



OAKFIELD ACADEMY
BELIEVE AND ACHIEVE

“SCHOOL CLOSURE”

EDITION NUMBER THREE

Thursday 23rd
April 2020



Thank you to Acres Garden Supplies for their kind donation of flowers for pupils of key worker parents to plant over Easter.

‘Shout Out for Erin Ross-Osborne ...

It will not be a surprise to those who know Erin Ross-Osborne that she has been writing her amazing short stories at home. Please enjoy the opening of her brilliant 'Angus and the Wind Monster' stories:-

Angus woke from his slumber. The noise came again. A faint howling noise. It was back, a cold shiver ran up his spine. The noise was loud and scary, it had to be a monster because monsters are loud and scary. Sissy seemed not to hear it, but Angus could.

Angus jumped to his feet and ran into the kitchen. Sissy followed him. Once they got into the kitchen, she walked to the kitchen counter and made a hot chocolate for herself.

The noise was getting louder, and Sissy was still taking no notice of it. Now she was writing her novel! Angus had to do something!

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

As part of our exciting Infinity Curriculum development department and year teams now have their own email addresses that are listed here and are on our Little Lessons page on the website. Please see the letter regarding this development in communications with how best to use this facility. We will also be running a Subject Surgery for each department; a time when the department email inbox will be monitored live by staff and pupils/parents can receive feedback on their questions etc as they ask them. These will be half hour slots once a week and the schedule can be found underneath and on the Little Lesson page.

SUBJECT	SUBJECT SURGERY TIME
English	Monday 27th 10.30-11.00
Maths	Monday 27th 10.00-10.30
Science	Monday 27th 10.30-11.00
History	Monday 27th 9.30-10.00
Geography	Monday 27th 10.00-10.30
PE	Tuesday 28th 10.30-11.00
DT	Monday 27th 9.00-9.30
French	Tuesday 28th 9.00-9.30
Spanish	Tuesday 28th 9.30-10.00
Music	Wednesday 29th 9.00-9.30
Art	Monday 27th 9.00-9.30
Computing	Monday 27th 9.00-9.30



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Follow us on Facebook and Twitter via our website.

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



Wonderful Writing

Well done Hugo Holcombe in 7N, you are an inspiration. Your vocabulary choices and expanded noun phrases are impressive and ambitious. I am thrilled to receive work like this. Keep it up. **Miss Hall**

'I look outside and see wonderful things, the bright blue sky is pristine and unscathed, the leaves dancing in the crystal clear wind. Dragonflies zoom past like rockets. The cars are rooted to the road, like walls that are thousands of years old, trees swaying like banners in the breeze. This is a million miles away from my old home, this is a garden of wonder, a cool breeze blows past, stirring up the beautiful flowers in the centre of the garden. Birds brazenly glide past, taking in the beautiful sights, a fragrant scent overwhelms my senses, leaving the smell of mint behind. In my old home the only smell would be of smog and industrial fumes, here, everything is silent and calm, here, everything is relaxing, and most of all, here, everything is tranquil.'

Science

Head to the science page on little lessons to try out one of Mr Gough's weekly science challenges!

Mr Gough also recommends you check out the website <https://www.century.tech/> which combines science, AI and neuroscience. **Good luck!**

[Homepage - CENTURY](#)

CENTURY is an integral part of our Trust's digital drive for education. Students have an individual pathway, staff have live analysis and control of workload, making their feedback more accurate and responsive. We see a desire to succeed from all.

Sharon Bruton, Chief Executive Officer

www.century.tech

Oakfield Academy's Rewards

We see our pupils and staff doing wonderful things at Oakfield every week. We reward these in many ways from smilies, merits, certificates, shout outs and if they've gone over and above, infinity awards. We don't want this to stop while most of our pupils are at home. We've recently been amazed by the effort pupils, staff and members of the community have shown and we'd like you to be able to share with us and nominate. If you know a pupil, a parent or a staff member that has gone that extra step for example working really hard on a project, helped with household chores or shown resilience when they felt like giving up, why not give them a shout out here in our weekly newsletter? For those who have gone that extra mile, demonstrating one or more of our core concepts you could nominate them for an Oakfield infinity award. Nominations will be shown weekly in the newsletter and each month, winners will receive their infinity badge and nomination card in the post. Good luck! Please send your nominations to the office via

oakfieldacademy@educ.somerset.gov.uk

Shout Outs This week: -

Josh Honnor 7N	Emily Honnor 6O
Charlotte 5R	Oliver Squirrell 5R
Tom A-C 5R	Ruben Byne 6S
Joey White 6S	Isobel Gregory 6O
Jacob H 6S	Fay Rogers 5O
Erin Ross-Osborne 7R	Emily Andrews 8A
Imogen Sharp 7N	
Freddie Ornia-Blanca 5N	
Logan Hallybone 5A	Oliver Andrews 5A

