



*'As individuals we let our 'light' shine, but **we shine brighter together.**'*

What a fabulous fortnight it's been! World Book Day celebrations were great fun and an opportunity for us all to share our love of books and the places that they can take you. Thank you to everyone for their efforts on the costume front that made it the success it was.

This week Oaksey enjoyed welcoming St. Joseph's netball team for our first fixture (more below). This week Ruby had a wonderful Victorian School experience, even managing to write their letters with ink pens. It has been great to see learning brought to life so brilliantly.

Meanwhile, FoOS have been hard at work, tirelessly fundraising to enhance the opportunities we can offer our children and for school projects. We are incredibly grateful to the team who give so willingly of their time and talents to support our school. Thank you to everyone involved in making the Quiz night such a success and to Quiz Master MacLeod for putting everyone through their paces. The last few weeks have been a reminder of what a great school community we have.

Miss Prichard

### Upcoming Events

#### Saturday 14th March

FoOS Mother's Day Stay & Play  
9—12pm, Oaksey Village Hall

#### Friday 20th March

FoOS Children's Quiz  
3:15—4:45pm, School Hall

#### Tuesday 24th

Emerald Class trip to the  
STEAM Museum

#### Wednesday 25th March

Piano Concert  
(Mrs. Young's musicians),  
2:20—3:15pm, School Hall

#### Friday 27th March

Easter Church Service,  
9:15—10am

Easter Egg Hunt (in school)

Early finish @ 2pm

### Road Closure—Postponed

Oaksey residents may have received a letter today from Wessex Water notifying them of a road closure on The Street from Monday 16th to Wednesday 18th March (next week). The works have now been postponed until the Easter holidays to keep disruption to a minimum.

### Y5/6 Netball Match



On Tuesday we had our first netball fixture of the year and welcomed a team from St. Joseph's, Malmesbury. It was a really exciting match with the end result being a 7—7 draw. It was the perfect result as both teams played equally well and both deserved to win. We hope that this will be the first of many matches. Throughout the match, our players demonstrated our school values in action—respect, kindness and perseverance. Well done team!

### World Book Day Celebrations

It was such a fun day! From the BFG to Paddington Bear and Bilbo Baggins, we had a brilliant cast of characters. Paddington's marmalade sandwich even made it intact under his hat until the end of the day! More photos on the next page and on the Galleries section of School Jotter.



We just love this photo!



## A Snapshot of our Fortnight...

### Ruby

Ruby had a fabulous Victorian School experience on Wednesday. Not only did they look the part, they also wrote their letters with ink pens, took part in drill and played some traditional Victorian games.



Unsmiling Victorian children!



### Sapphire

Sapphire have been making clay animals. Check out Edward's crocodile and Jake's elephant! They've also had a lovely time toasting marshmallows and making s'mores for their class treat.



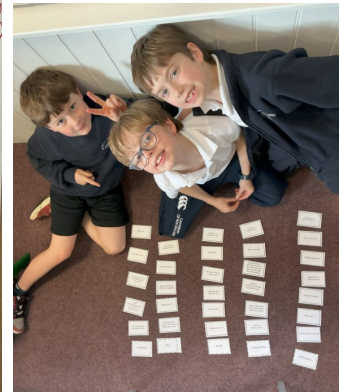
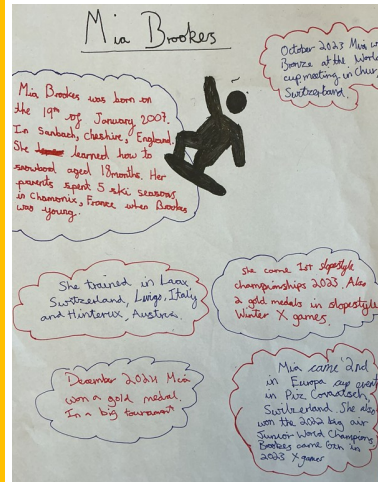
### Emerald

Emerald have started preparing their contribution for our Easter service—Easter around the World. They have also been working on precise communication and teamwork with the 'Lego Ducky' team challenge. One member of the group had to act as a messenger and tell the 'engineers' exactly how to build the model. Great job!



