

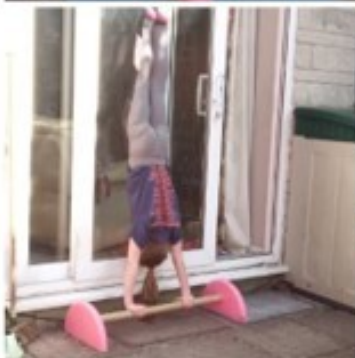


OAKFIELD ACADEMY
BELIEVE AND ACHIEVE

“SCHOOL CLOSURE”

EDITION NUMBER SIX

**Thursday 14th
May 2020**



EXPANDING PROVISION

Thank you so much for your patience and understanding while we grapple with recent announcements and multiple sets of guidance and plan what any potential expansion might be able to look like for Oakfield families and the wider community. We are still planning and next week we will be surveying staff and parents to understand what is wanted; what is possible; what is safe. We will continue to support our children of key workers and to identify where this group is growing in need. We will continue to support vulnerable children in need of our provision and then we will seek to safely offer space where desired. Families WILL NOT be penalised for choosing to stay at home. More details to follow next week.

Miss Wilkes



It's fantastic to see some of the photos and videos coming in of our pupils keeping active doing PE at home. Freya Keirl 5R is enjoying doing gymnastics and running after completing the Joe Wicks workouts too. Great to see the variety of exercise Freya! Isabelle McGruther has been keeping up her training for Gymnastics, using her garden. Amazing photos and great work with the beam, bar and any equipment she could find in her garden 😊. Oliver McGruther has been keeping himself fit and making the most of the weather by training out in the garden too. Thank you all for keeping active and maintaining your PE at home. If anyone else would like to share your photos and videos with us, please email: pe@oakfieldacademy.org Keep fit everyone and take care. **Miss Pullen**



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



14 May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Prime Minister's Announcement – Coronavirus and Schools

The Government is asking educational settings to prepare to extend provision beyond the current arrangements, from the beginning of June, depending on the national position with the COVID-19 virus.

Initially the extension of provision will involve early years settings/nurseries and primary schools - Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 only, with some face to face support for Years 10 and 12 – you can find the full details here: [https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educationalsettings-from-1-june](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june).

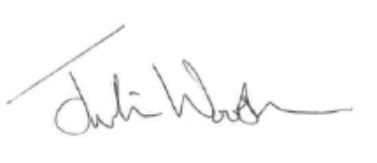
Until the 1 June at least the current DfE guidance remains in place which is that schools and early years providers are still 'closed' to all, but the children of essential and key workers or vulnerable children as defined in the current guidance. This can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-schoolclosures/guidance-for-schools-about-temporarily-closing>.

From June onwards settings and schools' priority will be to continue to make provision available for vulnerable children and children of key workers. Not all schools or settings will be able to offer full time provision to the identified year groups given the guidance they have to follow around pupil numbers, safe working and also staff availability. This may lead to a range of arrangements being put in place e.g. part-time provision, staggered start and finish times, and short weeks.

Headteachers and Early Years leaders will be contacting you to advise what provision they will be able to make as soon as they are able to. Schools will receive the full support of Somerset County Council services including public health to plan the extension of provision. Each educational setting is different, and we all need to support the professionalism and judgement of education leaders who will be making difficult decisions over the next few weeks and months, based on the context of their school, setting and community.

I appreciate that this position may cause difficulties for some of you but I would ask that you understand that early years providers, and headteachers and staff in schools have been working under a huge amount of pressure during 'lockdown' and they need time to plan in detail and make adequate preparations in order to be able to 're-open' for your children, safely and effectively. Finally, thank you for all that you are doing during these incredibly challenging times to support and work with your local school or early years setting.

Yours sincerely



Julian Wooster
Director of Children's Services



Hugo White 7A Youtube'd football skills tutorials and then practiced them in his garden.



