

Newsletter

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OAKFIELD ACADEMY
BELIEVE AND ACHIEVE



MR GARY SMART—25 YEARS OF GOVERNANCE AT OAKFIELD ACADEMY

Recently we celebrated Mr Smart's incredible achievement of service to the Academy, average duration for a Trustee is 3 years!

Gary's children and grandchildren have attended Oakfield—his son Joe even worked at Oakfield for some years as a teaching assistant.

His support for staff and pupils has been immeasurable—even during the covid period he was kind enough to arrange gifts for each "teaching bubble" the refreshments were greatly appreciated.

When Oakfield changed from a Middle School to an Academy in 2011, he was at the forefront of the changes, helping the Headteacher (Mr Philip Hill) and the Leadership Team to make the transition as smooth as possible. He worked particularly hard to support the Premises and Curriculum Teams, always giving helpful and practical suggestions for improvements. Gary has truly gone above and beyond the support that any Academy can expect—Staff, Parents and Pupils will always be grateful for his terrific input. Gary was awarded with an engraved glass and with a Mayor's Commendation.

We all look forward to working with him for another 25 years !!!

Gary is pictured above with Chair of Trustees—
Ms Kate Hellard.

Brilliant Bingo !

A huge **THANKYOU** and **CONGRATULATIONS** from the
Friends of Oakfield Academy for the support they received at last
Friday's Bingo Night.

Our Hall was packed with excited players and you could hear a pin drop
when the Flyer game was being called - with a star prize of a £100
Amazon Voucher donated by Connor Construction it was
hardly surprising!

FINAL PROFIT RAISED—£1,320.24 !!

Next Up an online raffle to win a signed Bath rugby shirt 😊
Watch this space



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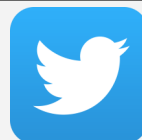
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If you would like further information on any of the items in the newsletter, please contact the school office.

Follow us on Facebook and Twitter via our website.



Farewell...

**To Mrs Cross, we wish
her happiness and great
success as she begins a
new adventure.**



**To Mr Charlesworth,
we wish him great
success in his new
school.**





Citizenship Award

On Thursday we were visited by PCSO Gary Maule and PCSO Megan Bannon.

They were here to present a Citizenship Award to Rose Sheldon (5C), Lexi-Mai Hawker (5S) and Jasmine Summerrell (7N) who did something wonderful on the way home from school a few weeks ago, going out of their way to look after another pupil and make sure they were safe.

We are all extremely proud of these three girls, who were all ready to tuck into their Christmas Dinner and so were very surprised with the presentation.

Congratulations Rose, Lexi-Mai and Jasmine.



NETBALL REPORT

On Tuesday 5th December we welcomed Selwood Academy to Oakfield for a Netball fixture for our Year 7 and Year 8 team.

Our Year 8 team has enjoyed some new players this year and so for some this was their first competitive game. The girls worked hard in defence, but Selwood were effective at creating space and managed to take a win of 15-3. Player of the day went to Maddie Harris. Great effort by all the girls involved: Freya Long, Ava McDonald, Gina Hughes, Niamh Webster, Luna Psa-Treadway, Lily Shirvell, Hannah Puleston, Maddie Harris, Barbara Coelho and Rebecca Lintern.

Our Year 7 team played a tough game in defence with some physical play and Ammie Brassington's efforts were recognised being awarded the player of the day - well done! When we got the ball in attack we took the opportunity to score some great nets but on this occasion not as many as Selwood who won 8-3. Brilliant play by all involved - Ammie Brassington, Keira Clark, Annie Coelho, Amber Hunter- Evans, Rose Scott and Iris Tipper.



Avon and Somerset Police
ROADS POLICING

E-SCOOTERS AND THE LAW

It is against the law to ride a privately-owned electric scooter (e-scooter) on a public road or pavement.

We understand that buying an e-scooter can be tempting, especially as you can buy them from many popular retailers.

Current law

You can buy an e-scooter, but you can't ride it on a UK public road, cycle lane or pavement. The only place those e-scooters can be used is on private land with the landowner's permission.

