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

Only humility will lead us to unity, and unity to peace – Mother Theresa

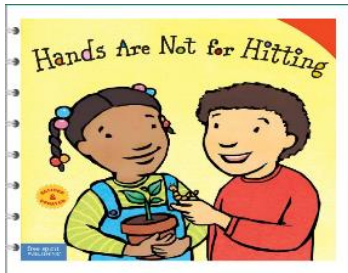
Dear Parents,

The warm days of early autumn this week have been perfect for outdoor learning. Whether gathering leaves, observing insects or playing on the top field, our outdoor activities have inspired a joyful blend of play and discovery. On the indoor front, Oak class have been exploring artefacts from WW2 – lots of hands-on learning and discussions about the purpose of the objects – lots of laughter too!



### **Kind hands**

We have been focusing on the importance of using kind hands at school, with a particular focus on our youngest children as they settle into their life at school. It's important for children to understand that kind hands help create a safe and respectful environment for everyone. Developing positive social skills, is a crucial part of growing up. Please help us reinforce this message by reminding your child at home about the importance of using kind hands and treating others kindly. We often use this book to support our Acorns and Beech children in understanding this: 'Hands are not for hitting.' Please share with your child at home if you can – such an important message. <https://fliphtml5.com/libpq/giti/basic>



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Miss Hatton did a super wellbeing worship on this topic last week - she squirted a tube of hair gel and challenged a child to get the gel back in. They then talked about how we can't get the gel back in the tube, the same way we can't take back unkind words or undo unkind actions. Once they are out, they are out. However, we can try to fix things if we make a mistake as well as learn not to repeat the mistake we made.

### **Woodlands residential**

On Monday, 23rd September, at 3:30 pm, Mr. Stevens will be giving a presentation on Woodlands, one of the highlights of the children's experience here at Buckland. This trip plays a significant role in their personal growth, fostering responsibility, communication, and resilience – the trip is often spoken of as one of the highlights of children's time here at Buckland! We encourage all parents to attend to learn more about the upcoming adventure and to ask any questions before the children head off on the 18<sup>th</sup> of November. It's a great opportunity to gain insight into the trip and how it supports their development in so many ways.

### **Acorns reading meeting**

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the Acorns reading meeting. During the session, we discussed how learning to read can be a challenging process, with each child progressing at their own pace. It's important not to compare your child's development to others, as everyone learns in their own time. Our highly skilled teachers support each child exactly where they are in their reading journey. The PowerPoint from the meeting has been shared with all Acorns parents via ParentPay. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Miss Hatton, Mrs. Elliott, or myself, Mrs. Brown.

### **End of day**

We kindly ask that once you have picked up your child from school, you keep a close watch on them so that they don't leave the school grounds without you. This also applies to children who are playing in the school grounds after pick up – please watch them at all times, they are not to run around the grounds without being supervised – thank you for your help with this.

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### **Our amazing children**

Over the summer, Marni raised an incredible £74.51 for art activities in Sycamore class by selling her own artwork – painted shells she collected and decorated—such a thoughtful and generous act! Now, Mr. Henry and the Sycamore children have the exciting task of choosing what activities or materials to spend it on. I am in awe of the kindness and altruism shown by so many of our children, from fundraising for charities to raising money for class activities, all driven by their own initiatives. Matilda and Arthur B raised an amazing £60 for the Rainbow Trust Children’s Charity today – well done to them! The children are demonstrating that we truly are a Rights Respecting School – showing that if you want to make a positive change, anything is possible. It is truly inspiring!



### **Congratulations!**

A heartfelt congratulations to Mrs Langlay-Smith and Mrs Jones, who have both had baby boys! All are doing well, we were delighted to meet Mrs Jones’s baby at the end of the summer term, and we can’t wait to meet Mrs Langlay-Smith’s little one when the time comes.

### **Bright Sparks science show**

Next term, Bright Sparks will once again be running a science afterschool club for our children in Years 3-6. The children had a taster session this week and experienced a variety of experiments about the different senses with Lava Lizzie – they all loved it! More information about the club and how to sign up will be sent out later this term.

### **WhatsApp groups**

School WhatsApp groups are a great way to communicate and stay informed. However, it's important to use them for their intended purpose. If you have any concerns or issues, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Brown, your class teacher, class reps, or one of our governors—we are all here to help!

### **Mental health and wellbeing**

This week's wellbeing message is from Scarlett in Year 6:  
"Don't be a grey cloud when there is none in the sky."

### **Vacancies**

We currently have a temporary vacancy for a TA for 2 days a week and for a permanent TA 3 days a week. If you know of anyone who might be interested – please share.

<https://mynewterm.com/jobs/140278/EDV-2024-BCEPS-36245>

<https://mynewterm.com/jobs/140278/EDV-2024-BCEPS-69434>

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### School Health Newsletter

Please find the below link to the School Health Nursing Newsletter for parents of children and young people aged 5-19 in Oxfordshire – lots of good to know information about their services.



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### Achievements

House	Horse	Ox	Dragon
Weekly total	84	68	77
<b>Running total</b>	146	142	149

This week's certificates have been awarded to:

Acorns – Noah B and Annabelle

Beech – Tymen and Miranda

Sycamore – Isaac and Poppy HC

Oak – Scarlett and Grace

Congratulations to all.



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### **Cake sale**

James P in Oak Class and his family will be holding a cake sale next Friday from 3.15pm in the playground. James is raising money for Rosies Rainbow Fund – please come along and support him and enjoy some scrummy treats! Here is some information written by James (see attached aswell).

Hi! I am James P. I am currently in Year 5 at Buckland School. I would like to invite you all to my cake sale to raise money for Rosie's Rainbow Fund. I have chosen this charity because 6 years ago, on this day, I was taken to the John Radcliffe Hospital by ambulance and diagnosed with Pre-B Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia. I am currently in remission after having received chemotherapy every day for 3 ½ years. My family and I were supported by a number of different charities. I have chosen Rosie's Rainbow Fund, who run music therapy sessions at John Radcliffe Children's Hospital.

Please come and support me!

Have a lovely weekend everyone – hope the weather is kinder than it has been today!

**Mrs Brown and the Buckland Team.**