



OAKFIELD ACADEMY  
BELIEVE AND ACHIEVE

“SCHOOL CLOSURE”

EDITION NUMBER FOUR

Thursday 30th  
April 2020

## A message from Miss Wilkes...

Hello, I hope you're all keeping well? I'm really missing everyone but feeling lucky to be meeting the staff and pupils that still need to be in school each day. It's helping to see all your fabulous activities, please keep sending them in via the new subject email addresses or your year group email and get in touch if we can help or advise at all. We also have a new support and guidance email address to add to our communication list, and they will also be holding weekly surgery slots alongside the departments.

Thank you for all the lovely comments regarding the phone calls that tutors have started to make to keep in touch. It's been great to hear how you're all getting on. If you haven't heard yet, they are working through lists so let us know if you'd like a call sooner - it may be from a withheld or unknown number of course, so look out for these.

We know things might get tough, please do get in touch, we're here if you need us. I've been contacted by some families from across the country who are using our daily suggested links to activities each day. They found them when searching for the nationally produced OAK Academy daily lessons—fortunate naming for us !! So please remember, it's day 20 of lessons tomorrow, these are just suggestions not expectations ..... everything you are doing and living through is a learning activity. Just pick a few ideas from that day that suit you and your family's way of working. Some are following our little lessons (loving the maths video puzzles from Mr Stephenson; Mr Walker's PE workouts and Ms Parsons/Mrs Pinches singing activities); others the BBC bitesize sessions and some prefer the OAK Academy video lessons.... whilst some mix and match. All of these options are ok.... or just curl up with a fantastic book; help with homework; support family activities....

I can't wait until we can start to be together again, in the meantime, look out for a new assembly every Wednesday and maybe even a Friday Family Quiz !!

### SHIELDED PUPILS AND FAMILY MEMBERS

I have been advised of the names of pupils that MUST be shielded and have received their letters, however, the list may not be complete and it does not include pupils who are living with a shielded family member. If this applies to you and you are happy to share this with us, please email the academy or Head of Year to let us know so we can put any support needed in place.



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If you would like further information on any of the items in the newsletter, please contact the school office.  
Follow us on Facebook and Twitter via our website.

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





## 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](mailto:oakfieldacademy@educ.somerset.gov.uk)

Shout Outs this week: -



**Noah Roberts 8O**  
**Luca Brown 8N**  
**Jack Foulger 8C**  
**Charlotte Loaring-Barr 5R**  
**Freddie W 5C**  
**Emily Honnor 6O**  
**Harrison Thomas 6N**  
**Josh Honnor 7N**  
**Charlie Brooks 7O**  
**Toni Brooks 6O**

# Free School Meals

If you think you may now be eligible for Free School Meals, please apply online at <http://www.somerset.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals>  
 Please contact the Academy office if you have any queries.

### Also Rewarded...

NAME	CORE CONCEPTS	REASON
Caitlin Roche 8R	Integrity & Ambition	Going above and beyond with school work showing a scholarship approach with extra research. Helping around the house and cooking family meals.
Willow & Indy Millard 8S & 7O	Morals & Ethics	Creating a wild garden for others to enjoy and painting and planting pots to cheer up neighbours.



# Rubbing Art

Emily Honnor from 6O has been busy experimenting with rubbing art. Here are some of the pictures she has created... the rubbings include coins, wooden table, fish slice, lego board, potato masher, paving slab, ruler, yucca plant and tree bark. Emily even managed to do a rubbing of a dandelion head.



Charlotte Loaring-Barr from 5R Charlotte has designed a set for her lamda monologue (maths measuring/scale); looked after the garden; written and edited a letter to her future self; started writing her own 'Tom Gates' inspired book (her own project). She has also taught her younger sister the planet order and about day/night. Completed week 2 of couch to 5km; read at least 1 hour every day and completed doddle maths and doddle tables every day. Congratulations Charlotte from Mr Ward.



Mia Hopkins from 5R has created this incredible 'Dragon Eye'. As part of the Infinity Curriculum and encouraging scholarship, Mia has had one of her clay models shortlisted for the Black Swan, Young Open Exhibition. Sadly the exhibition had to be virtual due to Covid-19. She is very pleased and we are proud she was selected.

