

Newsletter

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OAKFIELD ACADEMY

BELIEVE AND ACHIEVE

Team RunDMC would like to say a huge 'thank you' for all the generous donations made so far to our Young Lives vs Cancer charity. We are now so close to our target of £900. On Friday we did our first training run together as a team and over the next few weeks we will continue to lace up our running shoes and get a few more miles under our belts. Running for 24 hours is a challenge that none of us can quite prepare for. Although we are all experienced runners across many distances, this is unknown territory for all of us and the nerves are starting to kick in. Our biggest motivation is knowing we are doing all of this for an incredible charity that makes a difference to so many families and young people living with cancer. All donations, no matter how small, make a huge difference. So thank you again for all your ongoing support and encouragement. If you would still like to donate, the link will be posted on the school's Facebook page.

Ms Parsons Mr Bowker Mr Colman

THANK YOU



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If you would like further information on any of the items in the newsletter, please contact the academy office.

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Oakfield's Got Talent

Thursday 19th June 2025

As 'Oakfield's Got Talent' is fast approaching we have now set up the OGT 'club' on Arbor. This club is **ONLY** for pupils who previously auditioned for OGT, along with all pupils who attend Choir and Drama club. This club is a temporary club from Monday 16th - 19th June and includes all the rehearsals along with the show itself. In order for the pupils to attend rehearsals and perform in the final OGT show, parents **MUST** sign pupils up on Arbor as soon as possible. The rehearsal schedule will be as follows:-

Monday 16th June 3-5pm in the HALL

Tuesday 17th June 3-5pm in the HALL

Wednesday 18th June 2-5pm in the HALL

Thursday 19th June ALL DAY REHEARSALS

OGT PERFORMANCE 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Tickets will be on sale after half-term (more details to follow).



Online Mental Health and Wellbeing Support for young people

Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the coming weeks your child may mention they have been made aware of a service called Kooth. It provides early intervention mental health support to children and young people. Kooth works with schools and professionals across over 90% of the UK.

Kooth is **free** to access via any internet-connected tablet, computer or smartphone. There are no waiting lists or thresholds to meet and a referral from a medical professional is not needed. Your child can join Kooth anonymously simply by visiting www.kooth.com.

Kooth offers young people a range and choice of support options under one digital roof. It has services that are accessible 7 days a week, 365 days a year. This includes one to one text based sessions with experienced counsellors and wellbeing practitioners run from midday to 10pm on weekdays, and from 6 -10pm at the weekend. Appointments can be booked in advance or accessed via a drop-in text-based chat. Kooth also provides a fully safeguarded and pre-moderated community with a library of peer and professional created articles. And there are discussion forums too. All content is pre-moderated and age appropriate.

Kooth covers many topics on the website including relationships, LGBTQIA+, exam stress, anxiety, eating difficulties, self harm, suicidal thoughts, body image, social media, bullying and family worries. All of these subjects affecting young peoples' mental health are presenting issues that Kooth and other mental health providers see from all age groups. Kooth is commissioned by the NHS and clinically approved for children from the age of 10, and is the only digital mental health provider to hold a BACP (British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy) accreditation across the Country.

If you have any questions please let us know. If you would prefer to contact Kooth directly, please email parents@kooth.com.

Library Web App is up and running!

Pupils can now log into the library web app, where they can search the catalogue, reserve and renew books, leave reviews, create wish lists and much more. They need to ensure that they are logged into their Oakfield Google account and head to:

<https://uk.accessit.online/okf01>

Then they just need to **click the blue button** and they will be taken to their borrower homepage, where they can see their current loans and due dates, any reservations and their loan history. From this page they can also search the catalogue and explore the dashboards.

