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OAKFIELD ACADEMY
BELIEVE AND ACHIEVE

THRIVE APPROACH

As part of our adoption of the Thrive Approach, we carry out assessments of whole classes and individual children in relation to their social and emotional development. The assessment is automatically analysed, providing indicators of any particular areas for development and support. The results are used to guide the teacher or other adult as to the activities and teaching that would be useful for that class or child.

Anyone wishing to have more information on Thrive, kindly contact our Support & Guidance Department.

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PRIMARY PHASE ADMISSION DATES—SEPTEMBER 2024

Portal live on Monday 25th September 2023

Closing date for applications Monday 15th January 2024

Offer Day—Tuesday 16th April 2024

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS—SEPTEMBER 2024

(Year 8)

Portal live on Monday 11th September 2023

Closing date for applications Tuesday 31st October 2023

Offer Day— Friday 1st March 2024

Do you have any unwanted board games which you could donate to the academy Library?

We are looking for games which pupils can play quietly during breaktimes and at after-school club.

- Chess
- Draughts
- Battleships
- Mastermind
- Packs of cards
- Dominoes
- Uno
- Top Trumps
- Brainbox

If you have any of these, or other games, which you no longer need, please drop them into the academy office.

thank you



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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.



"No Book" Book Club !

Mrs Roynon is planning to start this club soon, pupils can read anything that is not a book! The aim of the club is to encourage reluctant readers to have a go and discover that reading can, and does happen even if you do not have a book.

We are looking for donations of any reading material that a pupil might not recognise as a book in the traditional sense, e.g. graphic novels, comics, newspapers, magazines, brochures 1 to Z maps etc. etc. More details to follow. Thank you for your support.

New KS3 Art Club with Ms Mundy

Tuesdays in the Art Room

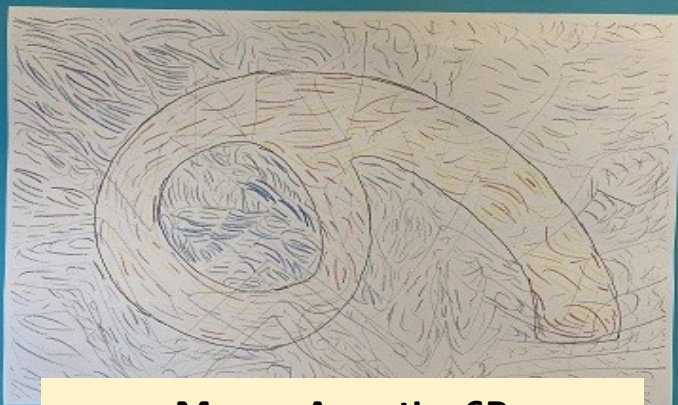
3.15-4.15pm Sign up via Edulink.



Patrick Puleston, 6A



Bobby Newland, 7N



Mason Annetts, 6R

Oakfield's Artists

Oakfield Academy celebrates effort and ambition. Each week, artwork will be selected for the newsletter, created by pupil(s) who demonstrate these important qualities. They will be awarded a merit for this achievement. I hope you enjoy the creativity and talent of the pupils at Oakfield.

This week's work was produced over the summer or in the studio this week:

Bobby Newland Y7 (portrait with butterfly)

Patrick Puleston Y6 (graffiti font)

Mason Annetts Y6 (warm/ cool colours)

Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell.	
There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK . These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day. Let them know that your child won't be in and give them the reason. If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let their teacher know.	
Other illnesses Follow this advice for other illnesses:	
Coughs and colds	It's fine to send your child to school with a minor cough or common cold . But if they have a fever, keep them off school until the fever goes. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues and to wash their hands regularly.
High temperature	If your child has a high temperature , keep them off school until it goes away.
Chickenpox	If your child has chickenpox , keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.
Cold sores	There's no need to keep your child off school if they have a cold sore . Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.
Conjunctivitis	You don't need to keep your child away from school if they have conjunctivitis . Do get advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.
COVID-19	If your child has mild symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, and feels well enough, they can go to school. Your child should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people if they have symptoms of COVID-19 and they either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have a high temperature • do not feel well enough to go to school or do their normal activities
Ear infection	If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.
Hand, foot and mouth disease	If your child has hand, foot and mouth disease but seems well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.
Head lice and nits	There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice. You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP.
Impetigo	If your child has impetigo , they'll need treatment from a GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.
Ringworm	If your child has ringworm , see your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.
Scarlet fever	If your child has scarlet fever , they'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.
Slapped cheek syndrome (fifth disease)	You don't need to keep your child off school if they have slapped cheek syndrome because, once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. But let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.
Sore throat	You can still send your child to school if they have a sore throat . But if they also have a high temperature, they should stay at home until it goes away. A sore throat and a high temperature can be symptoms of tonsillitis .
Threadworms	You don't need to keep your child off school if they have threadworms . Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.
Vomiting and diarrhoea	Children with diarrhoea or vomiting should stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days (48 hours).

