



I have read in the news again about the concerns of parents about their child's mental health and well-being ("Pupils' mental health is our top fear, says parents" Evening Standard (page 6) 08.11.18).

I feel very strongly that children will have enough to worry about when they are adults, and should enjoy being children. For me, the children's well-being and happiness is key to a successful school.

Of course this does not mean that we don't expect hard work and resilience from every child - our progress scores this year show how important the school community takes academic success. But we must be aware of how each child feels about themselves and make sure they are happy and confident. Old Oak has always done this very well. We have worked with a school counsellor for many years; we have West London Zone working in school and we have our Family Group every Thursday. Please also look at Mollie's invitation below to the coffee morning.

The easiest way to see this is, just talk to the children as individuals- always very impressive.

Have a happy and peaceful weekend!

Mr. Brown

Mr. DANEZI

Due to personal circumstances, Mr. Danezi has had to leave Old Oak. He will be missed by the children despite being here for such a short time. We wish Mr. Danezi all the best in the future and good luck with his next challenge. Miss McCartney will return to the class early (she was due to teach the class when Miss B comes back) and Miss Teixeira will support her.

Would you like to learn how to build your child's confidence and help manage their anxieties?

Anxiety is really common amongst children and their parents; you are in the best position to help them. Mollie Higgins, a Children's Wellbeing Practitioner will be hosting a coffee morning on 22nd

November at 9.05am delivering information about building your child's confidence and some top tips for managing anxiety. Come along to find out more.

BOOK FAIR

The book fair will run again in the lower hall before and after school every day next week. Please have a good look at the books with your child and help them to choose something to share at home in the evening.

CHILDREN IN NEED

Next Friday we will celebrate Children in Need in the school and collect a £1.00 donation for those children less fortunate than ourselves. We will hold a talent show in school in the afternoon. We will have school uniform but with Pudsey theme – either something yellow or something spotty.

REMINDER - SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Please remember to hand in your photograph order by Tuesday 13th November if you would like to buy your photographs.

REMINDER – TWITTER! SIGN UP TODAY!

The school now has a **Twitter account**. Twitter is a free app for your phone or tablet which can send you updates from the school quickly and keep you up to date with what has happened in school. **You can download the app free today, and search @Old_oakprimary**. There are already some examples of events in school this week.

LEARNING THIS WEEK IN CLASSES

Each week we will let you know about some of the learning in class so you can talk about this with your child. All children have begun a new class reading book this week. Ask them about this and what has happened so far.

Class	Learning
Nursery	This week we have started learning our 'sound songs' and have been learning to cut a line with scissors. We are also enjoying our music sessions with The Royal College of Music.
Peach and Rowan	We have practised the sounds <i>y / x / oo / ch</i> , made some Diwali lamps and used 2d shapes to make rockets
Olive	We have been partitioned numbers into part/part whole, used the Jolly Postman to help us with our writing and had a Diwali party!
Maple	We have written an informal letter and practised adding and used movement to express different emotions.
Hazel	We have been using number lines to complete difficult addition and subtraction equations and prepared for our poppies for Remembrance Day.
Laurel	We have been practising addition and subtraction and reading the story "The Blind Man and the Hunter".
Magnolia	We have been looking traditional tales and can count in multiples of 25/1000 or 50/100

Sycamore	We have been classifying materials in IPC and reading the story “The Blind Man and the Hunter”.
Willow and Elm	We have prepared a debate in Elm class and in Willow we have started our work on the Power of Pictures. In IPC we have looked at a Roman villa.
Hawthorn and Plum	We have used long division to solve arithmetic and worded problems and completed our very impressive balanced arguments.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 12th November – Parents evening

Monday 12- Friday 16th November – Book fair in the lower hall before and after school.

Tuesday 13th November – Deadline for orders for school photographs.

Wednesday 14th November – Parents evening: Olive, Elm and Nursery classes.

Wednesday 14th November – Willow class visiting author Vivienne Schwarz.

Friday 16th November – Year 6 children leave for Wick Court -Farms for City Children- on their school journey for a week.

Friday 16th November – Old Oak’s Got Talent. Talent show in the afternoon in the lower hall as part of Children in Need.

Friday 23rd November – Year 6 children return from the school journey.