Oakfield Academy's Community Rewards

NAME	CORE CONCEPTS	REASON
Acres Supply Garden Centre	Integrity	Kindly donating plants to the academy for the children of key workers to enjoy
Joe Wicks	Morals & Ethics	Keeping the nation active during lockdown and donating tens of thousands of pounds to the NHS

Writing Competition

A message from Miss Hall; Welcome back from your Easter Holidays! I hope you have all enjoyed the Easter holidays and are eager to get back to your home learning. So, what can you do to keep working on your English skills?

Read and write!

Keep your daily reading up. Apart from being highly enjoyable, it is an excellent way to maintain your comprehension skills – as long as you explore your books on a deeper level. At each key point ask yourself the key question: who, what, when and where? Then, ask the deeper questions: why or how? Have a go at some of Reading Challenge tasks in the Little Lessons section on the website. And, of course, keep up with your AR quizzes.

Extended Deadline for our Kerry Wilkinson Writing Competition

As you will be aware, we launched our best ever writing competition on World Book Day in conjunction with Kerry Wilkinson, best-selling author and ex-pupil of Oakfield Academy. Kerry has offered to judge our short story competition and has donated some incredible prizes for the winners.

Thank you to those who have already submitted their excellent stories already. Unfortunately, the schools were shut before our deadline was reached which has meant that some of our best writers did not have the chance to complete and submit their stories for the competition. This is why we are extending the deadline and giving you the chance to get writing at home.

In order to participate in this competition, please go to our Little Lessons page where you will find the starter for your story written by Kerry himself. All you need to do is complete the story using your vivid imagination and best writing skills.

Please remember to paragraph, check your grammar, punctuation and spelling so that your work will be shown to its best advantage. Remember, it is more difficult to read a good story if the paragraphs and sentences are not clear. Try to keep it to around three sides of A4.

How to submit your entry

Rest assured, I have kept all the entries that have already been submitted safely so they will automatically be submitted. If you wish to redraft a new submission please indicate on your piece that this is a redraft and I will remove your first draft from the submissions.

If you are submitting a new entry, please email it to oakfieldacademy@educ.somerset.gov.uk for the attention of Miss Hall by May 31st 2020. Make sure that you put your full name – first name and surname - plus your year group clearly on your piece.

I can't wait to read your stories!

Good luck and happy writing. **Miss Hall**



Art Pupils have embraced their Art little lessons over Easter break and it is a pleasure to see what Logan Hallybone from 5A has created. Please send any photos of your child's art work you would like included in future newsletters to:-
Art@Oakfieldacademy.org



Erin Ross-Osborne from, 7R helps dad with DIY and improves her own DT skills—well done!

why...
we hear you
Cancer
Counselling



Short story competition

Tell us a story and combat the isolation blues!



500 words or less - any subject

Category One: 5 to 9 years

Category Two: 10 to 14 years

Win a book from Hunting Raven



Judges:
Tina Gaisford-Waller
(Hunting Raven Books)
and children's author
Michelle Robinson

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live books. live reading



Entries to fundraising@wehearyou.org.uk

Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a SENCO, for application form and job description, please visit our website.

Thank you.



Emily Honnpr frm 6O was delighted with her salt dough statue of Keith Haring's work!

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/howto/guide/how-make-salt-dough-recipe>



Pictured is Freddie (5N) working from home. He has researched the history of video games, made a poster and presented the information to the rest of the family. Freddie has also learned how to program on Scratch and developed a simple game. He has also researched various planets and wrote a factual piece about them. MyMaths has also taken up a lot of his time—but that doesn't make a great picture! :-)

Jopshua Honnor from 7N wanted to share some of the modelling work that he has completed recently.

