



Oak CE Primary Newsletter

Friday 6th December 2024



December already!

Following our successful look into Reading at Oak Primary last week, this week we have had a one-day Monitoring visit from Ofsted. The purpose of monitoring visits is to ensure that a school which has experienced challenge and difficulty is on the right track to being a Good school. I am proud to say that all three visits which school have had (January, June and December 2024) indicate that we absolutely are. As soon as the letter is published, detailing exactly what the inspector was able to evidence, I will share it with you. She talked about real pockets of strength at Oak and one of the most impressive things was that Oak staff are being recognised as developing best practice, which other schools are being directed to look at and take advice from. This is a huge step forward for our school.

I wanted to say thank you to all the staff and pupils who work so hard everyday to make Oak a place where people feel they belong and are proud to be part of the changes we are making to ensure our pupils have the best opportunities.

Parents and carers, you are a huge part of this. All your kind and wonderful comments about school, the staff and the experiences your children have and what they are achieving impressed the inspector. Things don't always go right, and people make mistakes, but what is clear is that we have a community who work together for the good of the children. Thank you for your continued support – it means a lot to us. Mrs Garlick

Attendance

Our whole school attendance target is

96%

This week's attendance was

93.8%

The classes with the highest attendance
this week were

5.1 and 1.1 with 97%

School Council

On Friday we had a visit from the ward MP for Huddersfield, Harpreet Uppal. She look around school (loving the Y1 & 2 rehearsal and Y3 lesson on their joints) and spoke to our council. The spoke about what they love about Oak and projects they are working on which the pupils feel are important. Harpreet was so impressed that she has invited them to the Houses of Parliament in London to take their work on democracy and improvements even further!

School Council

Welcome to the Attendance Cup, and what a thrilling competition we have! The teams have been battling it out week after week, with some truly standout performances lighting up the leaderboard. Let's break it down!

At the top of the table, *Class 5.1* has emerged as the team to beat, racking up an impressive **12 points**, thanks to consistently stellar attendance across all weeks. They're closely followed by *Class 4.2*, whose fiery streak has earned them **11 points**—just one behind the leaders! Can they close the gap in the coming weeks?

Hot on their heels is *Class 6.2* with **9 points**, showing no signs of slowing down as they delivered back-to-back top-notch performances. Meanwhile, *Class 3.1* and *Class 4.1* are neck-and-neck with **8 points** each, proving themselves as strong contenders in the top five.

And let's not forget *Class 3.2* and *Class 6.1*, tied at **7 points** and showing that they're very much in the race with some brilliant weeks under their belts.

But it's not all sunshine and glory—down at the bottom, *Snowdrops* and *Bluebells* are yet to secure a single point. Can they stage a dramatic comeback and turn their fortunes around? Only time will tell! The stage is set for a nail-biting finish. Will *5.1* hold onto their lead, or will an underdog rise to steal the crown? Stay tuned for more action from the Attendance Cup—anything can happen!"

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Attendance League

Class	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Current Results
Snowdrops	82%	83.8%	83%	69%	62%			0
	(0 points)	(0 points)	(0 points)	(0 points)	(0 points)			
Bluebells	78%	82.3%	83%	86%	80%			0
	(0 points)	(0 points)	(0 points)	(0 points)	(0 points)			
R1	97%	95%	93%	94%	88%			5
	(3 points)	(1 points)	(0 points)	(1 point)	(0 points)			
R2	90%	87%	88%	78%	79%			0
	(0 points)	(0 points)	(0 points)	(0 points)	(0 points)			
1.1	91.8%	92%	92%	97%	97%			6
	(0 points)	(0 points)	(0 points)	(3 points)	(3 points)			
1.2	83%	90%	90%	92%	94%			1
	(0 points)	(0 points)	(0 points)	(0 points)	(1 point)			
2.1	94%	90%	94%	92%	93%			2
	(1 point)	(0 points)	(1 point)	(0 points)	(0 points)			
2.2	88%	86.5%	89%	90%	87%			0
	(0 points)	(0 points)	(0 points)	(0 points)	(0 points)			
3.1	97%	97%	92%	94%	94%			8
	(3 points)	(3 points)	(0 points)	(1 point)	(1 point)			
3.2	97%	98%	95%	85%	91%			7
	(3 points)	(3 points)	(1 point)	(0 points)	(0 points)			
4.1	95%	94%	96%	97%	95%			8
	(1 points)	(1 point)	(2 points)	(3 points)	(1 point)			
4.2	97%	97%	95%	99%	94%			11
	(3 points)	(3 points)	(1 points)	(3 points)	(1 point)			
5.1	98%	96%	96%	96%	97%			12
	(3 points)	(2 points)	(2 points)	(2 points)	(3 points)			
5.2	91%	90.3%	92%	89%	93%			0
	(0 points)	(0 points)	(0 points)	(0 points)	(0 points)			
6.1	91%	95%	96%	97%	94%			7
	(0 points)	(1 points)	(2 points)	(3 points)	(1 point)			
6.2	91%	96%	96%	98%	96%			9
	(0 points)	(2 points)	(2 points)	(3 points)	(2 points)			



