

Newsletter

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OAKFIELD ACADEMY
BELIEVE AND ACHIEVE

Important Road Safety Message

We have received reports of dangerous road crossing by some of our pupils, where pupils have crossed the road in an unsafe spot or are demonstrating a lack of concentration around traffic. As the days get darker and the weather is so unpleasant, please can we recommend that parents re-walk their child's route to Oakfield with them over the holidays and check that they understand the dangers.

We have been lucky to have both 'Safer Streets—Be Bright Be Seen' and Somerset Road Safety assemblies in school this term, however re-educating pupils on the importance of road safety and appropriate road crossing should always be re-visited to ensure the safety of all our pupils. Thank you for your support.



Year 6 gave a stunning performance for parents this Thursday afternoon. Thank you to everyone who supported the show and joined in the singing. Special thanks to Ms Parsons and her team for their tremendous efforts at rehearsals.



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Oakfield Academy

Christmas Bingo Night

Friday 8th December 2023



Doors open 6.00pm, eyes down at 6.30pm.
Bingo books £1.00 each, or 6 for £5.00.
Hamper prizes. Raffle. Special flyer game .
Light refreshments available—everybody welcome.

Entrance tickets £1.00 per person to be bought in advance.

Price of tickets redeemable when buying bingo books.



Message from the PE Department

Clubs that will be running next week, w/c Monday 11th December:-

ON—KS3 Rugby, Y6 Football and B-Smart Self Defence

OFF—KS3 Football, KS2 Dodgeball, KS3 Hockey, KS3 Netball, Y5 Football, Girls Rugby and KS2 Gymnastics



‘Gymfinity’ coaches with our KS2 pupils

Gymnastics club has been running this term on a Thursday after school, with pupils exploring and working on balance, rolling and jumping using various apparatus. Pupils have had a great time so far and are looking forward to continuing after Christmas.



Our Flexible Learning Group have created these beautiful, decorative Christmas tiles.

Well done to some of our pupils who during their PE lesson spotted a sheep with a bucket stuck over it's face in a farmer's field! Fortunately we were able to contact the farmer who quickly arrived to rescue the animal.

You can't make it up !!!

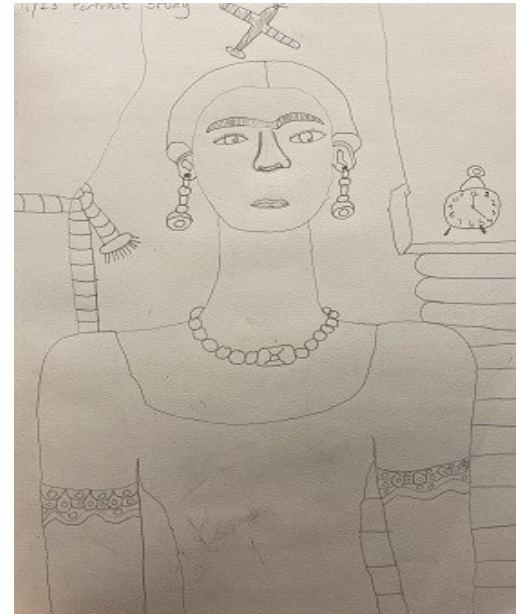
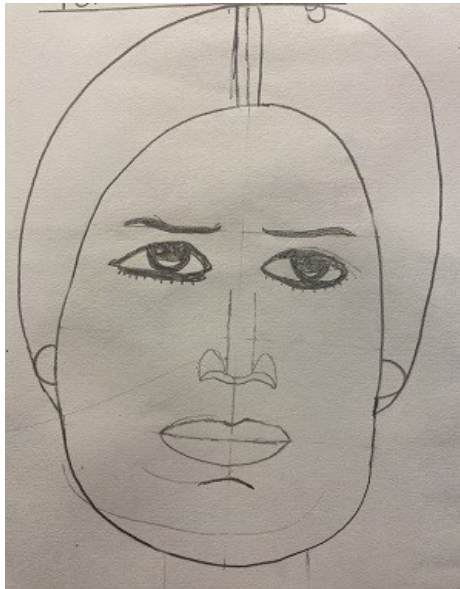
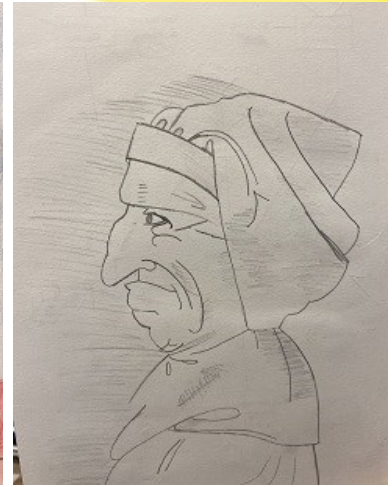
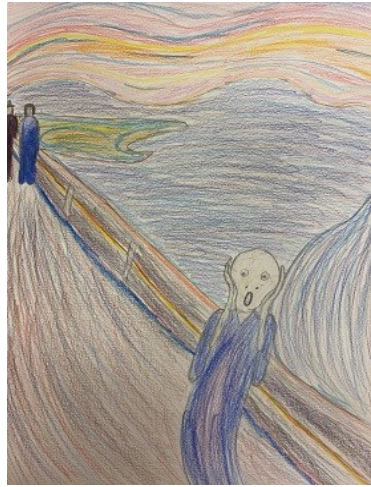