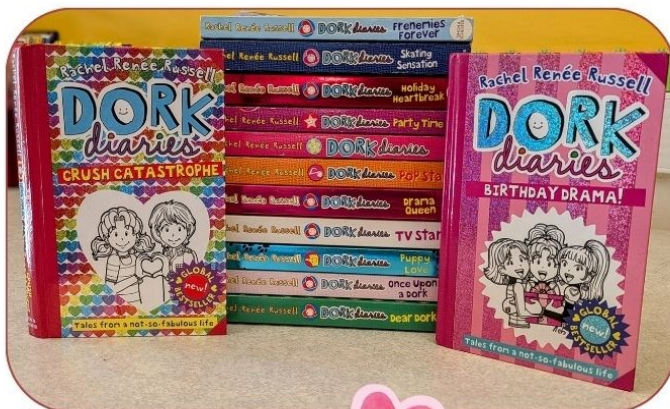
Enjoy

Library News

Friday 9th May 2025

Nathanael Lessore visit

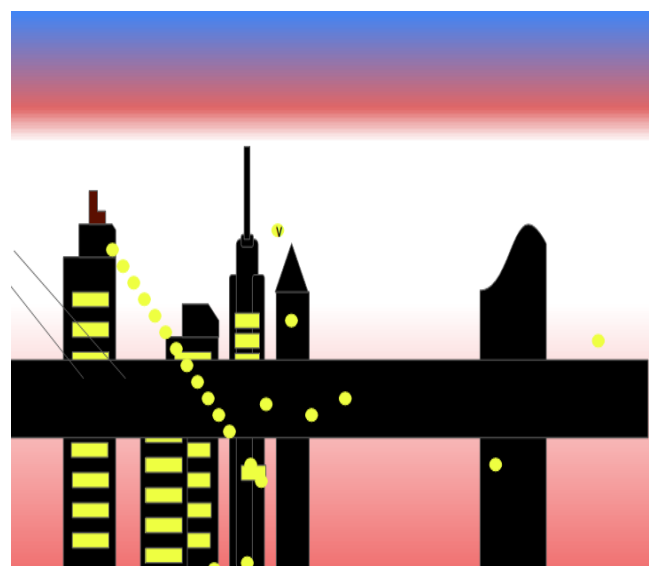
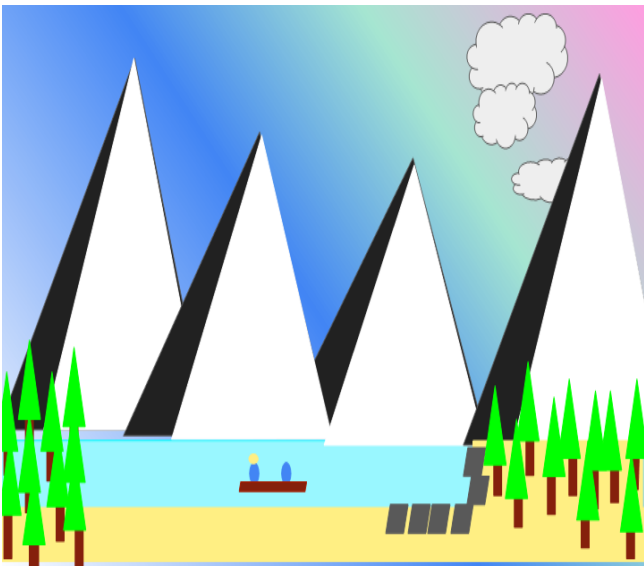
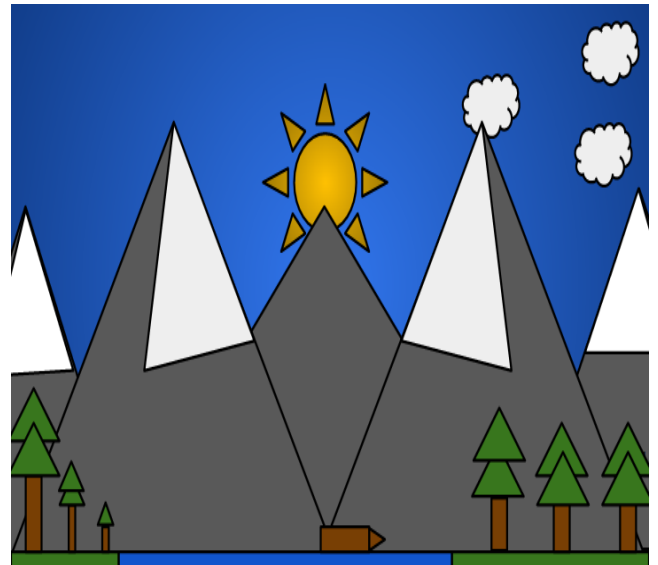
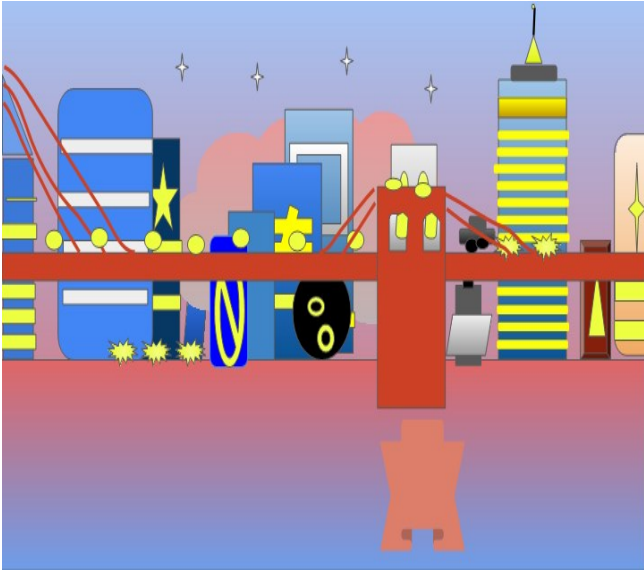
On Thursday, KS3 Book Club went to the Merlin Theatre to listen to award-winning author Nathanael Lessore talk about his new book *What Happens Online*. It was a fantastic event and we would like to thank Frome College and Hunting Raven for organising it.



