

Newsletter

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OAKFIELD ACADEMY
BELIEVE AND ACHIEVE

Thank you to everyone who supported our second hand uniform sale—we sold lots of items for £1 or less, and raised £51.50 for the FRIENDS.

EXTRA INSET DAY

Wednesday

27th November 2024



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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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£10.00 Asda vouchers will be emailed to the parents of each pupil who has free school meals on Friday 25th October to help cover the Autumn Half Term Holiday expenses, funded by Somerset County Council.

**EHCP's Explained
Parent Information Session
Thursday 24th October 2024**

5:00pm 6:30pm

Conference Room - Writhlington School

The application and obtainment of an EHCP is a long and complicated process involving many professionals. This session is aimed at parents whose children are attending mainstream settings who are in the process of or considering applying for an EHCP. If your child has additional needs, they will be reliant on receiving effective additional provision and support. Understanding the EHCP process is key to ensuring that children receive all they need to make progress and thrive. This session will cover the following topics:

1. What is an EHCP
2. Understanding the EHCP application process
3. What support an EHCP entitles your child to
4. How to challenge the Local Authorities decisions

If you are interested in booking a place, please email sen@msnpartnership.com by 20th October 2024

The session will be held at Writhlington School – Conference Rm



Kitchen News

As well as the delicious selection of pastries, snacks and savouries available at break time, pupils can also purchase fruit pots and yoghurts—if they wish to enjoy a healthier option.





Science Department

In science Mr Shaddick told us about “100 hours of stargazing” - there were 4 challenges and I completed them in my garden with my dad. We saw The Plough, The Summer Triangle, Cassiopeia and Saturn.



The next night we saw ‘Bath Astronomers’ had a family stargazing night.

Me, mum and dad got to look at Saturn through a telescope which was amazing. I even managed to take a picture of Saturn through the telescope!

Saturn had an orange yellow colour and we could see two moons next to it orbiting Saturn. They answered lots of our questions about Space and it was really fun.

Poppy Wheatley (5S)



Our Friends at Bath Astronomers run regular public star gazing events, which are free for anyone to attend, where, (like Poppy and her Family) you can learn more about astronomy and use their high tech telescopes to observe the wonders of the nights sky for yourself.

Please use the link below to sign up to their mailing list to find out about their next public startgazing event if you are interested.

Thank you so much to Simon at Bath Astronomers for lending us the astronomy box for September to help support our teaching of the Y5 Earth and Space topic! Lots of fun was had by Y5 using the tellurium, gravity well, binoculars and making their own planisphere.

<https://bathastronomers.org.uk/public-outreach/>

Mr Shaddick, Science Teacher

CAREERS



Year 8 Careers in Construction Sessions

On Thursday 3rd October 2024 Year 8 undertook a session to explore all of the different ways construction companies can offer future employment opportunities and the vast wealth of careers that contribute to successful construction.

Danielle and Amelia were fantastic in delivering a session around construction and sustainable schools that got the pupils thinking about their own vision for schools and creating spaces and environments to help promote sustainability and educate young people in relation to how they feel they would best learn.

The day was a huge success and we would like to extend our gratitude to Danielle and Amelia for travelling into school to deliver these sessions. Well done!



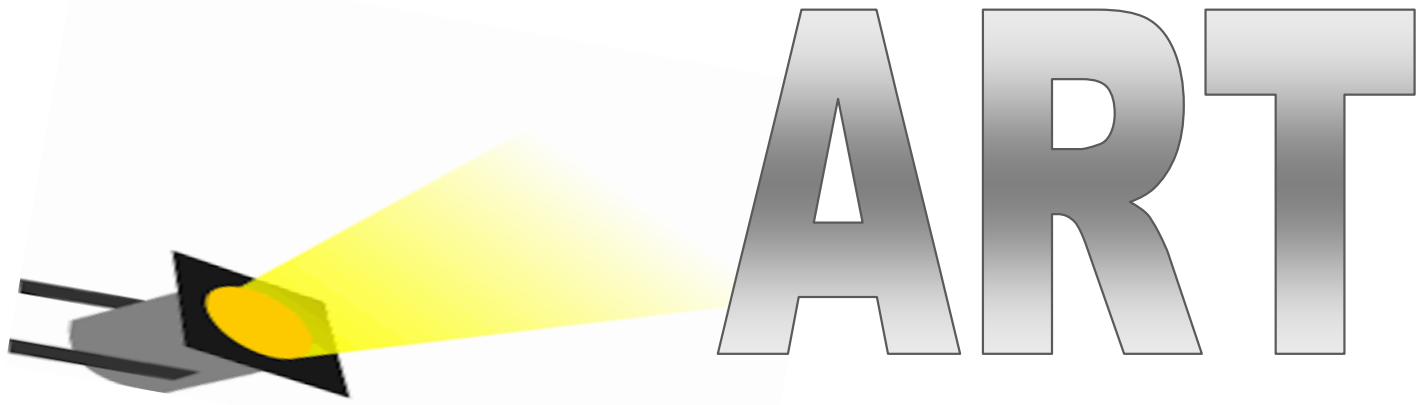
NFU Careers Presentation

On Thursday 26th September, Year 7 were presented with an engaging and informative discussion into the many roles and responsibilities of farming within Somerset by members of the National Farmers' Union. The talk included information regarding the variety of careers that farming can include as well as Darcy and Madeleine's personal stories and how they ended up doing what they love for their chosen job.