**Ms Stewart, Head of Art**



**Well done to Logan Hallybone from 5A who used an Oakfield recipe to make these wonderful chocolate muffins. Both Ms Peat and Ms Nightingale were hugely impressed with Logan's efforts, they certainly look delicious!**

A fabulous hand drawing by Danny Simpson of 5O





# French

<http://oakfieldacademy.co.uk/pupils/little-lessons/french-little-lessons>

[French Little Lessons | Oakfield Academy](#)

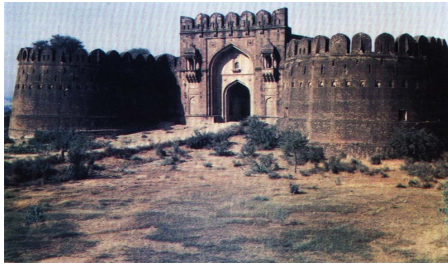
French Little Lessons. Our Little Lessons have been created by each subject to help you in your learning away from the academy. Short, succinct video clips about key parts of the subject; Recommendations by your teachers of what to watch and read

[oakfieldacademy.co.uk](http://oakfieldacademy.co.uk)

# History

Visit the link below to take part in an exciting History Essay Competition. Prizes will be given out at a later date to all Oakfield pupils who enter.

<http://www.schoolshistoryproject.co.uk/schools-history-project-essay-competition-in-association-with-professor-peter-frankopan-and-no-more-marking/>



## CREATE A MEDIEVAL CASTLE COMPETITION

Why not make your design a 3D model? Using any resources from home that you can find create a castle that best demonstrates your learning.

When you have completed your entries, please feel free to send photos or emails to

[History@oakfieldacademy.org](mailto:History@oakfieldacademy.org)  
or share images via the [Humanities Twitter page](#)

[@Oakfield\\_Human](#)

**GOOD LUCK!**



These fantastic hand models were created by brother and sister, James and Rosa Harris from 8N and 6A. Well done both of you.



Hanging baskets made by  
[Sophia Giorgetti-Knott from 5A](#)

# Music

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/4mY3MbSJ5G2LvSbzZPbc85G/bbc-young-composer-2020>

It's the BBC Young Composer competition for pupils aged 12 - 18, all abilities and musical backgrounds - why not have a go!

