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Pupils support Sgt. Rachel Clarke with her fund raising for 'We Hear You' a local cancer counselling charity. Almost every pupil ran a mile during the day, which fortunately was bright and sunny. Many staff also completed the run, including Ms Wilkes who ran the specially made course two times! Pupils were incredibly supportive of the activity and a total of £73.37 was donated from pocket money.

Great job everybody!

Donations can be made at:-

https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/365forWHY



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Ryan-John Hodges from 6N took part in a Tapathon on Sunday 17th November for 'Children in Need' . It was an attempt to set a new record for the number of people tapping at the same time to the same piece of music all over the country – record still to be verified. Ryan is a member of 'Centre Stage Perform', which is based in Warminster. The dance school raised £510 for 'Children in Need'.

## **Important Road Safety Message**

We are delighted to announce that following the academy contacting the Traffic Management & Road Safety Team at County Hall, they have confirmed that the **School Keep Clear** road marking will be refurbished in the near future. Please can we request again that if you are dropping off or picking up your child by car, you do this away from the front of

the academy and observe the parking restrictions that are in place between 8am and 5pm. Thank you for supporting our road safety improvement efforts.



## **Great news for the Maths Department**

A massive WELL DONE to all the pupils and staff involved in MATHS WEEK ENGLAND last week. The 30 KS2 pupils involved in the Primary Maths Challenge were so enthusiastic and excited which was such a joy to see. It was the first time we have entered this competition and the pupils have responded brilliantly to it. We have 4 pupils whose names have been put forward for the final round of the competition on Feb 2020.

Certificates will be presented in the next KS2 assembly...but I'm keeping the bronze, silver and gold winners a secret until then!

Almost 500 pupils took part in the TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS competition which was amazing!. They showed committment in their lunchtimes and evenings ....and a big thank you to those teachers who also let them take part in ICT and maths lessons.

Around 3000 schools across England took part and Oakfield Academy came 268th in the whole country. Please praise all pupils who took part and thank them for their hard work, time and effort....especially:-

5 Pythagoras - highest scoring class Alice Gilpin - top scorer Arty Mitchard - 2nd highest scorer Xavi Bennett - 3rd highest scorer

Further results for each maths class can be found here. <a href="https://play.ttrockstars.com/ttrs/online/tournaments?t=maths-week-england&t2=pupil-results">https://play.ttrockstars.com/ttrs/online/tournaments?t=maths-week-england&t2=pupil-results</a>

Certificates (and prizes!) will be presented in the next KS2 and KS3 assemblies to the 3 top classes plus highest scorer in each maths class.

#### Miss Penny



Our new Change Pioneer Club

#### VISIT TO SEE BOURNEMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

On Friday 15th November 50 pupils from Oakfield Academy had an exciting trip to St Augustine's Catholic College in Trowbridge to watch a concert performed by an ensemble from the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra. Their focus for the concert was the 'bass' section of the orchestra so our pupils were treated to some professional insights and performances from the bassoon, tuba, double bass, trombone and various percussion instruments. Upon interviewing some of our pupils after the concert it seemed that the clear favourites were the performances of 'Game of Thrones' theme tune as well as the theme for the 'Now TV' advert. Ms Parsons was very excited by a performance of the opening to Stravinsky's ballet 'The Rite of Spring' on the bassoon, especially as our current year 7 pupils studied this composer and watched the ballet last year in year 6.

Congratulations to Evie Pearson in 6A who conducted the professional ensemble so beautifully during a little interactive session. All of our pupils demonstrated superb etiquette when being an audience and they also asked as well as answered questions intelligently and thoughtfully. Thank you to St Augustine's for hosting such an enjoyable and educational event. We all had a wonderful time.

#### Ms Parsons, Head of Performing Arts







A reminder that we are a collection point for Fair Frome.
Donations for their food bank can be brought to the academy reception and we will ensure that they are passed on for allocation to families in Frome and the surrounding area.



# Additional INSET day

The academy will be closed to pupils on Tuesday 7th January to enable whole staff INSET. Pupils will therefore return on Wednesday 8th January following the Christmas Holidays. Apologies for any inconvenience.

### DIARY DATES

26 November Parent Info Sessions

2.00-3.00pm & 6-7.00pm

27 November 70 CPR Training

29 November Evening Lantern Parade

2 December Yr 5 'Telling a Tale'

Workshop

3 December Shepton Prison visit

4 December 7R CPR Training

4 December Yr 6 Christmas Shows 6 December

Art trip to Hauser Wirth

Gallery Bruton

7 December Christmas Fair

10 & 12 Dec Yr 8 Options Workshop

with Frome College

11 December Yr 6 Pantomime Trip

7N CPR Training 11 December

18 December Yrs 5/6 Flu Vaccinations

18 December Yrs 5/6/7 Road Safety Talks

18 December 7S CPR Training

19 December Christmas Lunch and

Christmas Jumper Day

20 December Replacement swim for 5R

20 December Last day of Term 2

FINISH 2pm

21 Dec-5 Jan Christmas Holidays

6 January **INSET Day** 

7 January

29 January

Additional INSET Day

8 January Term 3, pupils return

Yr 6 Subject Parents Eve 16 January 20 & 23 Jan Yr 8 Subject Parents Eve

Vocal Workshop with

Mark De-Lisser at Frome College

Angels from the Year 6 lantern workshop are on display in the town hall if you are passing by. Or see them all lit up in the parade, 29th November.



Our recent MUFTI day raised £405, and there was a wonderful selection of items donated for the Christmas Fair Hampers.

The money will be divided between Children in Need and the Oakfield Fundraisers. Thank you everybody!

We just wanted to share the fantastic drawing created by Edie Ray in 8C. Edie was commissioned by the academy to produce a drawing of our school—we cannot believe what a beautiful job she has done.

