

King's Oak Academy

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This week we had an internal review; this is a review of the school carried out by other senior leaders in the CLF. The focus of the reviews are to quality assure our judgements and offer guidance for future developments. We were delighted with the feedback as recognition of all the hard work the staff put into educating the children. As with any review we have some recommendations including a focus on pencil grip, increasing the stretch and challenge of the rainbow activities and increasing table space in year 2, to encourage independent sustained writing. We hope you have a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing you on Monday.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Monday 13th November	Tree planting day
Friday 17th November	Non-uniform day— children in need Bonfire lunch menu Coffee morning— 8:45am Family learning— reading 2pm
Tuesday 21st November	Parent forum
Friday 24th November	Non-uniform day— tombola prize movie night
Saturday 2nd December	Christmas fair 2- 4:30pm
Thursday 7th December	Year 2 Christmas concert 2pm
Friday 8th December	Year 2 Christmas concert 9am

Principal's Notice

Mr Clutterbuck comes over to the Acorn frequently throughout the week and spends time looking at the learning and speaking to the children. This week he has noticed:

Earlier this week we had our annual CLF internal review. A team of education experts descended on the Academy to take a look at how things are going. I was really pleased to hear such positive feedback from the team at the end of the day. They confirmed what I know, that the Acorn is a great place for the children to be educated and they shared my excitement about how the provision is going to grow over the next few years as an all-through provision. Your children were a delight and brilliant purple learning ambassadors for the Academy.

Football club

A couple of parents have asked about football club after school on Tuesday. If your child is interested in football club please ask at the office for a registration form. This club is run by Marcus and payment is to be made directly to him. The sessions are 3-4pm every Tuesday and cost £4:50 per session.



Tombola

The fantastic Friends of King's Oak Primary are busy organising the school Christmas Fayre. The fayre will take place on Saturday 2nd December from 2-4:30pm and if last year is anything to go by it will be a great event. Following the success of the tombola last year we would like to have another non-uniform day in exchange for a tombola prize. On Friday 24th November children can come to school in non-uniform and bring in a donation for the tombola. Suggested donations could be: a bottle, smellies, chocolates, unwanted gifts etc. Thank you for your support with this whole school event.



Pudsey visit!!

We have a very special visitor coming to school on Monday afternoon... Pudsey bear! He will be visiting the children during the afternoon and attending the assembly about Children in Need and talking about all of the fantastic work they do. To raise some money for Children in Need we are holding a non-uniform day on Friday 17th November. A suggested donation for this is £1.



Purple learners

Sienna excellent effort in writing, choosing her vocabulary carefully. Zachary for a fantastic sea monster. Jude for brilliant number bond work. Taylor for a great description of a sea monster. Kayleigh for working hard on her handwriting and writing an excellent description of the big bad wolf. Leo S for challenging himself during maths exploring number bonds to 10. Scarlet for super pre-cursive handwriting. Mia for always putting 100% into everything she does. Bella for great maths work, being the best she can be. Ezekiel for being a stick ability tortoise. Joel for excellent listening and learning. Ashleigh for fantastic effort in phonics and maths, even asking for extra challenges. Ahmed for great phonics, keeping going even if the learning is challenging. Lola for great maths finding 1 less. Reuben for excellent listening. Aarush for practising his letters in phonics.

Attendance award: Well done Catkins class 100% attendance! Congratulations Catkins

House point challenge: Congratulations Olympus (yellow) you were the best house last week.

Reading—family learning

We have recently undertaken a review of reading in the Acorn including a meeting with a reading expert from the Oxford University Press.



Following the review we have decided to amend our approach to reading including a greater focus on comprehension skills rather than just the ability to decode words. As a result of this we have screened the children to ensure they are on the correct reading book level for their understanding rather than their decoding ability. In order to support parents to help increase children's understanding of books read we would like to invite you all to a family learning session on Friday 17th November at 2pm. The focus will be phonics for Reception and comprehension skills for year 1 and 2. If you are unable to make this time we will repeat the session on Friday 24th November at 9am. If you have any questions please speak to Mrs Mignaud.