Poor EWE !!



Thank you to everyone who attended our Year 5 Christmas Sing-along on Wednesday. The pupils played to a packed audience who were really appreciative of the great singing and home-made mince pies & mulled apple juice on arrival.

SPORLIGHT ON THE ART DEPARTMENT



Year 7 Portrait study - evaluation

Answer the following (if known):

Title of Portrait: Time Flies

Name of the artist: Frida Kahlo

Step 1: Description

- Describe the artwork with factual information - what do you see?
A woman is standing in a room with a person in the background. I think it is a woman because there is a woman plane flying outside.

Step 2: Analysis

- What medium (art materials) do you think the artist has used (eg oil paint, watercolour, ink)?
I think ink for the eyebrows because they are very dark and oil pastels for the nice colour effect.
- What elements do you think the artist focused on? (Colour, value, line, texture, space, shape or form)?
I would say line, shape because her face is a nice shape and a bit of colour.

Step 3: Interpretation:

- What do think the person is feeling or thinking? What can you read in expression? What is the meaning of the artist in creating this piece?
She doesn't look very happy and I think sad because it might be because of the

Year 7 pupils are working on an 'Identity' project: this is a long-term art and graphic design project that covers a wide range of skills, including portraiture. This week, pupils copied a portrait created by a master artist: the aim of this activity is to explore the mark-making techniques of established artists, as well as to understand more about artists' purpose and aims when creating a portrait. After completing their portraits, pupils carried out an evaluation of the master work and their copy.

Jasmine Summerell - Artist: Pablo Picasso - 'Head of a woman'
Oscar Hughes - Artist: Olivia Odiwe - 'Brotherhood'
Ava Luke - Artist: Frida Kahlo - 'Self-portrait'
Alfie Leakey - Artist: Leonardo da Vinci 'Character Study'
Rosie Milkins - Artist: Edvard Munch - 'The Scream'
Natasha Ping - Artist: L S Lowry - 'Portrait of Ann'
Ellie Smith - Artist: Pablo Picasso - 'Jacqueline with flowers'

Please also check out the website Art & Design page, which holds more examples of Oakfield pupils' artwork.

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



LIBRARY NEWS



BOOK DONATIONS

We have recently received two incredible book donations which provided us with more than 200 books for the library.

Thank you so much to Leila Caston and Marianne Johnson for your generosity.

If you have any good quality age-appropriate books which are in need of a new home, we are always very happy to accept donations.



Thank
you



Oakfield Academy Reads!

In November 2023, students have read...

663 Books
13,596,579 Words
for **21 minutes/day!**
(individual student average)

MONASTICE
Accelerated Reader®



Oakfield Book Group gets off to a festive start!



Our new book club now has 11 members and we have met three times!



Our first book is *Tinsel*
by Sibéal Pounder



We've had lots of lively discussion and plenty of biscuits and mince pies! We're really enjoying the book and can't wait to enjoy lots more books over the year.

Oakfield Academy Library is on Instagram!

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US!



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Buying books for Christmas?



Don't go to Amazon; head instead to
LoveReading or **LoveReading4Kids!**

If you select **Oakfield** at the checkout, we
will receive **25% of your order value** to
buy books for the academy!