Further information

Further details can be found on the following government website:
Powered transporters - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

What happens if I'm stopped by the police?

The police will advise you of the current law on using an e-scooter legally and have the powers to seize it. Alongside this you could face a fine and/or points on your driving licence as anyone riding an e-scooter, must adhere to the normal traffic laws when on the road. Once seized the e-scooter is destroyed.



Oakfield's Car Park

ATTENTION

Kindly note that all vehicles should enter the car park through the ENTRANCE at the Nunney Road end of the car park, and depart through the EXIT at the other end.

If you need to drop your child at Reception and the cones are out, it is not permitted to do a U-turn and leave through the entrance, for any reason. This is a very dangerous thing to do and could put our pupils and other pedestrians at great risk, and well as putting other drivers in danger who may be arriving.

KINDLY OBSERVE THE ENTRANCE AND EXIT SIGNS, if you need to leave when the cones are out, kindly wait until they have been moved.



Oakfield Pacers took part in their second Tri-tournament against the Atlanta Hawks and Chicago Bulls, representing the Academy impeccably.

Both matches got off to a frantic start with Oakfield conceding early baskets to the Bulls in game one before grouping together and improving massively in the second quarter. Oakfield Pacers continued to grow in confidence with baskets scored by Felix Gray, Freddie Hill, Archie Sandy and Alex Paniagua-Rodriguez to make it 22-14 at the half.

Will Sherred and Jamie Goodall made excellent defensive contributions throughout with Alfie Light adding to the scoring late on in game 1. A close game finishing Oakfield Pacers 16- 24 Chicago Bulls.

Game two against the Hawks saw the team playing well, scoring lay-ups and passing well throughout to take a significant lead. Billy Bastiman, Harrison Cole, Olly Van-Gorph and Seth Yates combining well to create and score chances. The match finished with the Pacers winning 18-14.

Well done to all players in the team for their contribution.

Team - Freddie Hill, Felix Gray, Archie Sandy, Alex Paniagua-Rodrigues, Jamie Goodall, Jacob Doel, Harrison Cole, Will Sherred, Toby Comer, Alfie Light, Olly Van-Gorph, Billy Bastiman, Dylan Cross, Rian James.



Every pupil in the Academy is given an English Card from their English teacher. When the teacher has signed the English Card three times, the card is then placed in a raffle box. The Christmas draw took place just after 3PM on Friday. The lucky winners will all receive a prize from the English Department.

The winners of the English Raffle are:

Year 5: Emily Baines Year 6: Hope Hammer and Mason Singer
 Year 7: Isaac Gaiger and Evie Chivers Year 8: Jess Clark and Lily Vicary
 Mrs Roynon would like to thank Sue's Crafts for the lovely Christmas cones.

SOMERSET SAINT FLU VACCINATION WALK IN CLINIC

This clinic is for the FLU Nasal Spray Vaccination and is a walk-in (no appointment needed).

Monday 18th December

10am - 2pm

**Frome Community Hospital, Enos Way,
FROME BA11 2FH**

Vacancy

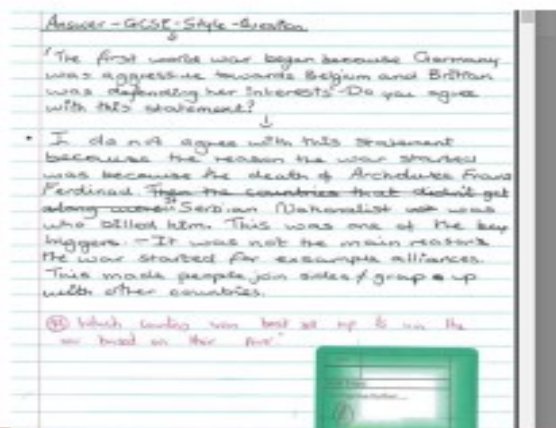
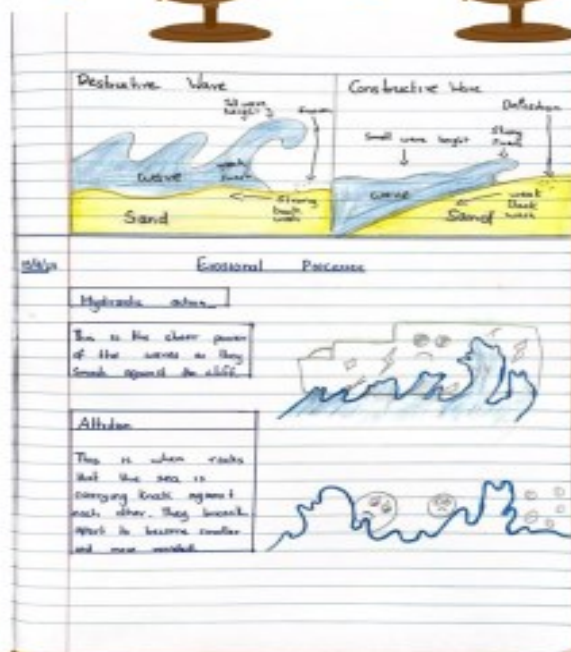
CLEANER

