Headteacher Weekly Update

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Dear Families,

I hope you had a good week, we have had another very busy week across the school.

We have now confirmed all our residential plans for the remainder of this school year. Please see the link to our school information for more information. These trips are for wonderful opportunities to extend our pupils' learning into new places and for some time away from families for the first time.

Next Friday, 17th November we will be supporting Children In Need. The School Council have chosen to dress in their own clothes for a contribution to the Children in Need charity

This week we have hosted a Challenge Partner Review Team. This team, with Oakley Staff have visited classes in all Phases, met our School Council and had meetings with members of our staff team. As always I am very **PROUD** of everyone in our school community and how well we were able to demonstrate our pupils' fantastic achievements and how they develop their Skills for Life and Independence. I am especially proud of our School Council who met the Review Team and gave them a tour of the school. The Review Team asked them about who they go to for help, how we keep them safe and what they learn about. They answered the questions the Review Team asked them and described the pupils on the Council as "enthusiastic, proud, passionate and articulate".



Today Dickens Class attended the Remembrance service at Mid Kent College and Maple Class made a beautiful picture of poppies.

Lastly, Thank you very much for your contributions to the Christmas Fair, these gifts will be on stalls and added to our wonderful Christmas Hampers. We are very grateful for any donations and there is still time to send some in!

Warm wishes
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Message from the Chair of Governors

It has been a delight in my first few weeks as Chair of Governors to have so many opportunities to see students and families at the opening of the fabulous new Discovery Zone and Life Skills Room as well as to hear their achievements of young people receiving their Duke of Edinburgh Awards.

Hearing the pride, enthusiasm and ambition students and staff have shared for life and learning at Oakley as part of the Challenge Partners visit has been another real highlight.

I look forward to hearing the outcomes of their visit and the recognition of the commitment, quality of learning, creativity and aspiration at Oakley. I know there will be many more highlights to come and am so pleased to play a part in your governing body who I am grateful to for their commitment to supporting staff, students and families at this wonderful school.

Lizzie Bentley Bowers



Superbloom 2024



All classes were asked for their choice of names for the cuddly Raven from the Tower of London.
The pupils then voted for their favourite name and I am pleased to be able to share with you that our Raven has been named **STORM.**
This seems particularly apt given the weather lately too!

Safeguarding at Oakley School



The ongoing conflicts in Gaza and Ukraine have led to tensions between different groups in the UK. It is easy to see how misinformation spreads and inflames the debate. Pupils at Oakley are at risk of being influenced by extremist groups because of fake news on Social Media. Prevent is a strand of the UK Government's Counter-Terrorist Strategy and the purpose of Prevent is to 'stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism'. They have produced a helpful leaflet if you are concerned about changes is your child or anyone's behaviour.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Raffle Hampers

Hampers always go down well at the school fairs and with your donations we would like to do them again for Xmas. Please see details below

Hamper Donation Week

6th - 10th November

Phase 1

Christmas Toy Hamper

Arts & Crafts, Fidget & Sensory Toys, Books, Soft Toys, Xmas Activities, Dress up, Learning Toys, Characters, etc...

Phase 2

Festive Food & Drink Hamper

Xmas Pud, Mince Pies, Mulled Wine, Crackers & Chutney, Pickles, Biscuits, Snacks, Dried Fruit, etc...

Phase 3

Winter Warmer Hamper

Fluffy Socks, Xmas Decs, Hot Choc, Hats Scarves & Gloves, Hot Water Bottle, Xmas Mugs, Candles, Reusable Cups, etc...

Phase 4

Christmas Pamper Hamper

Lip Balm, Bubble Bath, Soaps & Shower Gel, Body Lotion, Face Masks, Hair & Beauty Products, Bath Bombs, Fragrance, etc...

We are also asking for donations of hamper baskets that you have previously won or no longer require.

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Many Thanks

