

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Date: Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

## **Black History Month**

We have had a fantastic month celebrating all things Black History and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Carr for all the preparation and organising; we haven't had an exhibition before, and what a success it was! We hope you enjoyed seeing all the art pieces created by the children and that they have been able to talk in length about all they have learned.

## **Scooters and Bikes**

If you leave a scooter or bike at school in the mornings, please ensure that these are kept in the allocated spaces and not in the main Reception area as these block the fire hydrant in the foyer

## **Drop off on Fridays**

Just a reminder: On Fridays, the gate opens at 8:55 AM. If you're driving, we suggest dropping off later than usual to avoid the need to park on site. Please start following this from after half-term to keep the drop-off system running smoothly. We recommend dropping off by car for around 8:50am as this will be when our staff briefing finishes and a staff member will come to assist with drop off.

I would like to end by thanking our school community for a great first half of the autumn term. We have made great strides in many areas and I am so excited to continue to build on these during autumn 2. Thank you to all the staff at Oasis Academy Putney who continue to go above and beyond for our children who we care for very much; they are what make this job, which is demanding a lot of time, totally worth it.

Wishing you all a safe and happy half term break, and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

Miss Rebecca Hughes and the OAP Team



## Certificates of the Week

This week's winners are...

	Writer of the Week	Reader of the Week	9 Habit Certificate	Mathematical Thinking Award
Conker	From spring	From spring	From spring	From spring
Maple	Lawson	Mina	Artem	Mounir
Sycamore	Leo G	Jack	Anfa	Ali
Pine	Ziggy	Marcello	Benaiah	Benaiah
Elm	Henry	Rita	Bilal	Constantine
Chestnut	Andrew	David	Isabella	Caleb



## WEEKLY ATTENDANCES

Conker	Maple	Sycamore	Pine	Elm	Chestnut
100%	96.7%	95.5%	99.44%	99.57%	87.89%

## Reception

What a fantastic week we have had in Conker Class! In **Phonics**, we have been working hard learning the new sounds *h*, *b*, *f*, and *ff*. The children had lots of fun practising the *h* sound by decorating party hats with the letter and writing words like “hat” and “hot.” Professor Lexicon tried to trick us with two new tricky words: *the* and *no*, but the children did a brilliant job learning them!

In **maths**, we have been developing our subitising skills up to 4. The children explored the number block 4 and used counters to show different ways of representing 4. It has been amazing watching them grow in confidence with numbers!

In **English**, we celebrated **Black History Month** by learning about three inspiring women from NASA: Dorothy Vaughan, Katherine Johnson, and Mary Jackson. We explored their incredible achievements in space exploration and the important roles they played despite the challenges they faced. After learning about them, the children created their own rockets to celebrate these space pioneers. We also continued reading *The Colour Monster*, focusing on the emotions of fear and calm.

A big highlight of the week was our drama show with Mr. Adam, where the children bravely performed for you all. They also had a fantastic time taking part in an **African dance workshop** on Wednesday!

We have had such a wonderful start to the year and wish you all a well-deserved break. We cannot wait to see everyone back on Monday 4th November at 8:45!

## Year 1 & Year 2

What an incredible start to the year it's been for Maple Class! Over the past eight weeks, the children have worked exceptionally hard and made me incredibly proud.

In English, we've been focusing on poetry. Inspired by *If I Were in Charge of the World* by Judith Viorst, the children have now written their own imaginative poems.

In maths, Year 1 and Year 2 have been learning about fact families. The children have discovered how numbers relate to one another in addition and subtraction equations.

In science, our Year 1 students have been learning all about the human body, while Year 2 has been exploring the fascinating process of growing and changing. The children have shown curiosity and enthusiasm in their learning.

In outdoor learning, Year 1 used 'senses stones' to help tune their individual senses to focus on different elements of nature around us. Year 2 practiced their tree identification and then enjoyed choosing their own activities including a collaborative 'Trees Top Trumps' game to consolidate their learning about trees, or a focused observational activity using scratch art to sketch the outline and patterns of different leaf shapes.