The closing date is 1st January 2024 and interviews will be held on 9th January 2024.

The link for the advert is: <https://www.eteach.com/job/cleaner-1390162>

THE HUMANITIES HUB #4

Christmas Cracker Edition 2023

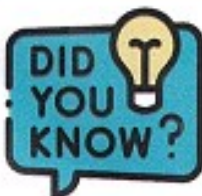


Mr Reynolds and the Humanities Department would like to wish pupils and families a most relaxing holiday!

A small collection above of some of the wonderful learning taking place in history & geography lessons during this term exemplifies the pride and ambition so many pupils are showing in their learning. Well Done!



CHRISTMAS TRIVIA



In the UK – Tom Smith invented the Christmas Cracker in 1847.



KFC has been a traditional Christmas Lunch in Japan since the 1970s. Can you research why?

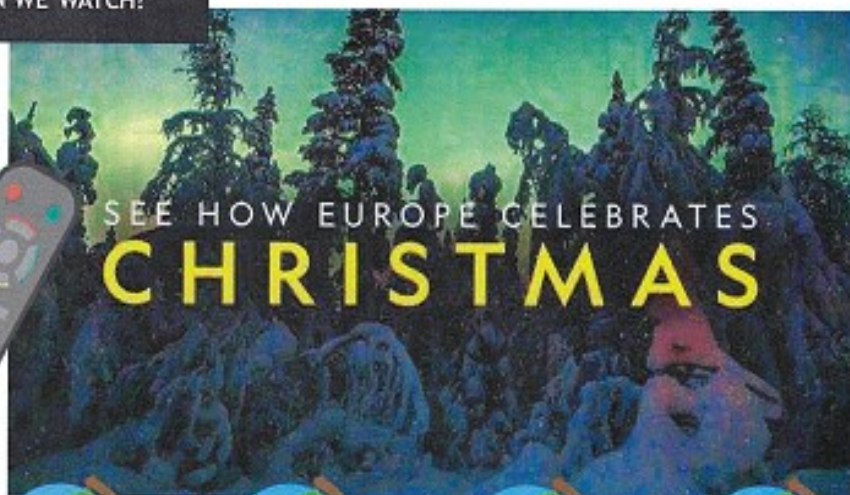


Christmas trees first became popular in 16th century Germany where they were decorated with fruit and nuts before it evolved into sweets and paper shapes.



The Poinsettia originally started becoming a festive plant in Mexico in the late 1800s.

WHAT CAN WE WATCH?



Vacancy with **CLEVERCHEFS** at Oakfield Academy

General Kitchen Assistant

16 hours per week—term time only

Pop into the academy reception for an informal chat with our staff.



On Tuesday after school our Oakfield Choir performed some of their favourite songs for family and friends to celebrate their hard work and efforts during the Autumn Term. Mulled apple juice and warm mince pies were welcomed by the audience as they arrived.

HEAD LICE

Please be aware that we have received reports of cases of head lice amongst our pupils. Please use the Christmas break to check your child's hair and treat if necessary.

