

Offwell C of E Primary School

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Dear Friends and Families of Offwell,

Highlight of the Week:

Ash: Ash have had a super time on a treasure hunt for shiny and non-shiny things in our outside classroom. They have also had lots of fun making Pudsey biscuits and Pudsey ears for our Children in Need day.

Willow: Our welly walk – we used our imagination to inspire our writing about Ted.

Beech: Working out with Joe Wicks live session for Children in Need.

Oak: Using force meters to measure newtons and we learned about Sir Isaac Newton.



Today is Children in Need. We will all have paid at least a pound to wear non-uniform and take part in activities, such as Joe Wicks' workout, to raise money for those who need our help. Thank you!

Recent research carried out by Children in Need shows that the past 18 months have had a huge impact on the UK's children and young people. It has never been more important to keep funding life changing projects and charities, providing crucial services.

Last year, the money raised by Children in Need supported over 460,000 children and young people affected by a whole range of issues: poverty, disability, illness, distress or trauma, making sure that every child has access to the opportunities they deserve.

<https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/schools/primary-school/>

In fact, studies are starting to show that **kindness** – simple acts of charity or compassion - can be an incredibly powerful force that actually helps the helper, as well as those who are helped, as this report from Positive News explains: <https://www.positive.news/society/meet-the-educators-using-science-to-teach-kindness/>

There are resources available to encourage and teach Kindness, for example, from The British Red Cross, but you can also simply try to spread a little joy every day, simply by smiling at another person, as we discussed last week in Collective Worship...

<https://www.redcross.org.uk/get-involved/teaching-resources/kindness-resource-list>

Maths Hub If your child in Willow or Beech class said they had ten Maths teachers in their class yesterday, don't worry, they were not seeing things and they can count! We hosted teachers as part of the Jurassic Coast Maths Hub. This means that Mr Thomas and Miss Kirkland will be working with schools across Devon, over the next few years, to share best practice in the teaching of Maths. We believe this project will be of enormous benefit to our children's learning and achievement in maths.



Friday, 19th November 2021

Stars of the Week:

Ash – Freddie
Willow – Romily
Beech – Rowan & Amelia
Oak - Rory & Ava

Weekly House Points:

Attenborough: 74 Anning: 191

PE by Ava (Rugby)

PE in Oak is amazing. I really feel like I'm part of Oak Class. We have a great teacher who teaches PE, Miss Phillips, and we have PE on Monday and Tuesday. This term we are doing dance and tag rugby. A few weeks ago we had a professional rugby player, who plays for Exeter Chiefs, come to teach us a few tips about tag rugby.

PE by Amber (Dance)

In dance we are doing a space dance. In the dance we start with building the rocket in groups of 3 or 4 people. Then we have to get one rocket to blast off into space. The next part is when something goes wrong with the rocket. We haven't done it yet!

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Working Memory is so important, but we probably never give it a thought! It is the ability to hold information in your head and mentally manipulate it over short periods of time. It is a store of information that can help us to undertake more complex mental activities. Difficulties with it can affect:

- engagement/focus in class
- the need for more time and repetition
- the ability to follow instructions or directions
- academic progress, especially in reading and maths
- completing a task, especially when required to multi-task
- the need to constantly read and re-read text

Recognise any of this? Do not despair! There are many simple ways you can help your child:

- Memory games using picture cards or toys: cover and see how many remembered, or play pairs
- Board games which require memory skills, like Cluedo, or some card games.
- Provide lists of things to remember – Start with only a few things, then add other items to the list.
- Encourage the use of memory aids – wall charts for dates, times tables, or science facts.
- Encourage the use of memory strategies – such as mind-mapping, and writing things down in a related group. For example, if doing shopping, list all the items for the kitchen together, then for the bathroom, then clothing, etc
- Encourage the use of drawings – children with working memory difficulties can often remember things better if they have some sort of visual image of the item or the material.
- Use family outings to reinforce working memory without it being obvious to the child. A visit to a museum, a shopping outing, can all reinforce memory in a stress-free manner e.g: I-spy, or 'On the way to the shops I saw..' taking turns to add to and remember the list.
- Praise can be a natural motivator as long as your child feels the praise is genuine and deserved. It is important to let him/her know *why* he/she is being praised rather than just provide general praise.

Thai Street Food Night

Saturday Nov 20th at the club from the Jubilee Room. If you wish to see the menu please check out Face Book Offwell Sports and Social Club site, They will be open from 5.30-8.00pm. Bar will also be open. Ann Richards, Secretary Offwell Sports and Social Club.



Remember when ordering online to go through the Easy Fundraising Link which brings in money to the PTFA.

They are currently doing double donation until 21/11 and anyone who joins this month we will get an extra £15 once they raise their first £15 by following the link

attached.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/offwellcofeprimarypta/?invite=91Q14B&referral-campaign=c2s>

Lorna Legg

'Be healthy in body and strong in spirit and may all go well with you...'