The pupils were polite, well-mannered and asked some very challenging questions to the speakers, who were fantastic in their responses and gave insight into their day to day jobs and gave advice as to some of the ways that others might venture into careers in agriculture.



**Farmers
for
Schools**



ART

Year 7 – Colour Mixing

This term, year 7 pupils have been exploring colour mixing. We began by discussing the colour wheel, which is a useful tool to support understanding of the basic principles of colour theory. Pupils then explored colour mixing using pencil and watercolour. Finally, they applied their knowledge to observational paintings of leaves. I was impressed by their focus and observational skills - I hope you enjoy the range of examples here.

<https://oakfieldacademy.co.uk/academy/curriculum/art-design>

Hannah Mundy, Head of Art





Ella Ecob 7N



Jayden Brown 7R



Emily Carpenter 7A

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so it was unexpected.



Mason Annetts 7R



Betty Bell-Fraser 7N

Year 8 – Exploring mark-making and composition

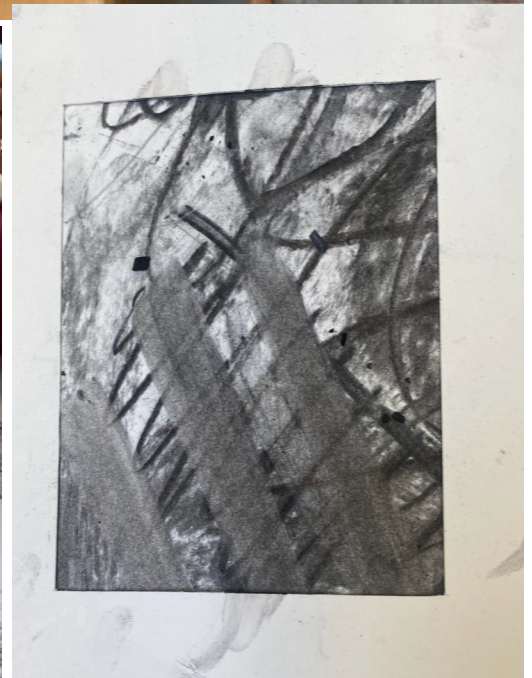
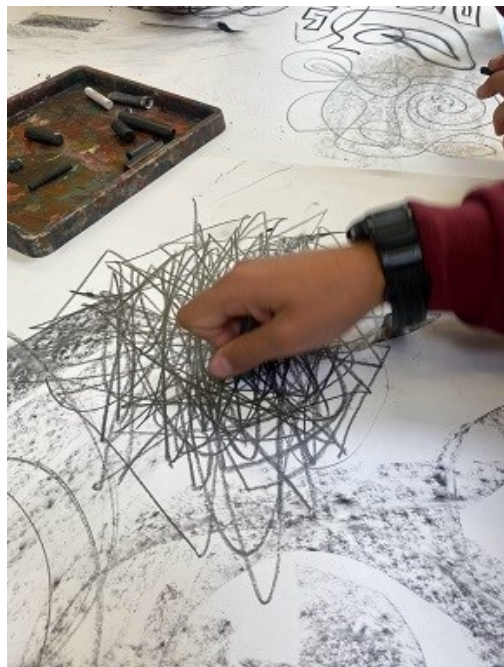
This term, year 8 pupils have been working with a range of mediums and mark-making techniques, to explore 'value'. In last week's session, pupils began by working collaboratively, mark-making with charcoal, chalk and graphite sticks. After this challenge, we discussed composition: filling a space in a beautiful or interesting way. Using view-finders, pupils selected images that demonstrated 'high value': an image that is high contrast and contains a full range of tints, tones and shades. I hope you enjoy these examples of their choices.

Pupils' reflections showed that they enjoyed this collaborative experience, as it gave them the freedom to experiment and make their own choices.