ACORNS Awards **Autumn 22/23**

1st	A	35 points
2nd	O	25 points
3rd	N	21 points
4th	R	18 points
5th	S	17 points
6th	C	11 points



Year 6 enjoyed a fabulous trip to The Bristol Hippodrome on Wednesday to see
PETER PAN.

Oh no they didn't..... Oh yes they did!!!

SPOTLIGHT ON THE ART DEPARTMENT



Wishing you a happy Christmas from the art department! These chalk pastel baubles were created by our year 8s and focus on 'value' (depth and luminosity). 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>

APPEAL

Do you have a filing cabinet that you wish to dispose of? If it is in good working order, please consider donating it to our academy—where we can find a good home for it!

Thank you.

APPEAL FROM OUR SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

Clearing out your CD or DVD collection?

If so, we would welcome donations of CDs and DVDs (we do not need the cases).

They will be used in a special surprise science project for our pupils in the coming weeks.

Thank you.



**These beautiful Christmas Cushions
were created by pupils in our
Flexible Learning Group.**

Winning Office Assistant for the Autumn Term

After much deliberation by the Admin Team, Connor McAdam was chosen as the best office assistant this term and awarded a certificate and prize by our new Receptionist, Miss Golder.

Well done Connor !

ATTENDANCE

**The tutor groups with 96% or
above are:**

**5A, 6C, 6R, 5N,
and 8S**

Well done !

Peri Music Timetables

Timetables have been emailed out to parents and a paper copy given to the pupils.

It's Christmas Time – Parents guide to help keep children safe online

It's Christmas Time!



A Parent's Guide to Social Media



A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures



A Parent's Guide to Gaming



A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming



scan the QR code with your phone's camera to see the guides on our website



A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming



A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers



A Parent's Guide to Fake News



A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings

It's always best to be prepared

Many parents may be planning to give electronic gadgets to their children this festive period. Our guide is designed to help parents take a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games.

Scan the QR code to find out more.

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

Skips Educational Email: info@skipssed.com Tel: +44 121 227 1941

Developed in partnership with



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www.skipssafetynet.org

LIBRARY NEWS

merry Christmas

from Oakfield Academy Library!

We had great fun decorating the tree with some of our favourite Christmas books!

Our next book club read!



Christmas Lunch

2023



Thank you to the ladies at Cleverchefs... it was great !



Diary Dates

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
18 Jul	Parent Book Look
22 Jul	Yr 8 Presentation Evening at The Memorial Hall, Frome
23 Jul	Yr 8 'End of Oakfield' Trip

FROME Railway Poster 2024 A5

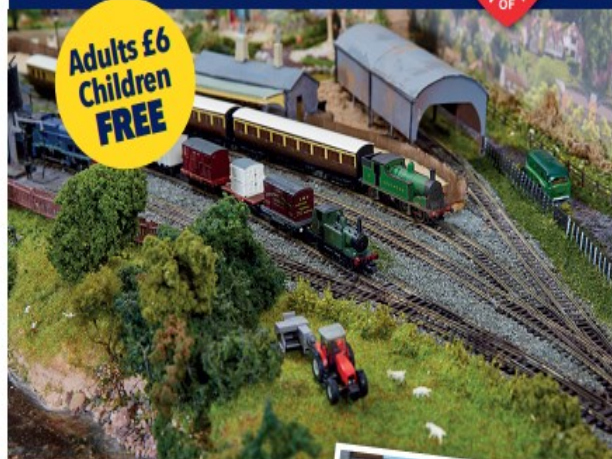
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FROME MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION 2024

Saturday 6th January 10am to 4pm
Sunday 7th January 10am to 4pm

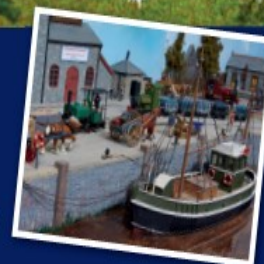


Adults £6
Children
FREE



Numerous layouts
Model trains and
accessories for sale

**Cheese & Grain,
Market Yard, Frome,
Somerset, BA11 1BE**



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](https://chat.whatsapp.com/Hc8WH9S7bU75qhm0GDzFxY)**

**We look forward to
hearing from you.**