Isabelle McGruther 5R and her brother Oliver 7S have kept themselves busy with a variety of tasks including cookery and shelter making.



Cloe Manaia 7N creating another fantastic cake—look out Mary Berry!



Joshua Honnor 7N prepares to do the BBC Bitesize lesson today on soluble /insoluble substances.



Cloe's baking

Lockdown haiku
by Artie Scholefield 80

Two metres apart
chatting with friends
through a screen
Home education



3D Castle by Imogen Sharp 7C



Pupils that are still attending school enjoyed some Forest School activities with Ms Penny and Mr Fowler, the wonderful weather added to the enjoyable experience.

Theo is pictured cooking Mrs Mightingale's Veggie Shepherds Pie—which was a huge success with his family. If you'd like to try it out the recipe can be found on the Oakfield Academy website—Curriculum/DT. Good luck!



Theo Selway 5C

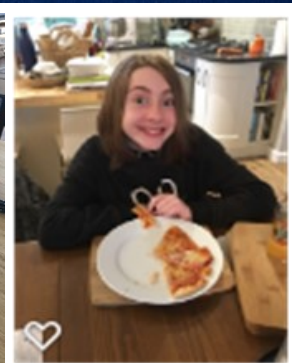


Oliver Squirrell from 5R has kept himself busy. One of his activities was designing a magical creature, the design will be entered into an art competition being organised by Cressida Cowell, one of Oliver's favourite authors.

Freya Keirl from 5R tried out Mrs Nightingale's recipe for Flapjack. If you would like to try it yourself, the recipe and method are on our website under Curriculum/DT.



Holly Crawley from 8R has been incredibly busy recently with a huge variety of projects. Together with pizza and cake making, Holly has also found time to improve her art skills and her PE techniques. She has also been on a 6am hike with her mum! Holly has also worked on her DT knowledge, making a playground/perches and ladders for her cockatiels. Also pictured is the robotic arm she created. Well done Holly, keep up the great work and thank you for sharing some of your photographs with us.



Yan Salmon (8C) wrote this poem after being inspired by a BBC Bitesize English lesson.



"With this Pen"

With this pen I can inform a government
Save the rainforest, help the world and its people
Make life better for all, unite the countries, end wars
Any could be possible, with the right letter to world leaders

With this pen, I can make people sad, happy or angry
Amazed, surprised, and possibly even hungry
But best of all, I can change your opinion
Make you feel differently
All with this pen

With this pen, I can create whole worlds and universes
Stories and legends, all possible because of me
Dragons and vikings, wizards and robots, heroes and villains
All with this pen

With this pen, I can make a slug-eating cat
With fire for fur and eyes as green as emeralds
And I can make you adore this creature, fire and all
Or I can make you loathe it so much that your veins feel like they will explode
All it needs is imagination, and this pen.



Bethany Hill from 6O created this wonderful image of a Lily that she dissected. The Science Department thought it was very interesting



Staff are really enjoying speaking with the pupils and families from their tutor groups. Not all families will have received their phone calls but will do by the end of next week. If you would like to hear from your child's tutor please contact your Head of Year or the school office by email or telephone.



Isabelle McGruther 5R and her brother Oliver 7S have been busy growing strawberry plants. Now they are properly ready for planting, they wanted to donate them to children to plant in their own gardens. Well done both of you.

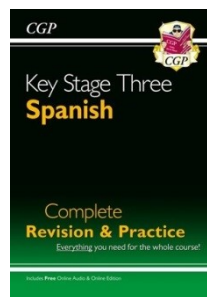
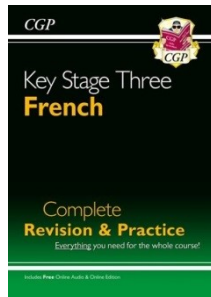
Message for Year 8 students

To all of you keen linguists wishing to prepare for your move to Frome College and wanting more than our Little Lessons, I would like to recommend using these French and Spanish guides for your independent studies:

Each pack is full of crystal-clear notes on all the vocabulary and grammar you need to know.