OAK PRIMARY NEEDS YOU!

As part of our new Opal initiative, to ensure we have a variety of equipment outside for the children, we are now asking for donations of anything you no longer need at home. If you have any of the following that you no longer need, we will happily make use of it at playtimes!

RECEPTION – Old pots, pans, spatulas or spoons to cook up an imaginary treat; or simply bang about!



YEAR 1 – Dressing up clothes, these could be old fancy-dress clothes or old adult clothes that are no longer needed. Let's create our own fashion runway!



YEAR 2 – Bags and hats for imaginary adventures! An exhibition down the school field sounds fun...



YEAR 3 – Small dinosaur or animal figures/toys. (Why don't we make our own Jurassic Park?)



YEAR 4 – Small vehicle toys such as cars or trucks. (The dinosaurs are going to need something to drive aren't they?)



YEAR 5 – Old (clean) sheets or bedding for den building.



YEAR 6 – Any type of sticky tape (such as cellotape, masking tape or packing tape) for den building.



We will also happily accept any donations of old tarps if anyone happens to have any. Please feel free to donate from any of the above categories, even if they are not specified for your child's year group. All donations will be gratefully received.



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Sessions for Parents and Carers with a focus on Neurodiversity

Thursday 17th October 2024 at 2pm: Behaviour

Monday 11th November 2024 at 2pm: Boundaries and demands

Tuesday 10th December 2024 at 1.30pm: Food

Wednesday 22nd January 2025 at 1.30pm: Sleep

Monday 3rd February 2025 at 2pm: Executive Function

**All sessions are completely free of charge and are led by experts
from Barnardo's Children's Charity.**





Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 11th December: Christmas Fair

Tuesday 17th December at 9.30am: Reception Nativity

**Wednesday 18th December: Year 1 & 2 Christmas
Performance**

9.30am for Y1 parents

2pm for Y2 parents

Wednesday 18th December: Christmas Dinner Day

Thursday 19th December: Y3 & Y5 Christingle

Friday 20th December: Christmas Colours/Jumper Day

Friday 20th December: School Closes for Christmas

Monday 6th January: School opens for pupils

Don't forget every Thursday is Coffee Morning

8.45-9.45am

What Parents Need to Know about SQUID GAME

AGE RESTRICTION
15+
Suitable only for 15 years and over.

With themes of horror and violence, it's important for parents and carers to understand the potential risks posed for young audiences by the viral TV show, *Squid Game*. The nine-episode Netflix-exclusive TV show is rated 15+ and is about a world where contestants who are deeply in debt play children's games in order to win cash prizes. The losers, however, are violently killed. The show's popularity has meant it has spread across online platforms, and there is a great risk of young people being exposed to unsuitable scenes, meaning parents and carers have to be vigilant when allowing children to use devices.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some might argue that *Squid Game* contains content that might not even be suitable for older teens, let alone young children. Characters are brutally tortured and killed through stabbings or getting shot as a result of rules developed and enforced by a masked game master. The show also features sexual content and threats of sexual violence, as well as a strong theme of gambling that runs throughout the whole show.

APPEAL TO YOUNG PEOPLE

Whilst the content is very much adult-themed, some features of the show seem to appeal to young children at face-value. The name "*Squid Game*" may be interpreted as a programme aimed at children rather than adults. The content itself, such as the bright and childish aesthetics, may also appeal to young children, particularly as there's a focus on playground games to go with it.

SIMILAR CONTENT SUGGESTIONS

When using social media and streaming sites, content is recommended based on what the user has consumed i.e. what they have watched or searched for. Therefore, there is a greater chance of your child being exposed to similar violent or horror-themed content on social media after watching a show like *Squid Game*.

