

# News Hub



JUNE 2024



## Head Teacher Update

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. This past month has been a vibrant and engaging time for our school community, and I am delighted to share some highlights with you.

### Increased Parent Communication

We have made significant strides in enhancing our communication with parents. Your involvement is crucial, and we are committed to keeping you informed and engaged with our school activities. This month, we hosted successful parents' evenings across the school, where valuable curriculum and pastoral knowledge was shared. These sessions provided an excellent opportunity for parents to connect with teachers and gain a deeper understanding of their children's educational and emotional development.

### Exciting Sports Day

We recently hosted a fantastic Sports Day, and it was wonderful to welcome many of you on-site for the secondary events. Each class had unique sports experiences tailored to their needs, and it was heartening to see the joy and pride on our students' faces as they participated and achieved their personal bests. The strategies we have implemented over the past year have made it possible for all our children to be part of these important events, showcasing their abilities and enjoying the camaraderie.

### Transition Morning

We have also welcomed new students for transition mornings, preparing them for the upcoming school year. These sessions have been incredibly beneficial, not only for the new students but also for our current ones. The positive interactions and adaptability displayed by everyone are truly commendable.

### Parent Training and Information Evenings

I am committed to ongoing support for our parents through training sessions and information evenings. These initiatives ensure that you have the necessary resources and knowledge to support your children effectively. Consistency in our approach across the school is key, and your involvement plays a significant role in this.

### Upcoming Market Day

We are eagerly anticipating our Market Day, which will be led by myself and Ryan, one of our dedicated teachers. This event aims to foster entrepreneurial skills in our students, providing them with a platform to develop and showcase their innovative ideas.

### Maternity Leave and Future Plans

As I prepare for my maternity leave, I am confident in the solid foundation we have established for the upcoming school year. The school's robust setup will support the anticipated increase in student numbers, and I look forward to witnessing the continued growth and development of our students upon my return. Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership. Together, we are creating a nurturing and empowering environment for our children to thrive.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

**Abi Davis**



# Primary Update

# Secondary Update

## Saplings Class:

This term we have been focusing on space and have created their own rockets and planets. Children in Sapling class are really enjoying this topic and enjoy reading about all the different planets and its colours. Sapling class had their first sports day, taking part in all activities and really enjoyed this. Sapling class are currently enjoying all the new toys that have been added especially the train tracks, using prepositions such as up, down and over. Lastly, Sapling class have been working on their fine motor skills during cooking such as learning how to use a knife.

## Elm Class:

The last few weeks in Elm class have been extremely exciting and busy. The class were able to participate in their very first sports day at Oak tree and this was a huge success, sharing a great moment with the parents. The class have also been exploring different sensory based activities and they have been eager to engage with new mathematical concepts such as capacity and volume.

**Ash Class:** We have been looking at successful athletes in the run up to the Olympics. We have been researching about Mo Farah and Usain Bolt, finding out where they live and fun facts about them. We have been starting to understand report writing and researching using the internet. In PSHE and Science, we have been learning about the human body and the effects that exercise have on our body and minds. In PE, we have been moving our bodies in different ways, like stretching, jumping, hopping, skipping and running.

## Pictures Shared From Primary Around the School



## Chestnut Class:

This month has been a busy month. In English, we have continued with our book 'I talk like a River'. We have completed lots of cross-curricular work, for example creating our own river with paint using our hands and feet, whilst coming up with adjectives to describe the movement of water (churning, bubbling, crashing). In Maths, we have focused on properties of 3D shapes and looking at angles around the school. In World About Me, we continued our work on the Olympics, learning about the different countries the Olympics have taken place in. We have learnt facts about the country, Olympians and learnt to make and try food from those countries such as tacos and pancakes. We have had some successful trips to Gray's farms, learning where fruits and vegetables come from and picking our own to try.

