

Newsletter

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OAKFIELD ACADEMY

BELIEVE AND ACHIEVE

Remembering...



In beautiful sunshine, the entire staff and pupils at Oakfield Academy lined up to pay their Remembrance respect. There were touching readings by Year 8 pupils Martha Riggs and Frank Rogers-Reilly, as well as Headteacher, Miss Wilkes. 'The Last Post' was also played by Mr Oates in front of the academy flag. Acorn the academy dog also put in an appearance.



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HEADLICE ALERT !

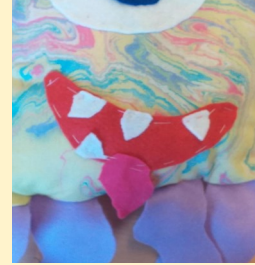
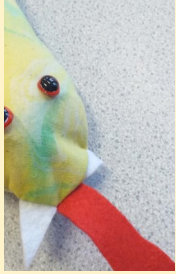
Please be aware that we have had a number of incidents reported to us. Kindly check your child's hair regularly and treat appropriately if some are found.

Thank you very much for your support.



Congratulations to Gabi Watson (centre) who is now the new Manager of our kitchen here at Oakfield Academy. She is joined by new Assistant Chef Kim Hitchcock (who is a catering manager herself) pictured on the right, and Group Manager, Louise Searle (pictured left).

Design Technology



Year 8 have been marbling fabric and creating monsters in Design Technology. Here are some amazing examples of ones they have finished so far. Miss Nightingale is so proud of everyone's efforts.



On Wednesday 15th November Oakfield Academy took a team of Year 7 & 8 players to Frome College to play a Hockey match against Selwood Academy. It was a very even game from start to finish and we had to defend well to keep Selwood from scoring. Noah Hewitt- Grainger was outstanding in goal making some amazing saves throughout the game. In the 3rd and 4th quarter we made some great attacking plays and put pressure on the Selwood defence but they kept us out. The final score was 0-0 but a really positive performance by all involved.

A massive well done to Maddie Harris who was named as our 'player of the match'. An outstanding performance by all involved - Maddie Harris, Noah Hewitt-Grainger, Lily Shirvell, Hannah Puleston, Loki Woodbury, Isaac Henderson- Finch, Alex Rodriguez, Summer Bache, Luna Psa-Treadway, Eve Parsons and Jemima Platt.



Oakfield made a promising start to the Jr NBA season, travelling to Heathfield school in Taunton to play the Miami Heat and Atlanta Hawks! A strong start to our first match against the Miami Heat saw us leading at half time by 6 points. Great defending from Will Sherred and Rian James who blocked and stole the ball relentlessly, passing off to Felix Gray, Freddie Hill and Archie Sandy to score easy lay-ups allowed us to finish the first match 20-12 winners!

Up next were last year's semi-finalists, the Atlanta Hawks. A strong performance from Oakfield kept the scores close at half-time, however the Hawk's aerial superiority began to show at both ends of the court for the last two quarters as they began to extend their lead.

Jamie Goodall, Harrison Cole, Billy Bastiman and Dylan Cross kept us in the game and played well, however the Hawks were too strong, winning 23-11 at the buzzer.

Well done to all who represented Oakfield Academy impeccably on Tuesday.

PE Department News



INTER-HOUSE GAMES

Pupils to wear PE Kit for the day

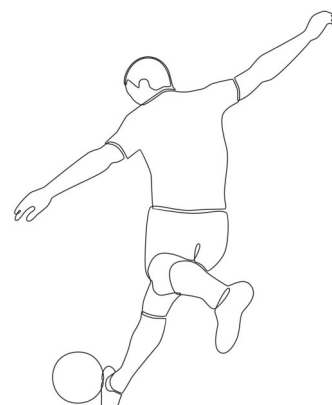
Lesson 1 Year 8

Lesson 2 Year 7

Lesson 3 Year 6

Lesson 5 Year 5

Dates as follows:-



AUTUMN Wednesday 29th November

KS2 Mixed Netball & Football

KS3 Girls Netball & Boys Football

Netball—Sports Court (Trainers and full PE Kit required)

Football—Field (Football Boots, Shinpads and full PE Kit required)

Should the weather be poor, Interhouse Games will take place in the Hall and Gymnasium

