



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

It's been a busy few weeks and it has been a pleasure visiting classes and seeing our pupils so immersed in their learning. Ruby have been enjoying their outdoor space, Sapphire have produced some wonderful writing based on 'Lubna and Pebble', Emerald are getting to grips with Norse gods and Diamond are learning about World War II.

As a school we have been thinking about our school vision 'As individuals we let our 'light' shine, but we shine brighter together' and what this looks like. So far, examples of 'lights' that pupils have identified are talents (and bringing joy to others by sharing them), being a good friend and persevering when times are tough. Each child has reflected on times when their light has shone following discussion in their classes. Ruby have been the first class to add their candles to our display and we look forward to seeing it develop as other classes add theirs.



This term we welcome two new student teachers to our school community. Miss Pammen will be supporting Sapphire Class and Miss Hann will be in Diamond Class. We look forward to working with them both.

Miss Prichard

Upcoming Events

Wednesday 7th—Friday 9th October

Y4/5 Residential at Braeside

Wednesday 14th

Y5/6 Netball Festival at Braden Forest School, Purton

Wednesday 14th, 3:30—5:30pm

Thursday 15th, 3:30—5pm
Parents' Evenings

Friday 16th

Harvest Service at All Saints Church, 9:15am

Harvest Coffee/Tea and Cake, School Hall, 10:15am



Feeding people in crisis across North Wiltshire

Help support your food bank this Harvest

Since April we have distributed 747 food parcels (including 238 to children). Harvest collections will help us to continue to support local people facing hardship.

Harvest appeal



Stock items needed

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| • UHT milk | • Tomato Ketchup |
| • UHT fruit juice | • Tinned custard |
| • Tinned tomatoes | • Chocolate and sweets |
| • Tinned pasta sauces | • Tinned Rice Pudding |
| • Tinned fruit | • Sweet Biscuits |
| • Tinned vegetables | • Savoury snacks |
| • Tinned soup | • Coffee |
| • Tinned spaghetti | • Washing detergent |
| • Tinned meat (hot/cold) | • Shampoo/Conditioner |
| • Rice (500gm bags) | • Deodorant |
| • Cereal | • Shaving gel & razors |

Long Life food products only please

Please make sure all donated items are in date. Thank you.

We have plenty of pulses and beans, thank you

Tel: 01666 826982

malmesburydistrict.foodbank.org.uk

Registered Charity in England & Wales (1157896)



Harvest Service

You are warmly invited to our Harvest Service in All Saints Church on Friday 16th October at 9:15am. We will be supporting Malmesbury and District Foodbank again this year. If you are in a position to donate an item, please bring it into school on Thursday 15th or Friday 16th so that children can take them to church.

Following this, there will be coffee/tea and cake in the school hall and we would like to thank our Foundation Governors for organising this. We are inviting members of the wider community to join us as a shared occasion to meet and celebrate together. We hope you can join us.



Parents' Evenings—14th & 15th October

This is the first of two parent/teacher meetings which will take place this year and a good opportunity to talk to your child's teacher about how they are getting on in their new year group/class and discuss how to best support their learning at home. Appointments will be 10 minutes and information on how to sign up will be on School Jotter on Monday. Please note that Ruby Class appointments on Thursday 15th will be from 3:30pm to 4:30pm.

A Snapshot of our Fortnight...

Ruby

Ruby have been enjoying their new sandpit and testing out their puddle suits. They've also been doing a great job in phonics learning new sounds.



Sapphire

Sapphire had an exciting mystery to solve on Monday morning. They discovered that a yeti had visited their classroom and needed advice about how to make a friend. Last week, inspired by the story 'Lubna and Pebble', Sapphire created cosy homes for their pebble friends and then gifted them to someone else. Year 1s wrote a gift tag to accompany them while Year 2 children wrote a letter explaining how to look after their new friend.



Emerald

Emerald have been investigating friction with their toy car ramp experiment, looking at how different surface textures change how far the car travels. They've also enjoyed designing Viking shields.



Diamond

Diamond had a great afternoon at Wootton Bassett RFC on Wednesday. Our two teams played five matches each and showed great teamwork throughout the afternoon. Oaksey 1 came 2nd out of 11 teams and Oaksey 2 were recognised for being the team with the best listening skills. Special credit also goes to Tarka who received a sportsmanship medal and to Jack, who although couldn't play due to injury, offered great support and encouragement.



Reading Books Reminder for Sapphire and Ruby Classes

Please ensure that both your child's Little Wandle reading book and sharing book are returned to school every Friday. We kindly ask that books are looked after carefully and returned in good condition so that other children can enjoy them too. Unfortunately, if a book is lost or returned damaged, we will need to ask for a contribution towards the cost of replacing it. Thank you for your support in helping us maintain our reading resources.

Superstars Celebration

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



Ruby Class

Theo for the clear definition he provides when we read interesting words in books.

Sapphire Class

Hebe for her enthusiasm, wonderful smile and hard work in phonics. She brightens up our classroom!

Jaco for showing kindness to others. He is always ready to help when someone needs support.

Emerald Class

Lina for asking good scientific enquiry questions during our forces investigation.

Margot S. for making excellent connections in RE. Well done!

Diamond Class

Felicity for being really focused and for putting so much effort into everything we have done this week.

Lola for all of her hard work this week—she has listened really well and also supported others when they have needed help.



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 goes to **Tarka** in Diamond Class who was recognised for excellent sportsmanship in a recent tag-rugby festival. Thank you for being such a great ambassador for our school.

From all the Staff and Governors at Oaksey CE Primary School



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