## Beech class:

We have been busy with a variety of engaging activities and learning experiences. In English, we have been focusing on sonnets, and the students have been honing their poetic skills by writing a series of similes to describe a woman from her lover's perspective. Their creativity and use of language have been impressive. In Maths, our focus has been on fractions. The students have been learning about and solving problems related to equivalent fractions, demonstrating a strong understanding of the concepts. The students also performed exceptionally well during Sports Day. A big thank you to all the parents who joined us and supported the event. Beech Class continues to develop their social skills through trips out in the community. This term, we explored Kew Gardens and went on our first fishing trip, both of which the students thoroughly enjoyed. Overall, it has been a productive and enjoyable term for Beech Class.

## Pictures Shared From Secondary Around the School



# Secondary Update Continued..

## 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 been very busy recently. We have been exploring our English book 'The 1000 Year Old Boy' in more depth and discussing twists in the plot. Our community visit to Gray's Farm was very successful and it was lovely to link our Gardening experiences to first hand picking of fresh fruit as the children carefully chose the ripest and juiciest strawberries and raspberries - there was even time for an ice cream! Most recently in science, we have explored different forces. The children were tasked with making the most air resistant parachute and the most streamlined boat. The children have also been loving the new drama sessions with 'Make Sense Theatre' company and have been building their confidence each week. We are really proud of the positive attitude the children continue to show each day and the fantastic progress they are making.

## Pictures Shared From Secondary Around the School



# Other News

School council have continued to work hard to raise money for the school. At Sports day, school council, with the help of members from Ash class from the Primary, sold squash and ice pops.

We raised £90.45 to buy instruments for the school. With that money so far, we have bought a keyboard and a guitar.

Thank you to everyone that supported this!

For our **Market Day**, we will have our own stall selling some yummy drinks, so please come and visit us!



# Family Support Worker Update



## Activities / Helpful links available :

### SEN specific activities in the local area:

[Home - Make/Sense Theatre \(makesensetheatre.com\)](http://makesensetheatre.com)

[Disability Swim sessions at Wokingham Leisure Centre at Carnival Hub](#)

[Home | Camp Mohawk](#)

[Home | Thames Valley Adventure Playground \(tvap.co.uk\)](http://tvap.co.uk)

Cost of living update from WBC

The Household Support Fund is open for applications to get residents money to help with the cost of:

- Food
- Energy
- Bills
- Other essentials

If you have a child who receives means-tested free school meals, you apply to First Days Children's Charity for Holiday Food Vouchers. This is £20 per week, per child, during the school holidays.

For anyone else, if you've previously been awarded a one-off grant (between October 2023 and March 2024) you can now apply again if you need help. You could be given £70 or £140 depending on your situation.

And finally....

Dates for your diary in July (more information/times will follow)

Tuesday 2nd July-Market Day

Wednesday 3rd July-Inset Day

Mon 8th July-Friday 12th July-Activities week

Tuesday 9th July-Primary Bear Hunt (parents are invited to join us)

Friday 12th July-Parent BBQ

Wednesday 24th July-Last day of term-school will finish at the usual time of 3pm

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

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

### Dates for Saturday Club May - July:



**SATURDAY CLUB**

 For the Future

27<sup>th</sup> April  
11<sup>th</sup> May  
8<sup>th</sup> / 22<sup>nd</sup> June  
13<sup>th</sup> / 27<sup>th</sup> 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 [email@btm.org.uk](mailto:email@btm.org.uk) or call 07925692277  
No need to book Our House, Toutley Road, Wokingham. RG411QN

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# Family Support Worker Update



Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope our June edition of the Oak Tree newsletter finds you all well.

Firstly, I would like to say a big thank you to Kevin who has been busy putting up the bird boxes our year 7 pupils recently made. Fingers crossed we get some feathery visitors soon!

It was lovely to see so many of you at our sports afternoons and I hope you enjoyed the carousel of activities as much as the students did.



## Occupational Therapy training

Primary parents were recently offered the opportunity to join a short OT training session around, 'washing, teeth cleaning and dressing' The parents shared their own experiences of how they are overcoming these daily challenges and the ideas that were shared amongst the group were great. Alongside the advice and guidance shared by the Occupational Therapist.

