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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Re.: MoneySense: Making Sense of Money

At Oaks Primary Academy, we are very proud to have become one of the first schools in the country to be invited to take part in the new MoneySense School Accreditation programme. This accreditation will recognise our commitment to teaching our pupils how to use money safely and responsibly. We will be joined tomorrow (Tuesday 26th) by volunteers from NatWest to run workshops with classes from Year 1 up to Year 6.

Sparrow Class will be learning about how we use money, and how it can be spent, saved or donated. They will also explore the difference between 'needs' and 'wants.'

Blackbirds and **Woodpeckers** will learn about budgeting. They will need to plan and make costings for a birthday party, thinking about how to spend their budget wisely and where they can make savings.

Blue Jays, Kingfishers and **Chaffinches** are going to become crime detectives to solve a case as part of their workshop to help them better understand the dangers of identity theft and fraud.

Each pupil will receive a certificate for successfully participating in their workshop and they will also receive goody bags, which will be awarded next week; we are very grateful to the bank volunteers for giving up their time to help us run these workshops.

The MoneySense website mymoneysense.com has a 'Parents' section where you can download activities to do with your child at home. There is also a 'Students' section for 5-8 year-olds and 8-12 year-olds with games, videos and interactive activities they can explore independently. Your child can also visit a Virtual Bank to experience the services that can be found in a real bank branch.

Keep an eye on our Twitter page [@lat_oaksprimary](https://twitter.com/@lat_oaksprimary) this week for some photos from the workshops and be sure to chat with your child tomorrow about what they learned.

Kind regards,
Mrs Mehigan