thank you

Lola J in Year 8 kindly donated her old *Dork Diaries* books. This is a very popular series, and many of our copies are looking rather worn, so this is very much appreciated!

Year 5 have been spending time using technology to digitally recreate landscapes. Pupils have been focusing on colours, perspective and using their initiative with a limited amount of shapes. The results were brilliant.



**Special congratulations
to the following pupils
for these great images:-**

**Charlie Ellis
Mason Painter
Joshua Pang
Genevieve Jones
Florence Tymus**



FAMILY HOLIDAY



Activities in Frome for families in need of support.

Wednesday 28th May*	10am - 1pm	Come and explore Tropical Animals such as snakes and bugs!	Frome Cricket Club, Rodden Road, Frome, BA11 2AH
Thursday 29th May	10am to 1pm	Family Cookery	Trinity Church Hall, Trinity Street, Frome BA11 3DN
Friday 30th May*	10am-2pm	Outdoor fun with nature - exploring and learning If you need transport please ask	Heal Somerset, Lower West Barn Farm, Bindon Ln, Frome BA11 5HH

Suggested donation of £2 per child

*Free Fair Frome hot meal served one hour before end of session!

BOOKING ESSENTIAL - contact rebeccaharrison@purpleelephant.org.uk to book a place or ask your school or support worker to refer you

Adults to accompany and remain responsible for their children at all times.

Family support workers available at all sessions.



www.PurpleElephant.org.uk



UP 4 UNDER SPORTS



MAY HALF TERM

FESTIVAL OF SPORT

29TH MAY 2025 (9AM-4PM)

The Cricket programme is the perfect holiday club for the cricket mad youngster, whatever their ability! The course will be fun, challenging and help improve players skills and techniques.