 LoveReading
A KIDS BOOKS COMPANY

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BUY BOOKS. CHANGE LIVES.

Book fair books!

We have now received all of our free books
funded by the fantastically successful book fair!
I can't wait to get these out on the shelves and
into our pupils' hands.



Accessit
LIBRARY

New library software



Just this week, we have made the switch to a brand new library management system called Accessit.

The new system will hopefully make issuing and returning books quicker and easier, as well as having lots of great features which will save the librarian time!

But the most exciting feature is that we will have a brand new Web App which all pupils will be able to access, where they can search the library catalogue, reserve books, submit reviews and much more!

I will be introducing the pupils to this new system after Christmas.



Inter House Results Autumn 2023

YEAR 5 FOOTBALL & NETBALL RESULTS			YEAR 7 FOOTBALL & NETBALL RESULTS		
Position	Tutor Group	Points	Position	Tutor Group	Points
1 st	N	180	1 st	O	170
2 nd	A & O	160	2 nd	C, R & N	150
3 rd	R	150	3 rd	A & S	140
4 th	C	140	4 th		
5 th	S	120	5 th		
6 th			6 th		
YEAR 5 NETBALL RESULTS (GIRLS)			YEAR 7 NETBALL RESULTS (GIRLS)		
1 st	A	100	1 st	C	100
2 nd	R	90	2 nd	R	90
3 rd	N	80	3 rd	N	80
4 th	O	70	4 th	O	70
5 th	C & S	60	5 th	A	60
6 th			6 th	S	50
YEAR 5 FOOTBALL RESULTS (BOYS)			YEAR 7 FOOTBALL RESULTS (BOYS)		
1 st	N	100	1 st	O	100
2 nd	O	90	2 nd	S	90
3 rd	S	80	3 rd	A	80
4 th	C	70	4 th	N	70
5 th	R & A	60	5 th	R	60
6 th			6 th	C	50
YEAR 6 FOOTBALL & NETBALL RESULTS			YEAR 8 FOOTBALL & NETBALL RESULTS		
1 st	S	170	1 st	A	200
2 nd	A, C & O	150	2 nd	R	160
3 rd	N	140	3 rd	N	150
4 th	R	120	4 th	C	140
5 th			5 th	O	130
6 th			6 th	S	120
YEAR 6 NETBALL RESULTS (GIRLS)			YEAR 8 NETBALL RESULTS (GIRLS)		
1 st	C	100	1 st	A	100
2 nd	S	90	2 nd	R	90
3 rd	A	80	3 rd	C	80
4 th	R	70	4 th	S	70
5 th	N	60	5 th	N	60
6 th	O	50	6 th	O	50
YEAR 6 FOOTBALL RESULTS (BOYS)			YEAR 8 FOOTBALL RESULTS (BOYS)		
1 st	O	100	1 st	A	100
2 nd	N	90	2 nd	N	90
3 rd	S	80	3 rd	O	80
4 th	A	70	4 th	R	70
5 th	R	60	5 th	C	60
6 th	C	50	6 th	S	80

Frome Christmas Get-Together 2023 - everyone deserves a special Christmas

Volunteers in Frome are organising free events on Christmas Day for anyone who would like some company. There are three different venues; St Catharines Parish Hall on Park Road, Frome Cricket Club and The Frome Key Centre between 10.30am - 12.30pm. All guests will receive a warm welcome, conversation, entertainment and refreshments, as well as a festive meal and gifts to take home.

Organisers have listened carefully to feedback over recent years. Guests have said that everyone valued the time, conversations and community aspect of the event over the food itself. The event has also shifted to earlier in the morning, over a shorter period of time. Many people found it difficult to be alone at home waiting for lunchtime to come. The size and length of previous events was rather overwhelming for many, so three smaller venues are now used. The cost-of-living crisis has also impacted the event budgets and practical arrangements. Reducing the event management by removing the preparation, serving and clearing of the food, means that volunteers can focus on making the event personalised and relaxing, allowing time for meaningful conversations and sharing fun times together.