Thank you to all those that attended. We hope to run some more training sessions in the new school year.

## Holiday activities

With the summer holidays fast approaching I have put together a list of venues that offer SEN specific activities and places that offer a free carer pass with the right card. If you have any other suggestions of places you would recommend a visit to please let me know and I will add them to our July newsletter.

### Local Attractions offering a free carer's pass with SEN and disability guests

**Wellington Country Park**-[Terms and Conditions of Entry](#) | [Wellington Country Park](#)

**Beale Wildlife Park**-[Tickets & Opening Times](#) | [Beale Wildlife Park and Gardens](#) ([bealepark.org.uk](http://bealepark.org.uk))

**The Lookout, Bracknell**-[The Look Out Discovery Centre](#) | [Bracknell Forest Council](#) ([bracknell-forest.gov.uk](http://bracknell-forest.gov.uk))

**Legoland**-[Accessibility Planning and Tickets](#) | [LEGOLAND® Windsor Resort](#)

**Chessington World of Adventures**-[Accessibility Planning & Tickets](#) | [Chessington](#)

### Apply on-line for the following cards to obtain free carer passes to the above attractions:

[Access Card: Making access easy.](#)

[Disability & Carers Cards](#) | [About Us](#) ([disabilityid.co.uk](http://disabilityid.co.uk))

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# Other News



Dear Parents/Carers,

We are looking forward to see you at our first **Market Day** on **Tuesday 2nd July** from **2 - 3pm**.

May we ask that you could inform us of your confirmation of attendance and whether your child is going home with you, or on transport please. This is to ensure a smooth transition when the day has come to an end.

If you could let us know by the end of **Monday 1st July** we can then make the necessary arrangements.

Have a fantastic weekend and hope to see you there!

## Social Media

 @OakTreeSchool

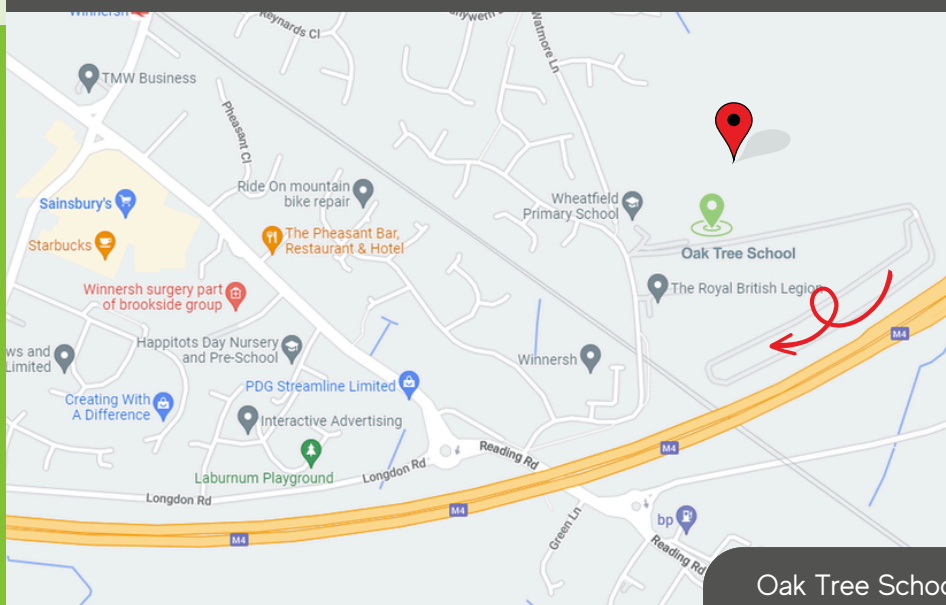
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If you would like to keep up to date with the progress being made at Oak Tree School, follow us on...

## Where to find us?



Oak Tree School  
Woodward Close,  
Winnersh, RG41 5LP

# 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