RIDE KIDS RIDE

To be held at the old Showfield, Frome
Sunday 17th September (12.30-3.30pm)

Children, come along with friends and family to see how many laps you can achieve in 30 minutes!

Ride your bicycles, scooters or skateboards!

There will be laps in 2 distances round the showfield

Free raffle and a chance to win a
BIKE AND HELMET !

£2 entry fee—Every participant will receive a medal! BBQ & refreshments

Organised by the Lions Club of Frome

YEAR 8 Pupils in Mrs Roynon's English groups are currently studying WWI.

She wanted to share this remarkable poetry which was created by 8RNS and 8ACO....

I am ready to fight and die in the war.
 I am ready to fight for my country.
 It is where I live and where I protect.
 If I fail, if I get shot down, it will be the end of me.
 If I die, I die doing what I like best.
 If I survive, I have protected my country.
 For king and country.

People die because of Germans.
 My friend dies at my feet.
 The use tanks, they kill people, they use gas bombs.
 I don't know.....
 Shouting Germans, I can't understand.
 Thousands of people die including you....
 Blood flowing everywhere.
 I don't know.....

Message from the ART DEPARTMENT

If you have any old large shirts or aprons, the Art Department would be grateful for donations for the pupils to use to help keep their uniforms clean.
Many thanks.

Oakfield Academy After School Clubs – Autumn 2023

Name of Club and Organiser	Day	Time	Where	Start Date	Finish Date
IF A CLUB IS CANCELLED – PUPILS SHOULD GO TO THE LIBRARY WHERE THEY WILL BE SUPERVISED.					
Library Homework Club	Mon-Fri	3.00-4.00pm	Library	11.09.23	23.07.24
Yrs 7/8 Homework Club	Monday	3.00-4.00pm	C2	11.09.23	22.07.24
Yr 6 Boys/Girls Football Club with Mr Ward	Tuesday	3.00-4.00pm	Field	12.09.23	12.12.23
Yrs 7/8 Girls Netball Club with Miss Pullen	Tuesday	3.00-4.00pm	Sports Court	12.09.23	12.12.23
Yrs 5/6 Homework Club	Tuesday	3.00-4.00pm	C2	12.09.23	23.07.24
Yrs 7/8 Art Club with Ms Mundy	Tuesday	3.00-4.30pm	Art Room	19.09.23	16.07.23
Film Club (for all Yrs) with Mrs Roynon	Tuesday	3.15-4.15pm	7A	19.09.23	16.07.23
Yrs 7/8 Boys Football Club with Mr Fowler & Mr Mephram	Wednesday	3.00-4.00pm	Field	13.09.23	13.12.23
Yrs 5/6 Homework Club	Wednesday	3.00-4.00pm	C2	13.09.23	17.07.24
Yrs 5/6 Boys/Girls Dodgeball with Mr Robinson	Wednesday	3.00-4.00pm	Hall	13.09.23	13.12.23
Yrs 7/8 Boys/Girls Hockey Club with Mrs Stickley	Wednesday	3.00-4.00pm	Sports Court	13.09.23	13.12.23
Chess Club for all Pupils with Miss Penny	Wednesday	3.00-4.00pm	7R	13.09.23	17.12.23
Yrs 7/8 Boys Rugby Club with Mr Lovatt	Thursday	3.00-4.00pm	Field	14.09.23	14.12.23
Yrs 7/8 Girls Rugby Club with Mr George	Thursday	3.00-4.00pm	Field	14.09.23	14.12.23
Yrs 7/8 Homework Club	Thursday	3.00-4.00pm	C2	14.09.23	18.07.24
Yrs 5/6 Girls/Boys	Thursday	3.00-4.00pm	Hall	14.09.23	14.12.23
B Smart Self Defence Club with Mr Takle					
Yrs 5/6 Creative Writing Club with Mr Oates	Thursday	3.00-4.00pm	8A	14.09.23	07.12.23
Yrs 7/8 STEM Club (Group 1) with Mr Shaddick	Thursday	3.00-4.00pm	6S	14.09.23	18.07.24
Yrs 7/8 STEM Club (Group 2) with Mr Shaddick	Friday	3.00-4.00pm	6S	15.09.23	19.07.24
Yr 5 Boys/Girls Football Club with Mr Ward	Friday	3.00-4.00pm	Field	15.09.23	08.12.23

Application/permission can be completed on Edulink.

