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The History department were lucky enough to have organised a visit for Year 7 pupils to attend an exhibition celebrating the life and legend of King Tutankhamun at the Saatchi Gallery in the morning and then enjoy an afternoon exploring the Natural History Museum. All pupils in attendance were able to interact with History outside of the classroom and develop their knowledge further of Ancient Egyptian culture as well as begin to prepare themselves for Year 8 Geography and Science by investigating the impacts and effects of Volcanoes and Earthquakes. The day was a huge success and all staff and pupils involved took great pride in representing Oakfield Academy in the capital.

GOODBYE!

To our Year 6 Tutor and PE Teacher
Mr Uren who is leaving us to explore exciting
new career opportunities. We will be very
sad to see him leave, but wish him every
success in the future!

VACANCY—We are currently recruiting a KS2 Teacher for one term. Closing date 5th March. For more details and application form, please visit our website. Thank you.



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A large font version of the newsletter is available from Reception.





Thank You

To all the amazing companies who have donated prizes to our fundraising Bingo Night, all staff and pupils are extremely grateful.

Family Pass Centre Parcs Family Pass Butlins Family Pass Swindon Ice Rink £20 Voucher Radstock Co-op Westway £20 Voucher Chandlers Coaches 2 Adult Tickets East Somerset Railway **Family Pass to Roves Farm Visitor Centre** £10 Voucher Frome Memorial Theatre **Family Pass Cowtastic** Family Passes to Funways Softplay Warminster **Family Swim Warminster Sports Centre** 3 Litre Box of Lilley's Cider 1x Cat and 1x Dog Hamper from Garston Vets **Beer from Box Brewery** 2 Storage boxes and various items from Wilkos Wine from Recognition Express









Yr 6 visit MENDIP ACTIVITY CENTRE

DATES: June 22nd (O&R), 23rd (A&C), and 24th (N&S)

COST: £30.00

PAYMENT: Parentpay, Cash/Cheque directly to the Office

For paperless replies on Parentpay please choose 'Pay for other items' and MENDIP will take you to the appropriate section

ACTIVITIES: Active Archery and Disc Golf TIMINGS: 9am—4pm



KS3 Author visit to Cheese & Grain

On 14th February a large group of KS3 pupils visited the Cheese & Grain for an Author Roadshow organised by Chicken House. It was a fantastic event and pupils listened to three brilliant authors—James Nicol, Emma Read and Holly Rivers.

World Book Day - Thursday 5th March 2020

Our Literacy Team have put together a marvellous day of activities. There will be tremendous prizes for our four competitions—Dress Up—Diorama—Photography—Quiz. Miss Hall explained the competitions during assemblies recently. We are also having a writing competition sponsored by ex-pupil and published author KERRY WILKINSON. Pupils will need to complete a story that Kerry has started. Shortlisted entries will be emailed to Kerry who now lives in Canada. The two main winners (KS2 & KS3) will receive a Kindle Paperwhite and runners up will receive faux leather journals, Writer's Survival Kits and Story Cubes. This is the biggest competition the English Department have ever organised!

VISITORS TO OAKFIELD ACADEMY

Oakfield Academy warmly welcomed visitors from Wuhan City from the 12th-18th January with all pupils and staff involved having a fabulous time with them. It allowed our own pupils to expand their cultural horizons and helped them in becoming global citizens. Following advice from Public Health England, they have reassured us that there is no risk to any of our pupils or staff and provided us with some guidance that we can offer if parents request it. Mr McGrath, Deputy Headteacher

On behalf of Mrs Nightingale, please can we thank everybody who supported our recent cake sale in aid of Australian wildlife injured in the bushfires. A spectacular total of £442 was raised which was incredible. We have never before seen so many cakes donated and so many staff and pupils wanting to buy them at break and lunch time. The queue went across the quad area at one point!! Well done to the amazing helpers on the day who gave up their own time to set up and sell the cakes



Novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV)

If you have a cough, or fever, or shortness of breath and have been to any of these places in the last 14 days:

- China
- Taiwan
- Thailand
- Singapore
- Japan
- Malaysia
- Republic of Korea
- Macau

Hong Kong

Stay indoors and call NHS 111

If you have been to Wuhan, or Hubei Province, China in the last 14 days ...

