Headteacher Weekly Update

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Oakley School
Skills for Life and Independence

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Dear Families,

I hope you are well and had a good week.

This week we had our first Full Governing Body meeting of the school year. During the meeting we shared the new School Development Plan, 2023-2024 and our Strategic Ambition for 2023-2026. This planning details the ambitions we have for our school community.
The key priorities can be found by clicking here.





As well as the meeting Governors enjoyed a visit to the Discovery Zone.

I am delighted to share that Oakley School has achieved the **Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) School Gardening Award, Level 5.** Thank you to Sue and all the staff, pupils and families for making our outside learning spaces such a wonderful place for our school community.

COVID: Unfortunately this week we have had some positive cases of covid again across our school community. We are working hard to ensure pupils have good hygiene and the school is well ventilated. We are grateful if you keep us updated if your child becomes poorly so we can reduce the risks for our school.

Tunbridge Wells Site: Thank you to families for your continued patience during the drop off and pick up times. We are aware the traffic continues to impact the Pembury Road and I repeatedly flag this up with KCC. I am pleased we are keeping your children safe and it has certainly helped when families remain in cars during these times.



I wish you all the best for the weekend,
Sam

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Thank you for your donations towards Jeans for Genes Day, we collected £130.70 in school and we know many of you donated to the Jeans for Genes Charity directly.
THANK YOU!

WE NEED YOUR HELP……



We need someone to join our PTA to take on the role of our Treasurer. No experience is needed and there will be support from other PTA members and staff. If you would like to know more about what is involved we would love to hear from you! friends@oakley.kent.sch.uk

Digging Day



A **HUGE THANK YOU** to all the volunteers who came to school last weekend to dig and weed—it was a very successful morning with lots achieved, especially clearing an area of the grounds ready for seeding wildflowers in the Spring for our school community to enjoy.

Also a big thank you to the PTA for providing the substance to keep the troops digging and weeding**!**

Safeguarding at Oakley School



I'm sure you will be aware about the rise in pupils not attending school post pandemic. There are many reasons why pupils are struggling to come to school and it is a complex issue.
School is important for pupils, not just for educational progress, but also for the social interactions and their mental health. Low and sporadic attendance can lead to safeguarding concerns because our children and young people are vulnerable. Spending too much time on-line can negatively affect their mental health. Many of our pupils need the structure and routine of school to maintain regulation.

If you are struggling with getting your child to school, please contact one of the Safeguarding Leads or speak to your child's teacher. We will work in partnership with you and can reach out to external agencies for support.