



Oxhey Wood Weekly Newsletter

Friday 12th June 2020

I hope you and your families have had a good week and you are safe and well. It has been great to see how well the children have settled back into school with some of their friends joining them this week. The learning and fun the children are having at home is brilliant to see. Teachers will continue to phone children who are not in school to see if they need any help with their learning and just to say hello- we miss the children and the teachers love to speak to them and share news.

Mick, Dawn and their team continue to do a great job working throughout the day to clean all areas of school regularly, including a thorough clean of all classrooms at lunchtime. The office team are preparing for September for our new children starting and to ensure we have all the resources ready for everyone hopefully to return.

The government has announced if schools have capacity they can open for more classes- we are waiting for further guidance as they have said they will publish a priority list of year groups. I will let you know as soon as I know but as with Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 6 this is an individual choice for parents to make. As our groups are nearing 15 in some year groups, please email me if you would like your child to return and I will let you know which group they will be in.

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)

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.

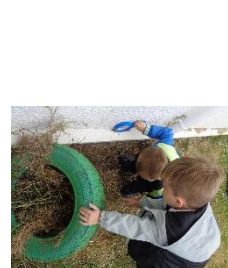
This week

Even though the weather hasn't been great this week children in school and at home have been very busy learning and having fun. The teachers have been amazing-planning and delivering learning in school and preparing the next home learning packs for children at home as well as the daily challenges and phone calls home. If your child is at home, teachers are currently preparing the next home learning packs.

Early Years

This week children in Early Years at home and at school continue to explore the outdoors. In school, they have been making mini beast models from egg cartons, self portraits from natural materials and a dinosaur garden. At home reception children have made a bug hotel and a repeated pattern caterpillar.

Children at home made their own mini beast home and found some minibeasts. In school, the children have had a minibeast hunt and drawn some too-great picture Lyra!



Year 1

Year 1 have had another great week. They have made pizzas and written the recipe, created their own minibeast top trump cards, made salt dough ladybirds and they have painted minibeasts using potato printing.



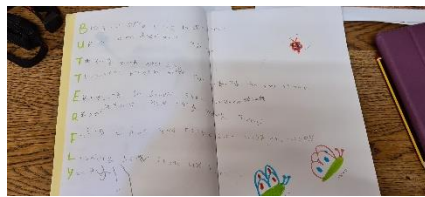
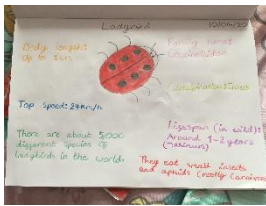


Great work at home Elisa!

Brilliant out door learning!

Year 2

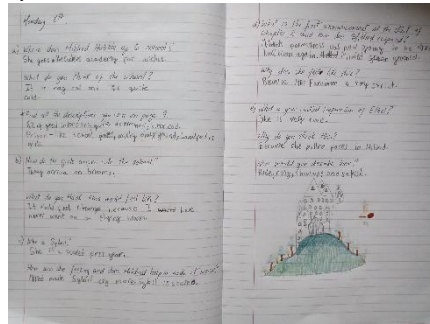
This week the children have been researching mini beasts and writing poems. They have also made their own salt dough ladybirds in school.



Emilija and Luke's amazing writing! A beautiful ladybird. Aarav working hard.

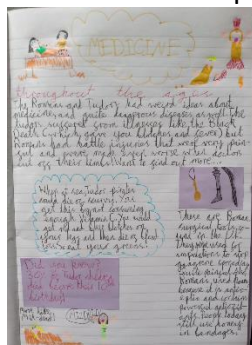
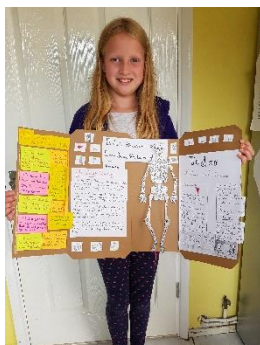
Years 3 and 4

As part of their museum topic, the children have continued to find out about the Romans and the skeleton. The children have completed some fantastic work at home this week.



Year 5

This week year 5 have been continuing working on their non-fiction writing skills with an explorer text and they have been working on their statistics skills looking at graphs and data in mymaths. They have continued to read a chapter of our class book 'The Nowhere Emporium' every day and some children have been working on their medicine museums and others have started to work on their outside projects such as building a birdhouse.



Amazing home learning!

Year 6

Year 6 have spent this week painting their own seascapes based on Renoir's painting. They have been consolidating their maths skills and have taken part in a range of outdoor activities.



Amazing concentration and care with their painting.



Amber's delicious upside down cake!

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