Please check out the art page on our website, which has more examples of pupils' work:

<https://oakfieldacademy.co.uk/academy/curriculum/art-design>

Hannah Mundy , Head of Art



Multicultural Frome

Sunday 13th October 2024
12pm-3pm at the Cheese and Grain



Local people from around the globe sharing and celebrating their cultures

- Music, singing and Dancing
- Make and do arts and crafts
- Language games, storytelling, workshops
- Food and drink to try and buy
- Contributions from local schools
- Information and support
- All welcome

Free Entry, donations welcome, small charges by stalls to cover costs, please bring cash

For more info lenkagrimes@gmail.com or azeemacaff@google.com



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Hayesdown First School,
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28th	Fundays
29th	HALLOWEEN ART & Fundays
30th	Fundays
31st	HALLOWEEN PARTY
1st	Fundays

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CANTEEN

A POP-UP PAY-WHAT-YOU-CAN COMMUNITY RESTAURANT

FRONEFOODNETWORK.CO.UK / CANTEEN

Friday 25th October
+
Friday 15th November
5pm-8pm

No reservation needed
just turn up

Trinity Hall
Frome
BA11 3DE

CANTEEN IS A PAY-WHAT-YOU-CAN COMMUNITY RESTAURANT SERVING AFFORDABLE, DELICIOUS + NUTRITIOUS FOOD

Currently in pop-up form, CANTEEN is managed by Frome Food Network: it is a project set up by, and for, the Frome community to improve wellbeing and access to responsibly-sourced, well-cooked food; bridge the gap between local food and local people; and generally further a sense of togetherness.

CANTEEN is inspired by projects such as The Long Table and The Big Lunch.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

STEP 1
Buy a CANTEEN token at the till, or ask for 'a token for Jo' to get a free one

STEP 2
Turn in your token at the hatch for a meal

STEP 3
Join other guests at the table and welcome others to sit with you

STEP 4
Eat and enjoy

HOW MUCH DOES A MEAL COST?

However much you'd like to pay. Even if that's nothing.

Currently, the suggested donation for a meal is £10.

WHAT IS THE FOOD LIKE?

The food served at CANTEEN is hearty, nutritious, familiar, and - most importantly - delicious. Think pie and mash, ragu, curries, stews, and so on.

CANTEEN's dishes are based around seasonal fruit and vegetables. Meat is from local, regenerative + ethical sources.

FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO:
FROMEFOODNETWORK.CO.UK/CANTEEN

Reminders from the Finance Office:-



If your child is joining the Year 8 trip to France next year, please ensure that your payment instalments are up to date.

Year 6 parents—please sign your child up for the exciting trip to the Bristol Hippodrome Pantomime in December—deadline is Friday 25th October !!!



Victoria Park and Mary Baily

We would like to hear your thoughts and ideas on Victoria Park and Mary Baily to help inform our plans.

Please comment using the link below.



Share your thoughts by 28th October:
bit.ly/mary-baily-survey, call in at the Town Hall
or ring us on 01373 465 757

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TOWN COUNCIL

Diary Dates

23 Oct	5A and 5R visit Stonehenge
24 Oct	Whole school flu vaccinations
25 Oct	INSET day
w/c 28 Oct	Half Term Holidays
Mon 4 Nov	Term 2
w/c 11 Nov	KS3 Assessment Week
15 Nov	Children in Need
27 Nov	INSET day (extra)
16 Dec	Reports home
20 Dec	Last day of Term 2
w/c 23 Dec	Christmas Holidays
w/c 30 Dec	Christmas Holidays
Mon 6 Jan	INSET day
Tue 7 Jan	Term 3
14 Jan	Yr 8 Subject Evening
21 Jan	Yr 6 Maths & English Evening
28 Jan	Yr 7 Subject Eve
w/c 10 Feb	House Assemblies
12 Feb	Yr 5 (2 classes) visit Stonehenge
w/c 17 Feb	Half Term Holidays
24 Feb	Term 4
w/c 24 Feb	Whole school Assessment Week
6 Mar	World Book Day
7 Mar	Red Nose Day
20 & 21 Mar	Bikeability
3 Apr	Oakfield's Got Talent
w/c 7 Apr	Easter Holidays
w/c 14 Apr	Easter Holidays
21 Apr	Bank Holiday
22 Apr	Term 5
w/c 19 May	SATS Wk Year 6
w/c 26 May	Half Term Holidays
6 Jun	Yr 5 (2 classes) visit Stonehenge
9 & 10 Jun	Bikeability
w/c 9 Jun	Yr 8 Paris Trip
30 Jun	New Parents Evening

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
16 Jul	Summer Shows
17 Jul	Yrs 5 6 7 Book Look
17 Jul	Yr 8 Leavers Trip
18 Jul	Last day of Term

SafeLink are running a monthly drop-in session to support people in the Frome area who have experienced Sexual Abuse or Sexual Violence. These drop-in sessions are at the Town Hall on a Thursday from 10am-1pm. More information and dates can be found on the FTC website. [Frome Community Hub - Frome Town Council](#)



Please contact Mrs Warren if you would like to add your child's name to the list for next year's 2-day training sessions.