There are plenty of reading, writing and speaking tasks throughout the book, as well as vocab testers, practice questions (with answers) and listening practice — with online audio.

What's more, there is a free Online Edition that lets you read the entire book on a PC, Mac or tablet — you'll have access via 'My Online Products' on the CGP website from the moment you place your order. When the book arrives, just use the unique code printed inside the cover to gain full access.



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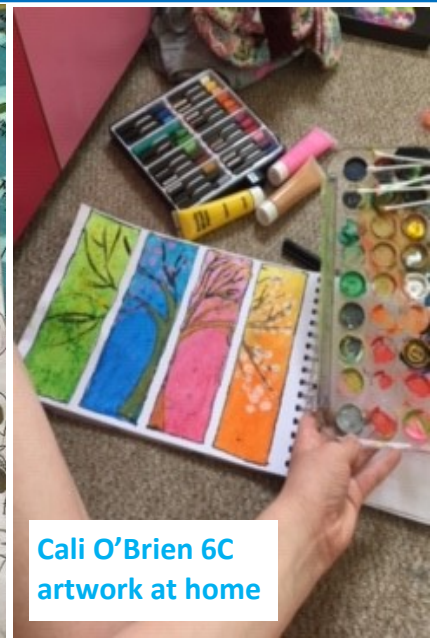
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I miss you all very much and wish you all the best.

Mrs Hall, Head of Modern Languages



Lockdown Doodle by Beth Cowing 7C



Cali O'Brien 6C
artwork at home

This beautiful water colour painting was created by Becky Hatch 7R. She has also been busy making a stunning birthday card for her mum. Well done Becky, this is a lovely piece of work.

Wellbeing

We have recently developed a wellbeing section on the Oakfield Academy website for pupils. It includes ideas for activities during lockdown and links for help and support. The page can be found using the following link:-

<https://www.oakfieldacademy.co.uk/pupils/wellbeing>



OPERATION BLETCHLEY

CALLING ALL CODEBREAKING STUDENTS....

Virtually cover 50 miles on foot in 31 days, from Bletchley Park to the Cabinet War Rooms in London, using a phone or fitness tracker.

Receive updates and codes to crack at regular milestones, direct to your email inbox.

With levels to suit every age group, Junior, Codebreaker or Cypher Expert, the whole family can play their part in this effort. For advanced operatives—a challenging 100 mile mission behind enemy lines in France.

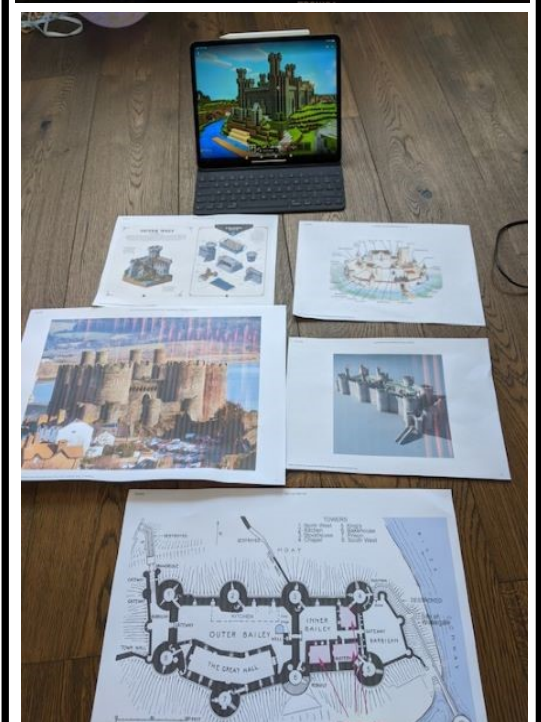
Mission begins on 1st July 2020.