- Wet weather plan—Benchball in Hall and Gym

SPRING Date to be confirmed

KS2 Mixed Handball and Bench-ball

KS3 Girls Football and Boys Football

Handball—Sports Court (Trainers and full PE Kit required)

Benchball—Gymnasium/Hall (Trainers and full PE Kit required)



KS2 Tag Rugby

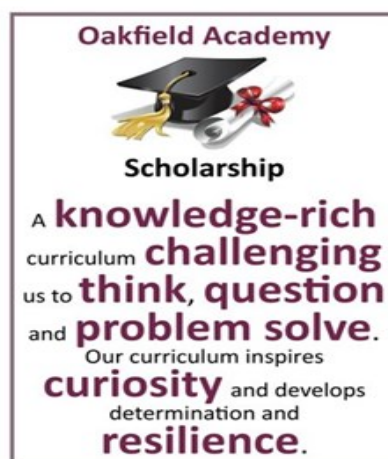


Wednesday
15th November saw Oakfield welcome Selwood Academy Years 5 & 6 players to a fun, but competitive Tag Rugby tournament. With 6 teams in total and over 50 pupils involved, the afternoon saw some great rugby from both sides. Many tries were scored and tags taken! Players developed their skills and understanding of the game through multiple matches.

A thoroughly enjoyable afternoon of rugby which we hope to replicate again next week when Selwood bring their year 7&8 teams over for some contact matches.

Year 6 History

Well done to all those in 6O that took part in the World War 2 Shelter Building Competition. Pupils demonstrated a wide range of skills and used a great variety of materials to create their best representations of shelters. I was particularly impressed with the attention to detail of the insides where Isla and Jessie fitted LED lights to illuminate their bunk beds and furniture. Martha created an incredibly accurate and life-like garden by using foam within a wooden frame to construct her Anderson Shelter. Jack produced the sturdiest structure by using a container wrapped in clay. It is truly wonderful to see the efforts made by our learners outside of the classroom and bringing History to life through creativity and imagination. Well done! **MR REYNOLDS**





Academy Choir continues to grow!!

Ms Parsons was delighted to welcome so many new members to Choir this week—so many that we have had to include the photograph sideways!

Pupils sang a wide variety of songs—from pop to Christmas!

(They sounded wonderful and were full of enthusiasm).

More new members are always welcome—they meet in the Hall every Tuesday from 3.00-4.00pm. If your child would like to join, you can sign them up via Edulink.



LIBRARY NEWS



The Book Fair is here!

This year's Scholastic book fair has got off to a fantastic start, with lots of pupils visiting during their break and lunchtimes to browse and buy!

There is a wonderful range of children's books for sale starting at just £2, and there is something for every age, interest and reading ability.

Parents are invited to come and visit the book fair after school on Friday 17th, Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st November in the library.

Your child may bring home a Wish List of the books they would like. If you would like them to buy the books, please either send them in with cash or pay securely online using the QR code above.

Thank you for your support!

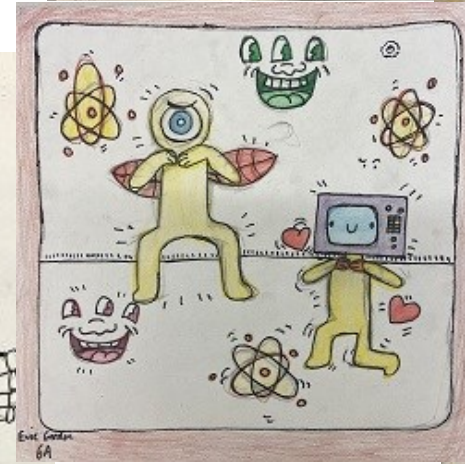
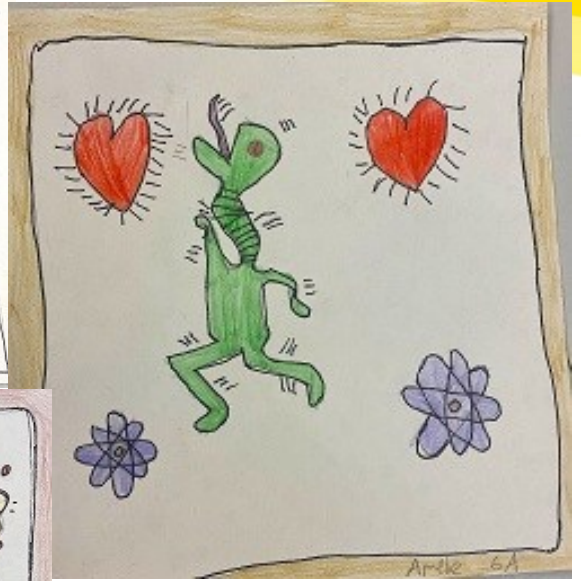
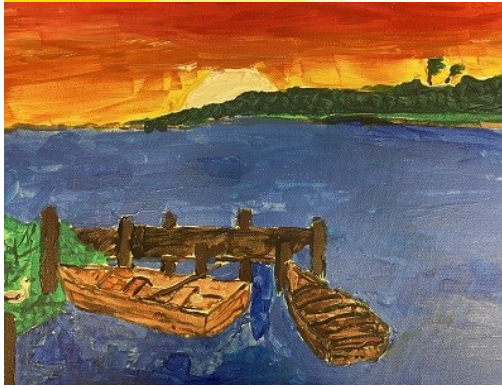


