

ULLESTHORPE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

OAK CLASS FOCUS

FRIDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2024

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HEAD OF SCHOOL

MRS J. ALLEN

As we approach the end of our first Autumn half-term and the daylight starts to fade, we continue with our clear focus on the Ullesthorpe School vision: 'Learn together, Grow together, Shine forever'.

Our wonderful students continue to succeed and to shine their light over others through their good choices and application of our school values: Respect, Perseverance, Forgiveness, Compassion, Friendship, Thankfulness and Community. Read on to find out about the shining roles, responsibilities and experiences that our eldest children in Oak Class have been involved with and leading this term.

Congratulations also go to the following children who were awarded class 'star of the week' certificates at our most recent Celebration Assemblies: Jenson, Alby, Jack, Emily, Ollie B, Willow, Poppy, Jonas, Skye, Greyson, Ruby, Abigail, Isabelle and Olivia M. Well done to them all!

Please do feel free to come and speak with me at the school gates, or make an appointment through the school office.



UPCOMING DATES

Parents Evenings:

Weds 16th Oct. 4:00-7:00

Thurs 17th Oct. 3:30-5:30

Half Term Break:

Mon. 21st- Fri. 25th Oct.

Secondary Application

Deadline for Year 6:

Thursday 31st October

Individual Photos:

Thursday 31st October



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MRS ALLEN & MRS LEESE

Role-Models & Leaders

Oak Class children have been living up to their important responsibilities as the eldest of our Ullesthorpe School students; acting as role-models and examples to the younger children within our school community.

We have many roles and responsibilities that Year 5 and 6 children in Oak Class enjoy taking on: these important responsibilities help to build confidence, self-esteem, emotional maturity and resilience to name just a few benefits. You may have noticed the valuable contributions that our oldest students make to the smooth-running of the whole-school before, during and after our celebration worship assemblies for example, or throughout the Sports Day. Other contributions may be less visible to parents and guardians, but just as valuable to us here at Ullesthorpe CE Primary School: class librarians, shed monitors, wellbeing, sport and worship ambassadors, JRSO leaders and dinner-hall helpers, for example.

On the theme of building maturity, independence and responsibility, our Year 6 Oak Class students very much enjoyed their visit to Warning Zone in Leicester last week: this is a life-skills charity aimed at 10-11 year olds to support their risk management as they venture on to secondary education and greater independence.



UPCOMING DATES

Y4 Beaumanor Hall:

4th-6th November

Sleeping Beauty Panto:

4th December

PTA events

(more info. to follow)

Cinema Night:

Weds 27th November

Snow Ball:

Friday 13th December



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YEAR 6 WARNING ZONE VISIT



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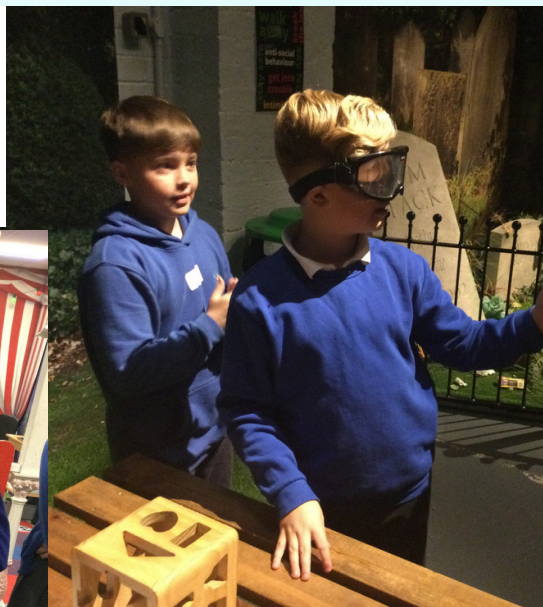
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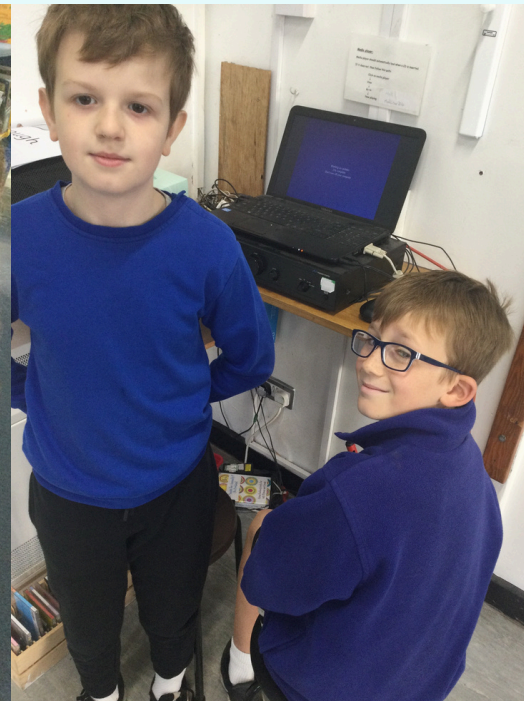
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**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

ENCOURAGING ATTENDANCE

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE CHECK-IN

**SUPERBLY WELL DONE TO THOSE YEAR GROUPS
WITH 100% ATTENDANCE!**

| Class: | Last Week: % | This Week: % |
|--------|--------------|--------------|
| Willow | 93 | 99 |
| Maple | 94 | 99 |
| Birch | 93 | 96 |
| Oak | 90 | 95 |