Thank you, Maple class, for a wonderful start to the year and thank you, parents for your support! Wishing you all a wonderful half term break!

### **Year 3**

What an exciting week it has been in Year 3! We've wrapped up our poetry unit with great enthusiasm, focusing on the poem "The Reflection in Me." The students created some fantastic examples in response, showcasing their creativity and understanding of the themes. It's wonderful to see their thoughts and emotions expressed through poetry!

In maths, we made significant progress in our understanding of addition and subtraction, particularly with exchanging between 10s and 100s. The children tackled these concepts with confidence, and it's impressive to see their problem-solving skills develop. Keep encouraging them to practice these skills at home!

Our science lessons this week were equally engaging as we explored how our muscles contract and relax. The students participated in hands-on activities that helped them understand the importance of muscles in our everyday movements. It was a joy to see their excitement as they learned more about their own bodies!

In geography, we continued our exploration of Uganda, examining its physical and human features. The students have shown great curiosity about the culture and geography, which has led to some fascinating discussions in class.

### **Year 4**

What a great week we have had in Year 4 to complete this half term! The children have all worked incredibly hard these past 8 weeks. Well done, Pine Class.

In our writing lessons, the children have been using persuasive language as part of their work on their brochure all about Paris. They have used the power of three: alliteration, similes and imperative verbs to enhance their writing beautifully. After half term, they will be researching and planning their own persuasive booklet about London. I know that they will be great at persuading their audience to come and take in the fantastic sights and sounds! I can't wait to read them!

In maths we have reached the end of our unit on addition and subtraction and the children have been working hard demonstrating and refining their methods. They have also been checking calculations using a range of different strategies that incorporate commutative and the inverse. They have worked well at this and have been able to explain in detail why they have used that method.

In our topic learning this week, we learnt about our digestive system and the organs that we use in this process and the ones that are important to help with it but are not directly used. The children did well at identifying the organs and understanding their functions. We also worked on different climatic zones and focussed on three in particular: temperate, polar and tropical. The children had to be able to explain about the climate, changes to this and seasons. They created fantastic posters based on this.

We also had special visitors come in this week where the children took part in an amazing drumming workshop. This linked with our work on Black History month and the children participated with great enthusiasm and joyfulness.

We finished off our learning on this topic with a wonderful display of artwork based on our key person from our work on Black History– Matthew Henson. The children created wonderful scenes with the Northern Lights and worked very hard with Miss Knight – well done, everyone!

Have a lovely, restful half term.

### **Year 5**

Year 5 have had an incredibly busy and productive week! We wrapped up our end-of-unit assessments and are excited to dive into new topics across all subjects, including space in science, painting in art, and the fascinating contributions of ancient Islamic civilizations in history. The children are eager to get started and explore these areas of learning. In writing, the children published beautiful poems about overcoming adversity; not only are their poems wonderfully written, but they are also presented with great care and creativity. In Geography, we explored time zones and how the Earth is divided by 24 meridians, a concept the children grasped with enthusiasm and insight. Many students also participated in sports with Mr. Looker throughout the week, showing great teamwork and energy. We couldn't be prouder of their hard work and dedication. To round off this eventful week, we are looking forward to our Black History Month Exhibition and Harvest Assembly, which will be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate learning and culture. After such a busy week, a well-earned rest is certainly on the horizon!

### **Year 6**

This week, in English, our lessons have been filled with inspiring poetry, as the children crafted beautiful poems about their personal goals and dreams. They explored the challenges they may face and the determination they'll show to overcome them—each poem a testament to their strength and ambition!

In art, students created moving tributes for Black History Month, focusing on Arthur Wharton, the first Black professional footballer in the UK. Through thoughtful and careful consideration, they chose symbols to represent his achievements and determination.

In science, we delved into the history of the first heart transplant and discussed groundbreaking advancements in medical science, including the potential of using pig hearts in the future. This led to a fascinating debate on the ethics of such procedures.

Year 6 have had an excellent start to the year and they should feel very proud of all they have achieved! Enjoy a well-deserved half-term break – you deserve it!