VIRAL SPIN-OFFS

As well as Netflix, *Squid Game* has grown in notoriety and prevalence on other platforms, like TikTok and YouTube, with clips of the show going viral. On YouTube Kids, a number of successful channels have taken advantage of the *Squid Game* trend, creating content such as "How to Draw *Squid Game* Characters" videos. Its popularity has also led to the creation of app games that put the player in the role of a contestant who is killed if they lose a game.

SCENE RE-ENACTMENTS

Squid Game's pervasive presence on social media has encouraged many content creators to re-enact scenes from the show, which has led to reports of children wanting to also imitate those scenes displayed on social media at home and in school. Much of this content stems from the "Red Light, Green Light" game from the first episode, where contestants attempt to make it past a giant animatronic girl before she shoots them. In another episode, where contestants attempt to make it past a giant animatronic girl before she shoots them.

Advice for Parents & Carers

USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Netflix has easily accessible built-in parental controls that allow you to set up a profile for your child with a specific age rating, block them from watching certain shows and even lock their account so it can't be accessed by anyone else. Netflix also allows you to access your child's viewing history to make sure they're not watching anything inappropriate for their age.

CHECK AGE RATINGS

Age ratings on TV shows and films are a way to gauge what is suitable for audiences of different ages. If you are unsure about the content your child is watching, check the age rating to see if the TV show or film is deemed suitable for their age group. If not, try watching the show yourself or talking to other parents who have seen it before to get a better understanding of why it's been rated a certain way.

MONITOR ONLINE ACTIVITY

Squid Game has become a social media craze and it's possible your child will see some content related to the show on various platforms. Therefore, it's important to be aware of which websites your child has visited on their smartphone, tablet or laptop, and to also keep an eye out for which accounts they are following on social media platforms, such as Instagram and TikTok.

HAVE OPEN CONVERSATIONS

Making sure your child is comfortable telling you about what they see online can go a long way to ensuring you are kept in the loop about their online use. Showing an interest in what your child is doing online gives you the opportunity to discuss what is and is not appropriate for their age group, and how they might recognise their own feelings towards content they see.

MONITOR BEHAVIOUR

Due to the viral nature of the show, even if your child has not seen *Squid Game*, it's important to keep an eye on their behaviour. There have been reports from schools of children "playing *Squid Game*" in the playground and acting aggressively towards the losers as a way to replicate the consequences of losing in the TV show. Viewing content that makes your child feel uncomfortable could also cause them to feel distressed or distracted, so it's important you can easily spot the signs.

WATCH THE SHOW

If you're trying to figure out whether you should let your child watch *Squid Game*, it might be a good idea to watch the show yourself first. Doing so will allow you to get a better understanding of the show's content and themes, as well as help you decide if this is something you'd feel comfortable with your child being exposed to.

Meet Our Expert

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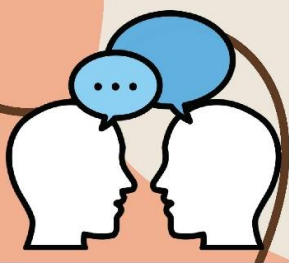


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POP UP ROADSHOW

A SELECTION OF GREYS AND UNLOGOED ITEMS IN A VARIETY OF DIFFERENT SIZES WILL BE AVAILABLE TO TAKE AWAY ON THE DAY.

Monday 9th December-

10am-12pm- Holmfirth Library, 47 Huddersfield Road, HD9 3JH
1pm-3pm Rawthorpe & Dalton Library, Ridgeway, Huddersfield,
HD5 9QR

Tuesday 10th December-

10.30am-12.30pm- Birkby & Fartown Library, Lea Street, HD1
6HF
4pm-6pm Shepley Methodist Church, Lane Head Road, HD8 8DB

Wednesday 11th December-

9.30am-11.30am Gledholt Methodist Church, Edgerton Grove
Road, HD1 5QX

Thursday 12th December-

11am-1pm Chestnut Centre, 2A Chestnut Street, HD2 1HJ
3pm-5pm-Almondbury Library, Fairfield Road, HD5 8TD

Friday 13th December-

9.30am-11am Moldgreen United Reform Church, Old Wakefield
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1.30pm-2.30pm FOCAL Community Centre, New Hey Road, HD3
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