The Multi Sports programme will involve a fantastic variety of sports, including: Laser Tag, Archery, Mini Olympics, Tennis, Handball, Ultimate Frisbee, Tag Rugby, Dodgeball, Lacrosse & Team Building Challenges.

Open to boys & girls ages 5-15.



FROME CRICKET CLUB
Rodden Road, Frome, BA11 2AH

£32 per day



BOOK NOW



YEAR SIX STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

L->R Tiffany Adams-Barney, Gracie-Mai, Dominika, Franklin Clayton, Archie Payne and Logan



<https://somersetcc.sharepoint.com/:b:/s/SCCPublic/Eb7XVe8n2jBOog0PM422gIUbljuTJziKmMBQU-u0YeA76A?>

Arrivals and Departures

With safety in mind there is a new plan for pupils to enter and exit school.

Entering school:

Pupils are not to walk through the carpark first thing in the morning unless they are entering through Reception.

Exiting school:

Pupils are to leave through the red gates as normal and walk straight onto the pavement rather than walking through the car park.

Bus pupils will leave through the silver gate - bus buddies will sign pupils out as they leave.

This new plan will start on Monday. Tutors can discuss the plan with tutor groups today and give daily reminders.

We expect pupils to arrive before the gates close at 8.30am.

Diary Dates

w/c 12 May	SATS Wk Year 6
w/c 19 May	Yrs 5 7 8 Assessment Week
22 May	Yr 7 visit Wake The Tiger, Bristol
w/c 26 May	Half Term Holidays
6 Jun	Yr 5 (2 classes) visit Stonehenge
6 Jun	"S" Tutor Groups Cake Sale
w/c 9 Jun	Yr 8 Paris Trip
11 June	Might Oaks visit Longleat
12 Jun	Yr 5 Gideons Assembly
17 Jun	Yrs 7 & 8 Sports Day
18 Jun	Yr 3 Olympics (9.30-11.30am)
18 Jun	Frome College Head of House visit Yr 8s
19 Jun	Frome College Head of House visit Yr 8s
19 Jun	Oakfield's Got Talent
25 Jun	Yr 4 Olympics (9.30-11.30am)
26 Jun	Yr 8 Speaker, Kelia Fowler, FJ Chalk
30 Jun	New Parents Evening
1 Jul	Yrs 5 & 6 Sports
2 Jul	Transfer Day
3 Jul	Whole school photograph
w/c 7 Jul	Activities Week
7 & 8 Jul	Bikeability
9-10 Jul	Yr 6 Activity Days (details to follow)
9 Jul	Reports home
11 Jul	Yr 8 University visit
14 Jul	Yr 8 Presentation Evening
15 Jul	'As You Like It' performance
16 Jul	'As You Like It' performance
17 Jul	Yrs 5 6 7 Book Look
17 Jul	Yr 8 Leavers Trip
18 Jul	Last day of Term, finish at 12.15pm
21 & 22 Jul	INSET days
21 & 22 Jul	Lost Property can be claimed (after these
	dates items will be donated to charity)
1 & 2 Sep	INSET days
3 Sep	Pupils return

Cleaner Vacancy

The vacancy is for 10 hours per week, term time plus 6 weeks holiday working. The closing date is 16th May and interviews being held week commencing 19th May.

The link for the advert is below:

<https://www.eteach.com/careers/oakfieldacademy/job/cleaner-1480408>

Arbor Update

Thank you to the 82% of parents who have managed to start using the Arbor app. If you are struggling to get on, please contact Mr Bowker on mbowker@oakfield.mnsp.org.uk.

There is an in-app communication service which parents can use to get in touch with the school. It is not possible to communicate with individual teachers, the messages drop into a generic inbox and will be directed to the relevant member of staff. This means that responses will be slower than previously. Parents can also contact the school using our telephone number or email address.

Achievement and Behaviour points will not be pulled through from Edulink but we have a record of each pupils' achievements and behaviour incidents since September so we can continue to monitor and celebrate the successes across the academy.