



# Friday Letter for Parents and Carers

## 14th October 2022



### Headteacher Update

#### Diary Dates

##### October

17th Harvest Festival  
21st October Pumpkin Trail  
24-28th Half Term Holidays

##### November

18th Children in Need  
25th Training Day

This week you have a bumper edition of our newsletter! Due to the busyness of our Ofsted inspection last week we were unable to complete our publication.

We are eagerly awaiting the feedback following our inspection, after many stages of quality assurance, the report will be published and shared to all. Thank you to those who gave us smiles of encouragement last week!

As you know, we try to provide a range of parent workshops to help support strategies used in school into the home. I am pleased to announce our Spring term offer is a Makaton Level 1 parents course. This course will be lead by a Makaton tutor. Please see image to the right for more details. We wanted to give you plenty of notice to book time off work or save up for the manual costs. Bookings via Parent Pay will be sent to you next week to secure your place.



The preparations for Harvest Festival are in full swing as well as our Pumpkin trail to finish what has been a very busy but exciting half term!

*Olivia* Have a lovely autumnal weekend, Olivia

**MAKATON LEVEL 1 TRAINING**

Tuesday 24th January 9.15am - 2.45pm  
at Hob Moor Oaks School  
Cost: £20 (course manual)

**Learn all about the Makaton Language Programme**  
The session includes:

- Discussing commonly asked questions
- Hints and tips for effective signing and symbol use
- How to start using Makaton in everyday situations

You will also learn the signs and symbols from Stages 1 & 2 and some additional Core Vocabulary

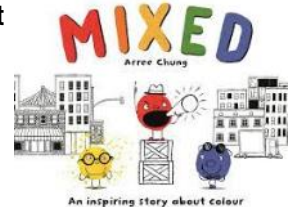
**Come learn in a relaxed and friendly environment**

To secure a place please pay via ParentPay

### Buds



Buds have been enjoying activities linked to our topic 'My family'. We have been developing listening and comprehension skills through our class text 'Mixed' which we have enjoyed as a sensory story. We have also been developing our imaginative play skills by following structured play routines with our meerkat family. Caring for the baby meerkat Oleg has been a big hit in Buds. We have been incorporating photos of our own families into our learning and they are on display in our home corner in the classroom.





Becky Thompson, hairdresser, is available to come into school on Friday 4th November and Friday 9th December. Please update the care diary to inform class teams if you have arranged a haircut. Contact Becky on 07793432898 (£8.00 per cut)



# Saplings

This week Saplings class have been enjoying the Autumn sunshine in our outdoor provision and have been practising our gross and fine motor physical development skills. We have been on a 'nature walk' in our playground, looking for birds and trees. Saplings have used mega-blocks and mark-making activities to develop our fine motor skills. We have been exploring lots of lovely Autumnal activities including pumpkin sensory play and hot chocolate drinking!



## Hob Moor Oaks Heroes of the Week

Abby Moyle for completing her Level 3 Teaching Assistant Qualification. Well done for completing this alongside working full time and being a mummy!

Happy Birthday this week  
and last week to:  
Skylar, Benjamin, Logan &  
Louie



### City Screen- Autism Friendly Screening

Abominable is to be screened on Sunday 16th October the screening will start promptly at 11.15am. All tickets for this show cost £3.00. Please could wheelchair users book in advance so they can have enough spaces available. Please contact the cinema, if you should have any special requirements on 01904 612940 or email [cath.s@picturehouses.co.uk](mailto:cath.s@picturehouses.co.uk). Thank you



## Pumpkin Hunt- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October

We will be celebrating Halloween at Hob Moor Oaks on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October. All Hob Moor Oaks pupils will be participating in a Pumpkin Hunt across the school grounds and pupils are welcome to wear Halloween Fancy Dress to school that day.



## Golden Leaf Award 7th October 2022

Seedlings	Milena for very focused looking whilst doing her artwork
Blossoms	Luke for improved transition and engagement in soft play session
Green Shoots	Oliver for demonstrating and developing his joint attention skills during bucket time
Twigs	Hussein for independent exploration of classroom resources
Saplings	Elizabeth for signing 'yes' in response to a question
Branches	Harry for generalising his jumping skills from PE sessions with Dan to the classroom provision
Buds	Rowan for making excellent progress recognising sounds in Phonics
Roots	George for great use of his communication folder to initiate requests of actions in soft play
Trunks	Thomas for focusing his attention during our communication session
Boughs	Kacper for fantastic role play with his peers- making his own props to aid in re-telling the story
Oak Leaves	Tilly for telling the class all about her new baby brother
Catkins	Tristan for communicating with his friends in full sentences during Lego therapy sessions using his device
Woods	Asher for being a kind friend
Oak Trees	Lauren for being a super star in all her learning
	<b>Olivia's Outstanding Award</b>
	Alfie for having 100% attendance so far this year. It is wonderful to have you back in school and in good health!

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Seedlings	Dylan for fantastic engagement in sensory play
Blossoms	Lily for positive engagement and communication in all group time sessions
Green Shoots	Max for his focus and engagement during his POP Reading sessions
Twigs	Emmie for wonderful engagement during colour tent session
Saplings	Theo for excellent communication!
Branches	Lorenzo for purposeful exploration of the class room provision and environment
Buds	Harry for developing role play skills and following play based task plans in the provision
Roots	Ignas for clearly saying SATPIN sounds and writing them when prompted
Trunks	Athena for walking all the way to and from the swimming pool to her changing room!
Boughs	Louie for being a kind friend, congratulating them on winning a game. Fantastic sportsmanship Louie!
Oak Leaves	Harrison for doing amazing eating in the dining hall! Well done Harrison!
Catkins	Matteo for brilliant subtraction work in maths
Woods	Poppy for beautiful singing and signing in Makaton
Oak Trees	Keyleanne for brilliant independent problem solving in Lego Therapy
	<b>Olivia's Outstanding Award</b>
	Sophie for developing her arm and hand strength during MATP sessions, well done Sophie!