### Diamond

Sunday 8th March was International Women's Day and Diamond have been researching the lives of inspirational women. They have also been looking at the classification of animals in Science.



## Chatter That Matters

We are introducing 'Chatter that Matters' on a Monday break time to give children an opportunity to join an informal chat group. This is to allow children to have some time with an adult in the school to speak about anything on their mind. The group will be led by Mrs. Thomas.



This could be something positive that happened over the weekend, a special event, accomplishment or occasion they'd like to share. It is equally an opportunity to share something that might be making them feel sad; maybe a pet is unwell or there is something on their mind.

This is a very relaxed and supportive session to promote emotional literacy in our children. They may feel happier to do this in a small group and often enjoy some unstructured time with adults in our school.

## Mud Kitchen Pots and Pans

Are you running out of kitchen cupboard space? Ruby Class now have a lovely new mud kitchen to use in the outside area which will enable the children to explore volume and capacity, provide them with opportunity for sensory exploration and support the development of their fine motor skills. If anyone has any small stainless steel cupcake trays, baking trays, spoons, measuring cups and jugs, pots and pans (no bigger than a milk pan) that they no longer need, we would love to repurpose them. They will be kept outside in all weathers so do need to be made of stainless steel. If you think you can help please speak to Mrs Troughton so that we don't receive too many duplicates!



## Welly Racks



Our welly racks are now in place and are ready to receive wellies. We would like to be using the field and wooded area in all weathers, so if possible, please send your child in with a pair of wellies which can stay in school throughout the term. Please ensure your child's name is clearly written on the inside in black marker.

## Emerald Class Trip to the STEAM Museum

Emerald Class will be visiting the STEAM Museum on Tuesday 24th March as a follow up on their learning last term about the railways and Isambard Kingdom Brunel. We are all looking forward to it!



## School Uniform

Thank you to everyone for their response to the uniform reminder—we have seen a big improvement. We have one additional thing to add—please can all long hair be tied back.

## Upcoming FoOS Events



Friends of Oaksey School

# Mother's Day stay & play

Play session led by qualified playworkers, so you can watch your child having fun while having a hot coffee!

**Cafe, craft activities,  
Tropic skincare & gifts**

**Oaksey village Hall  
14th March 9-12**

£5 entry for stay & play - hot drink included



Hop around Oaksey for our

# EASTER Egg trail

Entry forms available at the village shop

Join the hunt between 6th-13th  
April

for some egg-citing fun!

If you'd like to host a window contact Emma for all oaksey village events by 1st April

## Superstars Celebration

Learning and attitudes recognised as 'above and beyond' are celebrated in our Weekly Superstars Celebration. Our Superstars this week are:

### Ruby Class

**Tadhg** for always trying his best and approaching every activity with a smile.

### Sapphire Class

**Oscar M.** for sharing his amazing scientific knowledge of animals with the class. He also made a great clay model of a tortoise.

**Alfie** for working really hard on his reading and writing. Well done Alfie!

### Emerald Class

**Siofra** for trying her very best and making great improvements in her reading, particularly reading aloud during Guided Reading lessons.

**Theo** for improving his handwriting and presentation. Well done on all of your hard work, Theo.

### Diamond Class

**Jack** for in depth research into the causes and effects of human action towards coral reefs.

**Harvey** for being kind and helpful towards a younger member of the school.



Our 'We Shine Brighter Together' Award goes to someone who has demonstrated one of our school values and by doing so, contributes towards making our school the best it can be. This week's award actually happened after school but was witnessed by a member of staff. It goes to **Kal-Ell** in **Diamond Class** for showing great kindness and support to another pupil. The empathy you showed is very rare to see in someone of your age. Thank you for being such a good friend to someone when they needed it.

From all the Staff and Governors at Oaksey CE Primary School



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