this quiet space to read books, crafts or however you see fit

[Click here to learn more about
Arborfield Green Leisure Centre](#)