Scan the QR code to pay online!



Congratulations to Jessica Lauder-Shortman in 7O who was a winner in our book fair poster competition! She won £5 to spend at the book fair. Our other winners were Rose Harris, Evie Gordon and Mark Salmon

Art Department



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Oakfield's Artists of the week

Oakfield Academy celebrates effort and ambition in art. This week's year 6 pupils have been working in the style of the early graffiti and pop artist, Keith Haring. The study of known artists helps our pupils to gain inspiration, develop technical skills and understand more about the history of art.

Also included today, two pieces of art from our specialist art club:

Louis Hughes (8N) - Manga Art
Imogen Speddings (7O) - landscape



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**Oakfield Academy
proudly presents**

YEAR FIVE FESTIVE FAMILY SING-A-LONG

Wednesday 6th December at 2.00pm



Join us for an afternoon of festive musical treats! We would love to see your best Christmas jumper or even some fancy dress!

**FREE TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM THE
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One ticket per family up until
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General Release on Monday 27th November.



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FREE*

Neurodiversity and SEND Awareness Courses

Online and Face-to-Face

Develop your awareness and understanding of Autism, ADHD and SEND with up-to-date, engaging and informative content and discussion.

- **Introduction to Autism** – overview of the characteristics of autism, the strengths and challenges experienced by autistic individuals
- **Understanding Autism** – including the autistic brain, executive function, autism and anxiety
- **Introduction to ADHD** – definitions, diagnostics and different types of ADHD
- **Introduction to SEND** – exploring conditions such as dyslexia, ADHD, autism and more
- **With many more courses to choose from...**

These courses are friendly, inclusive and a safe space for you to feel supported.

Call Somerset Skills & Learning for more information / book online

0330 332 7997 sslcourses.co.uk

SOMERSET SKILLS & LEARNING

What do I need to know?

- ✓ Courses available from now, through to Easter 2024
- ✓ Range of dates and times available
- ✓ For beginners and the more experienced
- ✓ Zoom access required for online courses
- ✓ Search our website for courses and enrol online via the QR code below

*Please see our website for eligibility information.

Scan with your smartphone camera to visit our website





Apprentice Teaching Assistant required for a Middle School in Frome to work alongside teachers in the classroom, to support pupils to make progress.

Location: Frome

Working week: Term-time only
Monday to Friday, days and times to be confirmed.

Total hours per week: 30.00

Annual wage: £8,236.80 pro-rata

Level and duration:
Level 3, 18 months.

Call Somerset Skills & Learning for more information / apply online

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CLOSING DATE: 27th November 2023

Lost Property

We currently have a large amount of lost property that is unclaimed.

Please encourage your child to visit Reprographics to collect any missing items. Due to storage restrictions we will need to dispose of or repurpose some items after the Christmas break. Thank you for your support.



FAMILY HOLIDAY



Christmas 2023

Activities in Frome for families in need of support.

Monday 18th December	1pm to 4pm	Festive crafts and sparkles, magic and balloons, presents from Santa!	The Key Centre, Feltham Lane, Frome BA11 5AJ
Tuesday 19th December	10am to 1pm	Festive crafts and sparkles, magical entertainment, presents from Santa!	St Catharine's Hall, 4 Park Road, Frome BA11 1EU
Wednesday 20th December	1pm to 4pm	Festive crafts and sparkles, magic and balloons, presents from Santa!	Cricket Club, Rodden Road, Frome BA11 2AH

Suggested donation of £2 per child

*Free Fair Frome hot buffet party food served one hour before the end of each session!