In accordance with our Safeguarding Policy, please ensure club leaders are informed, if for any reason your child is unable to attend a club or moves to another club. If you are able to book a club then your child has a place, if not unfortunately the club is full. New clubs start regularly, please check Edulink, our Website, Newsletter and Facebook Page for information. If for any reason a club has to be cancelled, we would expect KS3 pupils to make their normal way home at 3pm (including those who travel by bus). KS2 pupils (and KS3 pupils if unsure) will go to the Library to be supervised until 4pm.



On Friday 8th September we welcomed a professional photographer to the academy. She spent the day touring the site taking wonderful photographs which will soon be appearing on our website. Thank you to all pupils and staff who helped make her visit a great success—even if the weather was absolutely boiling !



Our core purpose is to inspire all pupils to believe in their abilities and to achieve their highest level.



Open Day / Evening 2023
Thursday 21st September 2023

Daytime Tours: 9.15am & 11.30am (by appointment)
Open Evening: 6.00pm—7.30pm
Head's Presentation: 6.00pm

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STATIONERY SHOP

Pencil		5p
Pencil sharpener		10p
Rubber		10p
Biro		10p
Handwriting pen		30p
Short ruler		15p
Long ruler		25p
Glue stick		35p
Plastic wallet		35p

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SEND Lego Group

Our SEND Department are setting up a Lego Group and would be grateful for any donations of lego. If you have some at home that is no longer used and would like to donate it, please drop it off at the Academy Office.

First SEND Coffee Session

Will take place on Monday 18th September from 2pm.

Come and meet the SEND Team and celebrate neurodiversity.

Parking at the top of Nunney Road

The school bus drivers have brought to our attention that car parking at the top of Nunney Road is causing major problems. Clearly a coach that is over 15m long will struggle to manoeuvre around the corner if cars are parked on both sides. Please observe and comply with the parking regulations around the front of the academy, your support is really appreciated.

Thank you.

Diary Dates

18 Sep	SEND Coffee Session 2-3pm (Meet the team & neurodiversity)
21 Sep	Open Day & Evening
23 Sep	2.30pm Frome Carnival—please support Oakfield's entry in the afternoon procession, starting at the Victoria Park
25 Sep	Yrs 5/6 Tutor Evening (3.30-7.30pm)
27 Sep	40x Yr 8 Pupils visit Hinkley Point C
28 Sep	NHS Flu Vaccinations—parents need to give consent on-line
2 Oct	Yrs 7/8 Tutor Evening (3.30-7.30pm)
17 Oct	2x Yr 5 classes to visit Stonehenge (tutor groups tbc)
19 Oct	INSET
20 Oct	INSET
w/c 23 Oct	Half Term Holidays
30 Oct	Term 2
16 Nov	SEND Coffee Session 2-3pm The POD Charity
13 Dec	Yr 6 Pantomime trip to the Bristol Hippodrome
14 Dec	Academy Christmas Dinner Day
15 Dec	Last day of Term, finish 2pm
16 Dec—1 Jan	Christmas Holidays
2 Jan	INSET
3 Jan	Term 3 (pupils return)
8 Jan	Yr 6 Subject Evening (3.30-7.00pm)
15 Jan	Yr 8 Subject Evening (3.30-7.00pm)
22 Jan	Yr 5 Subject Evening (3.30-7.00pm)
25 Jan	SEND Coffee Session 2-3pm Transition Throughout Oakfield and -> Frome College.
29 Jan	Yr 7 Subject Evening (3.30-7.00pm)
13 Mar	SEND Coffee Session 2-3pm Exam arrangements
25 Apr	SEND Coffee Session 2-3pm SENDIAS—support for families

Vacancies

Job descriptions and application forms
can be accessed using the
following links:-

COVER SUPERVISOR

DT TECHNICIAN

SCIENCE TECHNICIAN

<https://www.eteach.com/job/cover-supervisor-1366277>

<https://www.eteach.com/job/design-technology-technician-1366808>

<https://www.eteach.com/job/science-technician-1366872>

Headlice

Unfortunately we have already received
reports of cases of headlice amongst
pupils. Kindly check your child's hair
regularly and treat appropriately if lice are
found.

More advice on the NHS website.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS !

NOTE FOR YOUR DIARY.....

**We close for the Christmas Holidays on
Friday 15th December at 2pm**

**School transport will be re-arranged to
collect pupils at this earlier time**

Pupils return Wednesday 3rd January