**FULL MISSION DETAILS:- 0207 811 3967
events@soldierscharity.org
operationbletchley.soldierscharity.org**

History

The History department would like to thank all pupils and parents that have sent in examples of their work during these times. It is so nice to see the learning that is happening outside of the classroom and how some of you are pushing yourselves (and sometimes others in your households!) to further their historical skills of researching and presenting.

In this instance a special mention must go to Freddie Ornia-Blanco in 5N for recreating Conway Castle using his fantastic computer skills. Well done Freddie on the ambition and pride shown in your work!



What a brilliant achievement.

Well done Freddie.

MR REYNOLDS, Head of Humanities

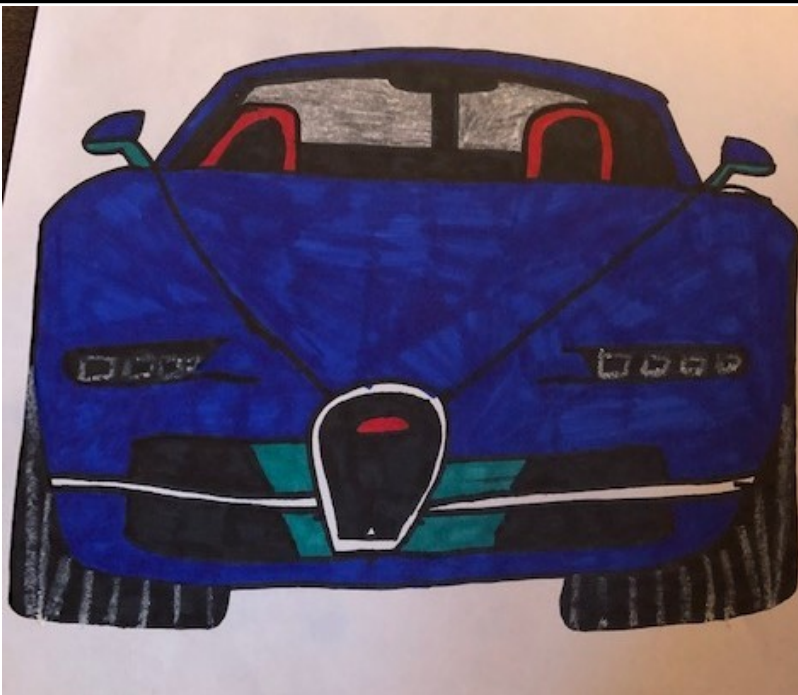


We hope you all enjoyed the VE Day Celebrations, here are some of the VE Day activities completed by Juulia & Jamie O'Connor.

Radio Broadcast

Following on from last week's article regarding Seth Leak's (5S) radio show covering VE Day – the link below will take you to the show that was broadcast on Frome FM. Once again well done Seth for this tremendous work.

https://m.mixcloud.com/FromeFM/ian-and-seth-ve-day-080520/?utm_campaign=notification_new_upload&utm_medium=email&utm_source=notification&utm_content=html



Congratulations to Jack Palfrey 7A for drawing some amazing car pictures. This blue car is a Bugatti Veyron and he also drew a red McLaren.

Assembly Link

Check out Mr McGrath's latest assembly on

<https://youtu.be/huJvCkIPfq8>

Alternatively you can watch the assembly via the Oakfield website and clicking on WHAT'S ON, then NEWSLETTERS and scrolling down !

Exciting DT Competition

Design Ventura Mini Challenge

Can you come up with a new product for the Design Museum Shop? Create your own response to the brief, for your chance to win weekly prizes!

<https://designmuseum.org/digital-design-calendar/young-design-museum> GOOD LUCK !