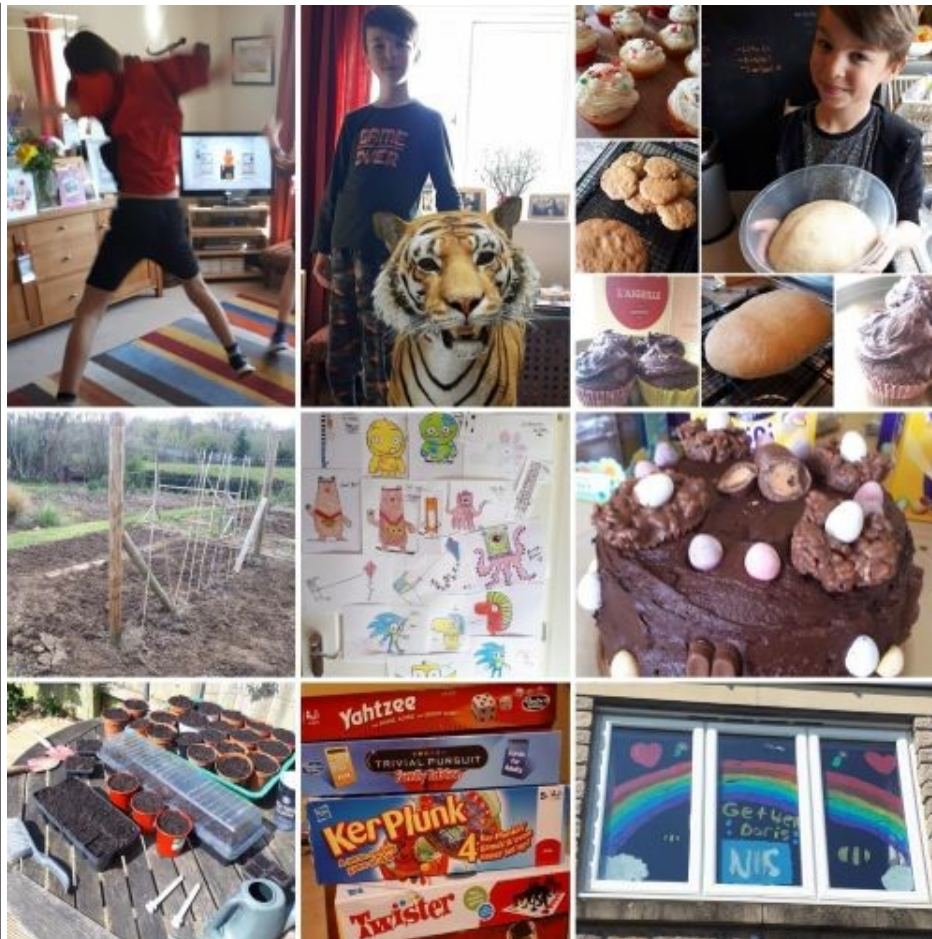
## Congratulations

to Seth Leak 5S and Hugo Holcombe 7N who have sent in videos of their amazing musical performances whilst on lockdown. Seth has been busy entertaining the neighbours whilst Hugo has been busy practising after his online cello lessons with Mr Gilbert. These videos can be viewed on the Academy website in the 'Pupil Videos' section in our 'Music Little Lessons'. We look forward to receiving some more of our pupils' videos - don't be shy!

**Ms C Parsons**

## Well-being

Miss Sanders is working hard to create a well-being page on our website for our pupils to access which will offer advise and organisations to support us during this difficult time.



**WOW! Just some of the activities undertaken by Freddie Weale over the last week. Congratulations Freddie!**

## Surgery Times next week

Subject	Subject Surgery Time
English	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 10.30-11.00
Maths	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 10.00-10.30
Science	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May 10.20-1.00
History	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 9.00-9.30
Geography	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 9.30-10.00
PE	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 10.30-11.00
DT	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> 9.00-9.30
French	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 9.00-9.30
Spanish	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> 9.30-10.00
Music	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 9.00-9.30
Art	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 10.00-10.30
Computing	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 10.00-10.30

## Support & Guidance

Mrs Applegate has a new email address dedicated to pupil support and well-being. This will be checked twice a week. Alongside this Mrs Applegate is holding a pupil and family well-being surgery on a Monday and Friday morning between 9am and 12noon. You can contact her on [support@oakfieldacademy.org](mailto:support@oakfieldacademy.org)

## Life during 'Lock Down' at Oakfield Academy by Anna Symes 5S

Life is quite different here at Oakfield currently...  
Anna records some of the activities she has taken  
part in recently.....

MONDAY—weaving, music, origami

TUESDAY—maths, art, wishes

WEDNESDAY—electric circuits, PE, planting  
flowers

THURSDAY—drawing Wm Shakeaspeare, Just  
Dance, Painting

FRIDAY—French, cooking, card making

Every day we also exercise with Joe Wicks and  
listen to David Walliams read.

## Oakfield's Family Friday Night Quiz

Coming this Friday our new weekly Friday  
Night Quiz hosted by your teachers and  
challenging your retrieval, long-term  
memory and recall in a nice low-stakes  
environment. Just click the link, (ready  
after 12pm on Friday 2/5/20) to be  
transported to Quiz Land!! This week's  
topics include Science and Nature,  
Geography, History and Literature and  
they will be different every week.

Best of luck and please share your scores  
with us through the year team emails so  
we can celebrate your successes.

Mr McGrath

[https://www.youtube.com/  
channel/](https://www.youtube.com/channel/)

## MRS GARDNER WANTED TO SHARE THIS LOVELY LETTER SHE HAS RECEIVED VIA THE NEW YEAR 7 EMAIL:-

Hello Mrs Gardner,

Thank you for year 7 email. I would like to  
tell you about my crazy adventure and how  
I have been getting on in lockdown. It has  
been weird for others and me because I've not  
been at school, seeing my friends/family or  
doing activities I normally would be doing.  
Because I'm not at school it feels a bit like a  
strange holiday but without all the freedom  
to see people and get on with visits to the  
park or camping trips. We have been lucky  
☀️ that it has been so sunny and everywhere  
is much quieter so everyone can enjoy  
nature (birds especially). But aside from  
that I am always thinking of everyone  
affected by this and trying to stay positive.  
Those working together and saving lives  
and staying strong 💪

I have been trying to make the most of all  
the things at home and surprisingly it's a  
lot more than I thought. I have been busy  
home schooling on most the subject. Such as  
Arts and craft, research, Maths computing,  
power points, gardening, cooking, drama  
and more! I like being active so have been  
doing some different daily exercises to stay  
fit. Biking, practicing my unicycle, Yoga  
stretching. Playing Badminton with my  
sister and walking my neighbour's doggie  
once week. I miss playing football and  
rugby at school 🏈 also fingers crossed that  
we can all be able to go to charter house 🏠  
I look forward to when we come back to  
school and see everyone again. I will send  
some photos to share. Bye but hope to say hi  
in person soon enough!

Willow Millard 7o