

Newsletter

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OAKFIELD ACADEMY
BELIEVE AND ACHIEVE

Happy New Year !



Mr Mark Bowker
Deputy Head Teacher—
Quality of Education



Miss Ashleigh-Jayne Buttery
Apprentice
Teaching Assistant



Ms Briony Heard,
Lunchtime
Supervisor

We hope you had an amazing break !

It has been brilliant to welcome everyone back to school, including our new staff Mr Bowker, Miss Buttery and Ms Heard. We had a brilliant training day on Tuesday, covering Reading Strategies, First Aid and Well Being.



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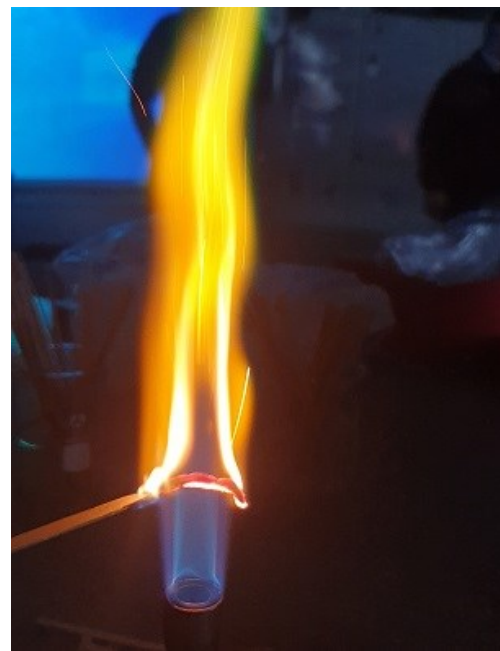
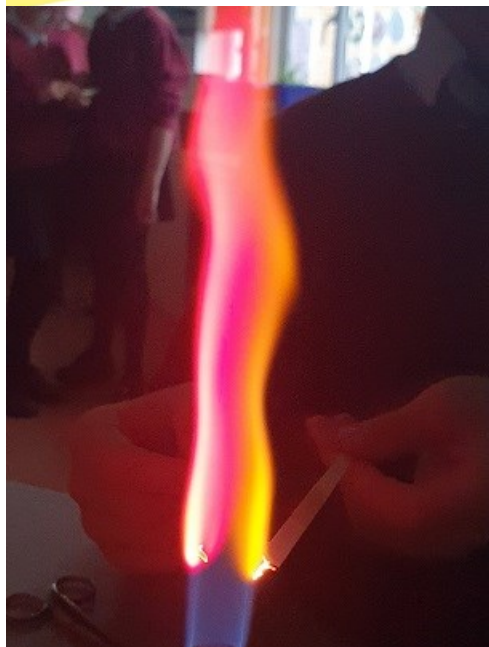
Attendance E-mail: attendance@oakfieldacademy.co.uk

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

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SPOTLIGHT ON THE SCIENCE DEPARTMENT



On the last day of the Autumn term 7N took photos of flame tests. Indigo Dixon shared these amazing photos with Mr Shaddick, we are sure you agree they are spectacular.

PHOTOS OF FESTIVE FLAMES - Red= Lithium, Yellow= Sodium, Green= Copper, Bright white= Magnesium and Iron wool.

Such a spectacular eye for detail, thank you Indigo!

Mr Curtis Shaddick, Teacher of Science

(The best part of the session was)
- "Feeling validated, supported and
listened to"



NHS
Somerset
NHS Foundation Trust

"I found it very
supportive and helpful"

CAMHS SPA Anxiety Workshops For Parents and Carers

This workshop will be delivered by the CAMHS Single Point of Access Team. During these sessions we will be covering:

- Understanding childhood anxiety
- How to respond to and manage physical symptoms of anxiety
- How we can challenge unhelpful negative thoughts
- How to cope with anxious behaviours

This course will be delivered in **4 weekly sessions**.

To book a place, please discuss with a professional at your child's school

When and Where? Monday 29th

Thursday 11th, 18th,
25th January & 1st
February, 5.30-7pm.

At the Horizon
Centre, Swingbridge,
Bathpool, Taunton,
TA2 8BY

January, 5th, 19th &
26th February, 5.30-
7pm.

At the Balidon
Centre,
Summerlands,
Preston Rd, Yeovil
BA20 2BX

Tuesday 5th, 12th,
19th & 26th March,
12-1pm.

ONLINE via
MICROSOFT TEAMS

Please note: these sessions are for parents and carers only, we cannot accommodate children and young people.

Can you help ?



Our DT Department would be grateful for donations of empty chocolate tubs and our Science Department would appreciate and spare clean takeaway containers that you no longer need. Thank you.



ATTENTION YEAR EIGHT PARENTS

'Frome College Class of 2027'

Introducing a private Facebook group for parents of children starting Frome College in September 2024. Somewhere to chat, ask questions, and build a supportive, friendly and inclusive community.

The parent group that was initiated last year has flourished into a remarkable community where parents extend support and encouragement to one another. Individual students are not discussed, and parents not joining the group will not be at a disadvantage with regards to information sharing.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/298739056285301>

Children's Autism Outreach Team

To gain continued support from the team you are very welcome join Children's Autism Outreach Team (CAOT) at several of our coffee mornings (they start at 10am until 12pm). This is an opportunity to catch up with the team and meet other families. Refreshments are available to purchase.

The coffee mornings will be open to everyone known to the team.

If you would like to attend, could you please let us know so we have an idea on numbers and know to update you about any last-minute changes here are our mobile numbers.

Barbara Mills 07584 175262 Kate Standen-Scott 07920 211167

Dawn Thake 07973 686350 Kate Letten 07977 412499

The Mendip School, Prestleigh, Shepton Mallet, BA4 4NJ

15th January, 19th February, 18th March, 15th April, 20th May,
17th June, 15th July

No coffee morning in August due to summer holidays
16th September, 21st October, 18th November, 16th December

Diary Dates

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
7 Mar	World Book Day
13 Mar	Yrs 6 7 8 Photography Day
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
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

Vacancy

CLEANER

The closing date is Tuesday 16th January
and interviews will be held on
Tuesday 23rd January.

The link is below: [https://
www.eteach.com/job/cleaner-1393980](https://www.eteach.com/job/cleaner-1393980)

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.

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.