**Oak Class Newsletter 9**  **Friday 07.07.2017**

This week was Science Week – and what a busy week it was! On Tuesday, the children showed their fantastic attitudes to school life during our new-style Sports Day. All pupils were allowed to choose which activities they tried – and we were over the moon to see Oak Class joining in at *all* of the stations! What stars we are! We are very grateful to you all for your positivity on the day, especially to those of you who have more than one child at Ellwood School. It must have been tricky to support them all. Oak Class enjoyed using different skills throughout the afternoon – and for the less-confident amongst us, we felt excited about joining in with the fun. The track events tend to require more bravery and some children feel unable to participate – so hopefully you’ll agree that the throwing/rolling/jumping events were successful in offering fun for all. Each of us earned ten house points for our house – which meant we all won an immediate prize from our prize box. We have also all received a certificate for our super participation.

After Sports Day, we wrote about our favourite events. Our writing is absolutely fantastic! We are becoming very independent and our sentences are really impressing all of the adults at school. After talking about the relay event, Alfie suggested that we should have our own relay in our houses. This morning, we split into our houses and used the track to race against each other. It was lots of fun and we were all great sports.

In Literacy, we learnt about Tim Peake – the British astronaut who stayed on the International Space Station for six months. We know many, many facts about him and without any adult help, we have each written about him and his successes! When we were finding out about his experiences, the children’s engagement was superb. We have enjoyed playing in our own space station and the language that we use is superb. On the Newsround website, there is a host of incredible film clips of Tim in space which you might enjoy watching with your child. We have learnt another ‘space’ song about a trip to the moon, and when we are playing in our space station, we spontaneously burst into song, which makes the adults smile lots! We have read lots of books, including ‘Little Tom and the Trip to the Moon’ and ‘Astro – The Robot Dog’.

With Mrs Rees, we enjoyed another Forest Adventure today. We are very grateful to her for sharing her expertise with us and for providing us with such wonderful memories. Thank you also to Charlie and Oscar’s Mum, Mrs Sheppard, Mrs Morris and Mrs Gilmour for making sure our adventure could go ahead. As always, we are extremely grateful!

In our Mathematics work, we have used blast-off countdowns to practise counting backwards from 20. We have also revised our work on addition and subtraction of two single-digit numbers. For the first time, we have tried addition sentences mixed in with subtraction sentences – so we had to look really closely at the symbol to decide whether to add on or take away. It was tricky and Mrs Breakwell is very proud of us.

As part of Science Week, we investigated marble runs. We wanted to explore how to keep the marble moving for the longest time, without it falling to the ground. We had lots of fun with a range of large, loose parts, like gutters and pipes. We enjoyed using stop watches to time the run and Mrs Clements was proud of our efforts when we told her about our ideas for keeping the marble moving.

**NOTICES**

**Reading Books**

Please remember to aim for at least five minutes of daily reading with your child. Regular book-sharing makes a huge difference to the children’s progress and attainment in reading.

**Lost Property**

Please have a look at home for **Harry’s PE kit**. It is in an Ellwood School kit bag and it has been missing since we returned after the half term holiday. We hope to find it very soon.

**Alfie’s red sun cap has been found! ☺**

Please let us know if you would like anything added to the newsletter.

Don’t forget that I am available at the end of each day (when all of the children have been safely collected) if you wish to discuss anything.

Many thanks,

**Mrs. S Breakwell**