> Stay indoors and contact NHS 111 even if you do not have symptoms



Visit NHS.UK for more information

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DIARY DATES

w/c 17 February Half Term Holidays

24 February Term 4

28 February
5 March
9 & 10 March
10 March
Fundraisers Spring Bingo
World Book Day
Yr 8 'Make it Happen'
Fundraisers Meeting 6pm

11 March 'Time in a Bottle' Yr 7
Workshop

13 March Sports Relief

17 March Yr 8 Girls & Boys HPV

vaccinations

18 March UKMT Maths Challenge School Photos, Yrs 6 7 8 Bikeability Training (spaces available)

24 April Easter Bingo Night
26 March Yr 8 visit to SS Gt Britain
4-19 April Easter Holidays
30 April UK Maths Challenge
8 May Bank Holiday (**Friday**)

w/c 11 May Yr 6 SATS

15 May SATS Reward Trip
W/c 18 May Yr 7 & 8 Exam Week
22 May 5C & 5N visit Stonehenge
W/c 25 May Half Term holidays
W/c 1 June Yr 7 Charterhouse Trips
1 June Frome College Head of

House Yr 8 interviews

10 June Yr 7 Public Speaking

semi finals

w/c 22 June Yr 5 Arts Week
w/c 22 June Yr 6 Enterprise Week
22 23 24 June Yr 6 Summer Trips
24 June Yr 5 Poetry Slam semis
29 June Welcome to Yrs 6 7 8 for

current Yrs 5 6 7 (5-6pm)

29 June New Parents Evening (7-8.30pm)

1 July Transition Day

2 July Yr 5 Poetry Slam finals



We Hear You at Oakfield

We Hear You (WHY) is a local charity that provides free counselling for anyone affected by cancer or a life threatening condition. WHY offers sessions in school on Thursdays.

"Counselling can be nerve wracking, but once you get used to it, you feel like you get to know the counsellor. Sometimes when I had a really stressful week, I used to really look forward to coming on a Thursday to talk about my week."

To refer your child for counselling, contact Nikki Applegate at Oakfield Academy.

Wehearyou.org.uk Reg Charity No 1156001

Oakfield Fundraisers Bingo Night



Our Spring Bingo Night will take place on Friday 28th February 2019

Doors open 6pm, Eyes down 6.30pm Bingo books £1.00 each, or 6 for £5.00 Themed Hampers, Special Flyer Game Light refreshments available,

everyone welcome

Entrance tickets £1 per person to be bought in advance from our Reception—price of tickets redeemable when buying bingo books.

Internet Safety

- 1. Only talk to people you know and trust in real life.
- 2. Don't give away personal information to strangers like what street you live on, or where you go to school. Say "no" if they ask you to share photos or videos of yourself.
- 3. Set your profiles to private.
- 4. Be 'share aware' once you share something online, you've got no control over what anyone else does with it. And it's illegal to take, share or view sexual images of under-18s, full stop.
- 5. Be mindful of your digital footprint it could come back to bite you.
- 6. If you see something upsetting, or someone bullies you, tell an adult you trust.
- 7. Don't assume everything you see is true to life. People often make their lives look more exciting online.
- 8. Watch out for hoaxes and scams, like messages you're asked to pass on or that ask you for payment details or passwords.
- 9. Be wary of schemes that promise easy cash in return for you receiving and transferring money, and don't be fooled by anything that glamorises gang lifestyles.
- 10. Watch out for loot boxes or other ways that games get you to pay—before you know it you can spend a lot of money on them.