Volunteer organiser Emma Warren says; *"We're delighted to be able to offer these special community events again on Christmas Day. By focusing more on the 'getting together' aspect, our teams of volunteers can't wait to welcome guests to each venue and provide warmth, conversation and support. Christmas can be a challenging time for lots of people for many different reasons. To be able to welcome the whole community together on this special day is unique and inspiring for everyone involved. Frome really is a wonderful place to live."*

This free event is open to anyone who would like company, there are no complicated criteria or judgements. The events are funded solely through donations from the local community, so please look out for the bucket collectors at the town's festive events such as the Christmas Light Switch on and The Frome Independent December market. Anyone who would like to come on Christmas Day should book their space in advance by filling out a Guest Form available at Frome Library or telephoning Margaret on 01373 465418.

Please email fromechristmas@gmail.com for more information.

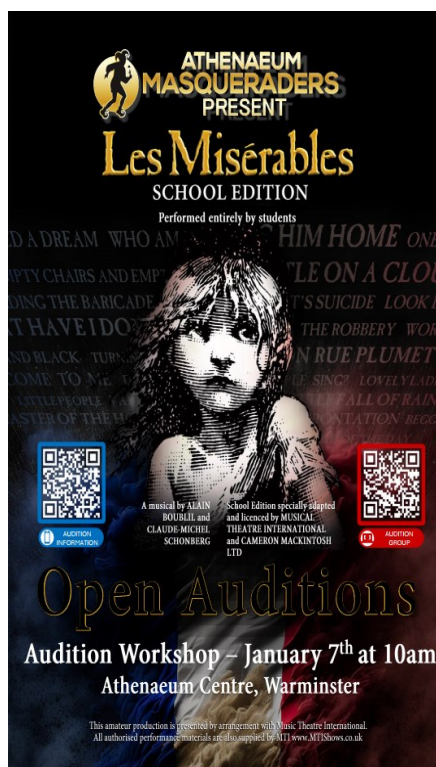
www.bigchristmasgettogether.org



On Thursday Barry Thomas from the Somerset Road Safety Team visited Year 8 to deliver an important high impact assembly to our Year 8 pupils.

Attendance

**A huge
congratulations to
the following tutor
groups who achieved
96% or above last
week:- 50, 5S, 6C
and 8S**



We are a friendly, welcoming support group for families of children with additional needs.

We offer a monthly group session where we can provide support, advice and signpost to other useful organisations.

Dates for 2024

January 15th 10am -12pm
February 12th 10am-12pm
March 18th 10am-12pm
April 15th 10am-12pm
May 20th 10am-12pm
June 17th 10am-12pm
July 15th 10am-12pm
September 16th 10am-12pm
October 21st 10am-12pm
November 18th 10am-12pm
December 16th 10am-12pm