Year Group:

| | | |
|--------|----|-----|
| EYFS | 93 | 99 |
| Year 1 | 98 | 100 |
| Year 2 | 91 | 97 |
| Year 3 | 94 | 96 |
| Year 4 | 91 | 96 |
| Year 5 | 96 | 99 |
| Year 6 | 84 | 91 |

**School Overall
(this year):
95%**

**National Average:
95%**



Christmas Card Competition 2024

**THE WINNING ENTRY WILL BE USED FOR LEICESTER
DBE'S OFFICIAL CHRISTMAS CARD FOR 2024
& BE SENT OUT NATIONWIDE!**

**THE WINNING PUPIL WILL RECEIVE
A £10 BOOK TOKEN.**

Entries can be hand drawn, painted or electronically
produced & should be either A4 or A5 in size.

Please note that designs should have a Christian-theme!

Scanned entries should be sent to nina.hern@leicesterDBE.org or
hard copies posted to Leicester DBE,
St Martin's House, 7 Peacock Lane, Leicester LE1 5PZ

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO INCLUDE THE PUPIL'S NAME
AND THE SCHOOL'S NAME!**

CLOSING DATE

**16:00 on
Friday 22 November**

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators TEACHING CHILDREN FIRE SAFETY

Fire safety is especially important around Bonfire Night, as fireworks, bonfires and sparklers add extra risks for families and young children. Every year in the UK, thousands of accidents occur due to improper handling of fireworks and neglecting fire safety measures. This guide offers practical tips for keeping children safe when handling everything from fireworks to space heaters.

1 BONFIRE NIGHT AWARENESS

Bonfire Night is exciting, but it comes with several inherent risks. Educate children about the dangers of fireworks and open flames. Teach them that only adults should handle fireworks and that bonfires should never be approached. Keep children at a safe distance (at least five metres away) from bonfires and explain why supervision is crucial during these events.



2 SUPERVISE FIREWORK USE

Fireworks should only be handled by responsible adults who are following UK laws and guidelines. Make sure to buy fireworks that meet British Standards and adhere to all instructions that come with them. Keep children at a suitable distance from any firework activity and designate an adult to supervise the event. Ensure no one goes near fireworks after they've been lit.



3 SPARKLER SAFETY

Sparklers are often captivating for little ones, but they can burn at extremely high temperatures – over 1,000 °C! Only allow children over the age of five to use sparklers, and make sure they wear gloves. Teach them to hold sparklers at arm's length and never wave them near others. Once a sparkler has burned out, extinguish it fully in a bucket of water – which you should prepare beforehand and always keep nearby.

4 ORGANISED DISPLAYS ARE SAFER

If possible, families should attend an organised fireworks display rather than holding one at home. These tend to be far safer as they're run by professionals adhering to strict safety regulations. Organised displays also provide a controlled environment where children can enjoy the event from a safe distance, reducing the risk of accidents.



5 KEEP FIREWORKS AWAY FROM THE HOME

If you are hosting your own fireworks display, set them off well away from homes, sheds or fences to avoid starting accidental fires. Choose a wide-open space with no flammable materials nearby and keep a means of putting out fires to hand in case of emergency – such as a bucket of water, a hose or a fire extinguisher. Afterwards, ensure that all fireworks are fully extinguished and never attempt to relight one if it doesn't go off.



6 BONFIRE SAFETY

If you're building a bonfire, place it well away from trees, buildings, fences or anything else flammable. Make sure it's structurally sound and not at risk of collapsing. Only burn natural materials like wood and leaves, avoiding petrol or other accelerants. Children should be kept far away from the bonfire, and it should always be supervised by adults. Be sure to fully extinguish the bonfire before you leave it.



7 "STOP, DROP AND ROLL"

Ensure that children know what to do if their clothing catches fire. Teach them the simple "stop, drop and roll" technique, which can quickly extinguish flames. Practice this with them before events like Bonfire Night, so they feel confident if the need to use it arises. It can also be helpful to keep another means of putting out these kinds of fires on standby, just in case. An extinguisher or flame-retardant blanket are both sound choices.



8 SECURE CANDLES AND OPEN FLAMES

Beyond Bonfire Night, everyday fire safety is also crucial. Candles can be a common fire hazard, especially in homes with young children. Teach children not to touch any open flames, and ensure candles are placed in sturdy holders away from combustible materials. Never leave candles, incense burners or other such items unattended, and always extinguish them fully before leaving a room or going to bed.



9 EDUCATE ABOUT FIREWORKS HAZARDS

Make sure children understand the dangers of playing with fire or fireworks, and how to handle such things responsibly. Emphasise that fireworks are not toys and can cause serious injuries when improperly used. Demonstrate the importance of treating fire with respect and the consequences of misuse, which can help temper any curiosity and any resultant dangerous behaviour.



10 FIRST AID FOR BURNS

Even if you have the best possible precautions in place, accidents can still happen. Keep a first aid kit on hand. Ensure you know how to apply basic first aid to burns, so you can teach children those techniques too. If someone suffers a burn, run it under cool water for 20–30 minutes. Never use creams or ointments, as these retain heat and can cause further damage. Instead, seek medical help if the burn is serious.



Meet Our Expert

James Whelan is an experienced health and safety expert who is a Chartered Member of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health. He provides services to educational settings and many other industries, helping them to maintain a safe working environment.



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