Library Message

Please take a minute to help us win £5,000 of National Book Tokens for our school library (and £100 worth of book tokens for yourself if your entry is picked!) Enter via the following link: <http://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools>

The more nominations Oakfield receive, the higher our chances of winning. Thank you!
Mrs Coates, Librarian

CHECK IN ON YOUR 5 NEAREST NEIGHBOURS

LET'S GET FROME COVERED

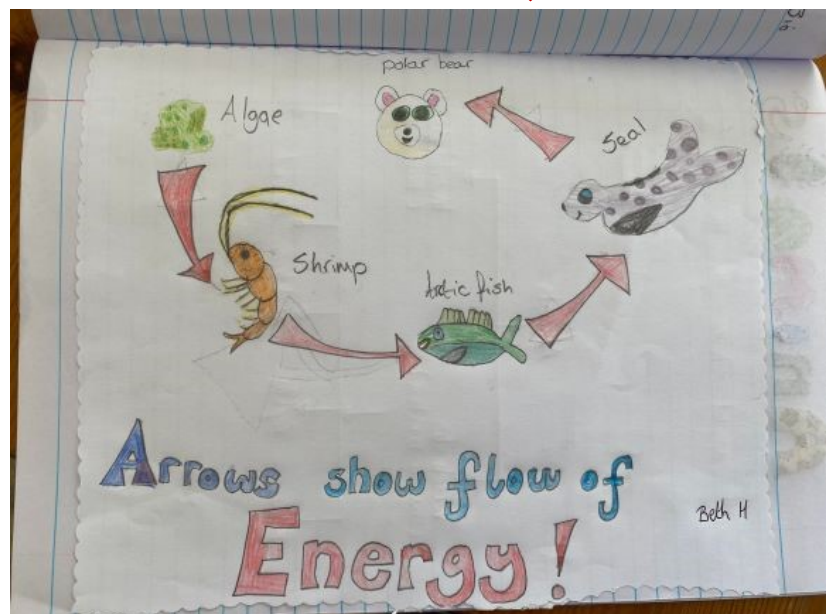
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Mr Gough was really impressed with this Food Chains poster that was submitted by Beth Hill in 60.

This wonderful art project on artist Gaudi was completed by Anya Farron. Well done Anya.



SHOUT OUTS – Thursday 14 th May 2020		
General Hard-Working Attitude Ethan Backhurst 7O Liam Backhurst 7A Jamie O’Conner 8C Juulia O’Conner 6A Holly Crawley 8R	English Matilda Croudace-Alcott 7S Bethany Hill 6O Emily Honnor 6O Ryan Carter 5S James Harris 8N Arty Mitchard 5A Logan Hallybone 5A	Music Willow Millard 7O Indy Millard 6S
History Ruben Byne 6S Freddie Ornia-Blanco 5N	French Eva Hill 7C Theo Selway 5C	Spanish Arty Mitchard 5A Catherine Mocke 7N Izzy Carter 8A
DT Cloe Manaia 7N Theo Selway 5C Catherine Mocke 7N Alex Massey 7S Harvey Massey 5C	PE Oliver McGruther 7S Freya Keirl 5R	Maths Freya Walters 5A Amelie Musselwhite 5O Hugo Holcombe 7N Rosa Harris 6A Kaden Mounty 7A Amelie Thomas 8N
Science Ryan Carter 5S Cloe Manaia 7N		

INFINITY NOMINATIONS – Thursday 14th May 2020

Liam Backhurst 7O: Ambition and Integrity – Persevering with things even when they are tough. High effort with his home learning work and excellent behaviour – well done

Oliver 7S & Isabel 5R McGruther: Integrity – Oliver and Isabel have been learning about plants and have grow their own strawberry plants. They’ve chosen to give away their plants to other children and created a lovely stall outside their home – what a thoughtful thing to do! Isabel has also been nominated for showing ambition and pride for demonstrating exceptional gymnastic sequences in her garden and using initiative to find new apparatus in her garden. She refines her work to presentation level clearly showing her ambition to improve and pride present her skills. Well done Isabel!

Bethany Hill 6O: Pride – Bethany produced a beautiful display of all the parts of a lily after she dissected it.

Freya Kier 5R: Ambition - Freya has shown great ambition by working hard to find the answers to questions about rocks and not letting mistakes prevent her from succeeding