Venue - Frome Town Hall Cafe

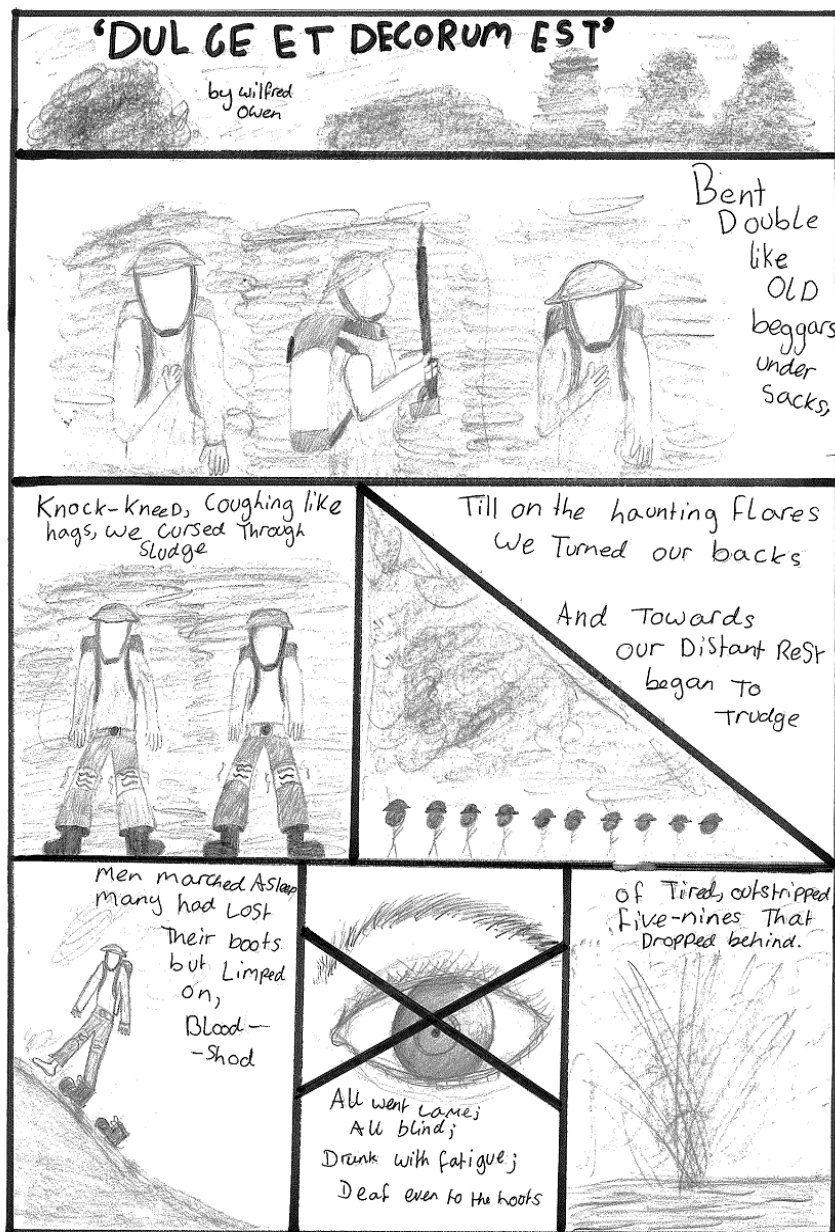
Come along for a cuppa, make new friends and share experiences in a private and safe space.

We look forward to welcoming you!

Any questions please email-
fromeautism.adhdparentforum@gmail.com
or join us on Facebook.



Miss Cotterill wanted to share this lovely picture of James Trebble, who worked really hard to decorate the Christmas tree in our Mighty Oaks classroom.



YEAR 8 WORLD WAR II PROJECT

LOST IN MOTION

In twists of thoughts, my mind
does entwine,
A tangle of ideas, all intertwined,
Confusions rain,
like a lover's spurn,
As thoughts collide, in a swirling
burn,
My brain a jumble of words untold,
A chaos of meaning, hard to hold,
I search a sense, but it slips away,
Like sand between my fingers on a
sunny day.

Kieran Vowell 8C

World War II art work by
Courtney Inman FLG

Vacancy

Primary SEND Teacher

For a full job description and
application form, please use the
following link:-

The closing date is Monday 11th December
at 9am and
interviews will take place on
Thursday 14th December.

[https://www.eteach.com/job/primary-
send-teacher-1388986](https://www.eteach.com/job/primary-send-teacher-1388986)

The Pod ZONE

Chill Out & Have Fun

Aged between 8 and 16 years old,
and have a brother or sister with additional needs?
Do you help to look after someone at home?
Come to the Zone and meet new friends!

Have Fun

Hang Out With Friends

Get Support

Wednesday 6-8pm (fortnightly)
Routes, 1A Palmer Street, BA11 1DS

Please contact us to discuss a place, as places are limited
07736 470328
info@thepodcharity.org.uk

The Pod is a registered charity in England and Wales. Charity number 116092

Diary Dates

12 Dec	Oakfield Choir performance for families of Choir members 3.30pm
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 Feb	Fusion Extreme Show from FTC
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
18/19 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
13 Jun	Yr 5 Summer Trip (details tbc)
3 Jul	Transfer Day
5 Jul	Yrs 5 & 6 Sports Day
10/11 Jul	'One Love' Summer Show
12 Jul	Yrs 7 & 8 Sports Day



Thank you for your support

Your support has made a real difference to those in the Armed Forces community.

To find out more about how your donation helps, please visit rbl.org.uk

To OAKFIELD ACADEMY

Thank you for supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Together we raised £170.18



FRIENDS OF OAKFIELD ACADEMY
Always looking for new members and volunteers. To keep in touch with what is happening and what is being planned, why not join the FRIENDS own WhatsApp Group:-

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/Hc8WH9S7bU75qhm0GDzFxY>

We look forward to hearing from you.