

Newsletter Term 2 Number 2 Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024

*Values of the term: Unity, Courage, Peace*

**"Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen." Winston Churchill**

Dear Parents,

A busy week in school. Odd Socks Day on Wednesday reminded us of the importance of celebrating our uniqueness and individuality, and how respecting differences enriches our community. We've also emphasized the importance of being an upstander rather than a bystander - standing up for one another when you see or hear something that isn't right. This means looking out for each other, being brave, and speaking to an adult if help is needed.

**Children in Need** fun activities were great, a huge thanks to Josie Miller for organising some wonderful races for Children in Need on Thursday, the playground was full of excited voices and supportive cheering throughout the day. Beech, Sycamore and Oak all took part in a dressing up relay which was followed by an animal relay where they all had animal cards and were required to run in the style of that animal, a tricky one for the crabs!

Our Oak School Council representatives created amazing obstacle courses for our Acorns to enjoy and everyone really enjoyed joining in and supporting their friends. Today, we have been doing reflective activities in classes, thinking about the reason for Children in Need. If you would like to donate, please find the link: <https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/> Thank you for your support!



### **Cross Country**

On Wednesday, our Y3/4 and Y5/6 girls went to Tilsley Park to race at the Vale academies cross country event. Both groups were excellent and gave their absolute all for Buckland. Y3/4 Girls finished 9th, and the Y5/6 girls finished 2<sup>nd</sup> which progresses them onto the county event. All the girls ran an amazing race and Eleanor came home with 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Y5/6 race. Well done girls! A big thank you to Mr Henry for taking them.

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## Curriculum

**Acorns** enjoyed their morning with Little City.

They loved pretending to be Chefs, Postmen/ women and Doctors, as well as many other jobs. They have also learnt about what to do in an emergency and the different people who may respond to this. We have created a hospital in the learning den and the children are enjoying being a patient or Doctor too!



## Beech

Beech Class had a super visit to Millets Falconry Centre on Tuesday. Everyone enjoyed the Falconry Centre and some of us were lucky enough to be brushed by the wing of a bird in the flying display, as the birds flew that low over our heads. In class we have started our learning about the Great Fire of London and have been practising different ways to write subtraction problems.



**Sycamore** have had a big focus on anti-bullying and respectful friendships for anti-bullying week. The children came up with their own acrostic poems on respect. We have also moved onto multiplication and division in Maths, both Y3 and Y4 have done brilliantly!

**Oak** class have been writing their Ernest Shackleton diary entries into their portfolio books, analysing extracts from texts based on Brazil, developing our Hockey skills in PE and experimenting with different camera angles in Computing. In Maths, the Y5s have been adding and subtracting mixed numbers and improper fractions whilst the Y6s have been multiplying and dividing fractions.

Next week, Oak class will embark on their week-long residential trip to Woodlands, an experience many children look back on as one of the most memorable highlights of their

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time at Buckland. During the trip, they will engage in exciting outdoor activities designed to foster teamwork, independence, and resilience. We wish them the very best and can't wait to hear all about their adventures!

**Parent survey** - We kindly ask if you could take a moment to complete our parent survey, available at the link below. Your feedback is incredibly valuable to us. This survey is being shared across all schools in the trust to help gather important insights from parents. Thank you in advance for your time and support.

<https://forms.office.com/e/n7ZgzHNWXf>

### **Mental Health and wellbeing**

More young people today are facing mental health challenges that create barriers to learning, engagement, and school attendance. When children and young people struggle with their wellbeing, it affects how safe they feel in their surroundings and how connected they feel to their school community. This can lead to avoidance behaviours, keeping them away from school at the very moments they need connection the most. Please speak to your class teacher if you would like to discuss your child's wellbeing.

This week's wellbeing message is from several Oak children before their trip to Woodlands next week: "You are stronger and tougher than you realise."

### **Vacancies**

We have adverts out for an Admin Assistant role – 5 days a week – 37 hours and a School Administrator – 3 days a week – 24 hours. Please share widely – thank you.

<https://www.bucklandprimaryschool.org.uk/vacancies/>

### **Achievements**

House	Horse	Ox	Dragon
Weekly total	70	60	75
<b>Running total</b>	119	99	119

This week's certificates have been awarded to:

Acorns – Toby and Daisy J  
Beech – Hermione and Arthur  
Sycamore – Elodie and Marni  
Oak – Laura and Lleyton

Congratulations to all.  
Have a lovely weekend,

**Mrs Brown and the Buckland Team.**