# Headteacher Weekly Update

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Dear Families,

I hope you had a good half term break and you have managed to stay dry during such a wet and windy week.

It has been an extremely busy week across the school and pupils have begun to work on their new learning from our Creative Curriculum topic: **Raging Planets.**

I have also written to you this week to share the updates to our Curriculum Pathways. If you would like more information about this please do speak to a member of our Leadership Team, who will be available during Parents' Evenings.

Thank you to the families who kindly donated products for our Harvest collections this week. We will arrange for the donations to go to Nourish, Foodbank where they will be very appreciated. **THANK YOU.**



This afternoon we have ended the week by officially opening the Phase 4 Life Skills Room. I am thrilled this project has been so successful and enables our young people opportunities to learn life skills and prepare and cook as independently as they can in a fabulous learning space. A particular thanks to Angela Philips, our previous Finance Manager and Sam D'Arcy, Burnhill Kitchens for their help and support in overseeing this project from start to finish!

Next week we are going to be joined by a team of School Leaders who will work with Oakley staff. Our Challenge Partner Review will look to ensure we are offering an ambitious and personalised curriculum for your children as part of the school's commitment to continual improvements for our school community.

CHALLENGE PARTNERS

I wish you a safe weekend, warm wishes
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**Superbloom 2024**

This year we are very excited to have been chosen to take part in the Historic Royal Palaces Superbloom project led from the Tower of London. This project first started during the Queen's Jubilee year when they filled the Moat at the Tower with wild flowers. I am delighted to share we are one of 25 schools to be involved in this wonderful opportunity.

We plan to totally redevelop the fruit cage area and integrate it into the sensory & flower garden. Going forward we may be asking for support growing seeds, digging over the garden, planting and maybe some hard landscaping. We may also ask if anyone has contacts that could help supply slabs, bark, shingle, plants or anything else that we might need once we, together with some pupils, have developed a working design.



We have been given a cuddly Tower of London raven that we need to name and use to support the project and we will share the name once the children have chosen one.

**Christmas Hamper Donations: 6th – 10th November**

Returning this year at the Christmas Fair are the PTA's amazing Christmas Hampers. We are very grateful for any donation you can make for your phase:

**Phase 1 - Toys**
**Phase 2 - Festive Food**
**Phase 3 - Winter Warmer**
**Phase 4 - Pamper Hamper**

Please send donations to your class teacher. Thank you

**Safeguarding at Oakley School**




Online Safety

Please check the content of what your children are accessing.

Is it age appropriate?
Are they accessing harmful content?

Please ensure that they are not sharing personal information (date of birth, address, school etc).

If you are concerned about content your child may have accessed, you can contact the NSPCC Helpline on 0808 800 5000, clicking the link or speak to a member of staff at school for support and signposting.