BOOKING ESSENTIAL - contact rebeccaharrison@purpleelephant.org.uk

bookings must be received by 4th December

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

Family support workers available at all sessions.

www.PurpleElephant.org.uk



Family activities over the Christmas holidays

We're running Christmas activities for families who need support over the holidays. These sessions are open to families who live in Frome or surrounding villages, or anywhere in Somerset if they have additional needs. All the sessions are basically the same, so families can only book onto one.

Booking essential.

Free Christmas theatre tickets

We have some free tickets for a special performance of The Little Match Girl by a local theatre company, The Wise Children. The show is for supported families only and one of our support workers will be there throughout to give a helping hand. It will be a relaxed performance, so suitable for children with additional needs, but is aimed at those 8 years and over. The theatre (the old Portway Methodist Church) is small so the performance will be cosy. If families would like to come along, please contact Purple Elephant by 20th November on:-

info@purpleelephant.org.uk

The

LUCKY CHANCE

FROM THE WISE CHILDREN THEATRE CO.

PORTWAY, FROME, BA11 1QR

DECEMBER 5TH - 4PM

THE LITTLE MATCHGIRL
AND HAPPIER TALES - INCLUDING

THE PRINCESS & THE PEA

THE EMPEROR'S NEW CLOTHES

JOIN INTERNATIONALLY ACCLAIMED THEATRE COMPANY
WISE CHILDREN
IN THEIR TINY 60 SEAT THEATRE

STARRING
OLE SHUTEYE
& THE WORLD FAMOUS
SHUTEYES

DIRECTED BY EMMA RICE

FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN AGED 8+

ARTS COUNCIL
ENGLAND

Diary Dates

22 Nov	Yrs 7/8 Rugby v Selwood
23 Nov	Yr 5 Road Safety Assembly
24 Nov	Yr 8 Hockey v Millfield (Away)
29 Nov	Interhouse Games
6 Dec	Yr 5 Christmas Singalong
7 Dec	Yr 6 Christmas Singalong
7 Dec	Yr 8 Road Safety Assembly
13 Dec	Yr 6 Pantomime trip to the Bristol Hippodrome
14 Dec	Academy Christmas Dinner Day
15 Dec	Last day of Term, finish <u>2pm</u>
16 Dec—1 Jan	Christmas Holidays
2 Jan	INSET
3 Jan	Term 3 (pupils return)
5 Jan	Yr 8 HPV Vaccinations
8 Jan	Yr 6 Subject Evening (3.30-7.00pm)
11 Jan	Yr 7 Speaker, Careers in the NHS
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)
1 Feb	Yr 7 Speaker, Mendip Studio School
1/2 Feb	Bikeability Training
7 Feb	5A & 5R visit Stonehenge
w/c 12 Feb	Half Term holidays
19 Feb	INSET
13 Mar	SEND Coffee Session 2-3pm Exam arrangements
15 Mar	Red Nose Day
16/17 Apr	Bikeability Training
25 Apr	SEND Coffee Session 2-3pm SENDIAS—support for families
w/c 13 May	Yr 6 SATS Exams
4 Jun	2x Yr 5 classes visit Stonehenge (tbc)
7 Jun	Yr 8 visit Bath Uni
w/c 10 Jun	Activities Week
10-12 Jun	Yr 7 Charterhouse Camp One
12-14 Jun	Yr 7 Charterhouse Camp Two
10-14 Jun	Yr 8 trip to France

ATTENDANCE

Tutor groups with 96% or
above attendance are:

**5A 5C 5O 5N 6C 6R 7A
7O 8N**

Remember the awards are given
out for weekly attendance, not the
year so far, so with a fresh start
each week everyone has the
opportunity to achieve it.
Well done!!

REQUEST FROM OUR DESIGN TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

The Design Technology Department
would be grateful for donations of
the following items if you are
able to help:-

Wool

**Plain Fabric that will take dye
(plain sheets are perfect)
Fabric offcuts patterned**

As we are coming up to the festive
season, sweet tubs are always useful
as well

**Many thanks in advance
Ms Peat and Mrs Nightingale**

