



Oxhey Wood Weekly Newsletter

Friday 5th June 2020

Welcome to our final half term of this school year whether your child has returned to school or continues to play and learn at home. I hope you and your families are safe and well.

This half term our whole school topic is linked to museums: art, science, history making use of the outdoors to support learning. By choosing this we hope whether your child is at home or at school they will feel part of our fantastic Oxhey Wood family. It has been lovely to see and hear more children in school and we planned a 'soft start' to help them settle back into school; they have coped brilliantly. Hopefully when it is safe to do so more year groups will have the opportunity to come back to school.

Any concerns/questions please email me on head@oxheywood.herts.sch.uk.

The school office is open for phone calls and emails. If you have an urgent concern, I have a school mobile:07922422462.

Reminders Coronavirus:

Symptoms:

Please do not bring your child to school if they or anyone living in your household has a high temperature, new cough or loses their sense of taste or smell. You must let me know and book a test, self-isolating until you get the result.

Coronavirus

Department for Education Coronavirus helpline

Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6

School is now open for children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. As I have said, in emails, this is an individual decision for parents and I do not want you to feel any pressure. If your child is currently not coming into school please email me if you would like them to start coming in: head@oxheywood.herts.sch.uk. Please do not bring them to school until I have told you they have a place. This is really important as I have to make sure there is space in their class group for them.

Keyworkers

If your child is in Nursery, Reception, Years 1 or 6 please could they come in every day rather than the days you work, as school is open each day for them.

If your child is in Years 2,3,4,5 they only need to come to school on the days you need them to.

Start and finish of the school day.

Unless you need paid breakfast club provision or after school club until 4pm in your child's group all children should arrive between 8.30-9am and be collected between 2.45-3.15pm.

Thank you so much for ensuring your child has been in school by 9am as this is vital for health and safety so that children come into school using the right entrance.

Safeguarding and Health and Safety

If you are concerned about the safety of any children, we have four designated safeguarding leads in school: Mrs Morley, Jules Riding, Mrs Caplan and Miss Douglas-Law - please share any concerns with them or please ring 0300 123 4043.

Free school meals

For children that are eligible for free school meals, we continue to prepare and deliver weekly food parcels of lunches for children not coming into school. If you did not ask for one but need this now, please let me know.

I am aware that a number of parents are no longer able to work due to companies closing due to the coronavirus. If you think you may be eligible for free school meals please email me and we can look into registering your child so that you are then eligible for school lunches to be delivered.

This week

Each week I am going to share some of the amazing experiences and learning taking place at school and at home. It has been great to see all the staff back in school planning learning opportunities for home and school. If your child is at home, teachers will continue to set daily challenges and will phone to speak to your child each week.

This week in school the children have had a 'soft start', settling back into school and taking part in a range of practical activities, while the weather has been good many have been outside.

Nursery

Nursery have been exploring colour making Modrian style paintings in school. Children at home have also made them using paint or pens for one of their home challenges as well as finding out about minibeasts.

A great mini beast made at home.



Reception

This week children in Reception at home and at school have explored the outdoors and have been hunting minibeasts. In school, the children have been exploring colour and making wands with natural materials.

Look at the minibeast found at home. In school, the children have had a minibeast hunt and drawn some too-great picture!



Year 1

Year 1 have had an amazing week starting their museum learning all about nature. They have read the book stickman and made their own stick families. They had a fire outside, toasted marshmallows and went on a nature scavenger hunt. They 'mailed a hug' and wrote letters to the care home.



Look at the great leaf print made in school and children made their own natural pictures.



Year 2

Look at the stick people made in school. Beautifully presented writing by Emilija. Year 2 have been thinking about what is good about themselves this week as well as what they like and enjoy.



Years 3 and 4

As part of their museum topic, the children have been finding out about the Romans. Molly has been completing learning linked to the Romans at home. In school, the children of key workers have made Roman helmets and shields and have investigated the diet of Romans.



Year 5

This week Year 5 have chosen a task to do themselves from the three topic sheets (Outside: dens, curate and create a museum and Art gallery-sculpture). They have also started a new

class book *The Nowhere Emporium* by Ross Mackenzie and some children have created cards or letters for the local care home.

Look at the fantastic den!



A letter being posted to the care home



Year 6

Year 6 have spent this week thinking about their own mental health and emotional well-being. This week in school, the children have designed and made a magical door. Behind the door are all the things they have missed during lockdown and a world of imagination.



Brilliant work!



The children at home have been thinking of transition and all the questions they may have. Year 6 have started to read their new novel; 'The island at the end of everything'

Below are the term dates for this school year.

Break up Friday 17th July at 2pm

Dates have now been set for the school year 2020-2021.

Please do not book any holidays during term time

Children return on Monday 7th September, to support your child please make sure they return on this day to help them settle back into school routines.

2nd September 2020-occasional day-school closed

3rd September INSET

4th September-INSET

Children return 7th September 2020

Half term 26-30th October 2020

End of term 18th December 2pm

INSET 4th January 2021

Children return 5th January 2021

Half term 15-19 February 2021

End of term 26th March 2021 2pm

Children return 12th April 2021

Half term 31st May-4th June 2021

INSET 7th June 2021

Term ends for children 21st July 2021 2pm

INSET 22nd July 2021