

Newsletter

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OAKFIELD ACADEMY

BELIEVE AND ACHIEVE

MAT UPDATE

Photo: - Mark Bowker—Deputy Head, Oakfield Academy, Emma Reynolds—Principal, Frome College, Alun Williams—CEO, MNSP, Emma West—Headteacher, Critchill School, Amanda Seager—Head of Trinity First School, Mark Lees—Director of Education, MNSP.



Frome is set for an exciting collaboration which will unite the town's school system. Frome College and Oakfield Academy are to partner with Midsomer Norton Schools Partnership (MNSP); the duo will join Critchill School under the management of this "high performing" multi-academy trust (OFSTED June 2023). Trinity first school is also awaiting imminent approval to join MNSP- a move which will further strengthen and unite the town's educational offer.

The MNSP Trust was established in 2010 and has grown to include 32 schools in the Southwest. With a proven track record of excellence, the MNSP has continuously strived to ensure quality education and innovative teaching practices. By becoming a part of this alliance, Frome schools are taking a significant step towards creating an exceptional learning environment for the young people of Frome.



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Spotlight on the Science Department



Mrs Sanders speeds
through her
Attendance checks !

To explore drag forces in action this week, Year 7 made their own hovercraft using CDs, balloons and fruitshoots. Pupils and staff have ridden our school hovercraft at high speeds around the Hall causing great excitement and interest. Miss Wilkes, Mr Bowker, Mrs Sanders and many other staff joined the fun hopping on for a ride to the delight of our pupils.

ATTENDANCE - IS MY CHILD TOO ILL FOR SCHOOL ?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell. There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about [managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/managing-specific-infectious-diseases).

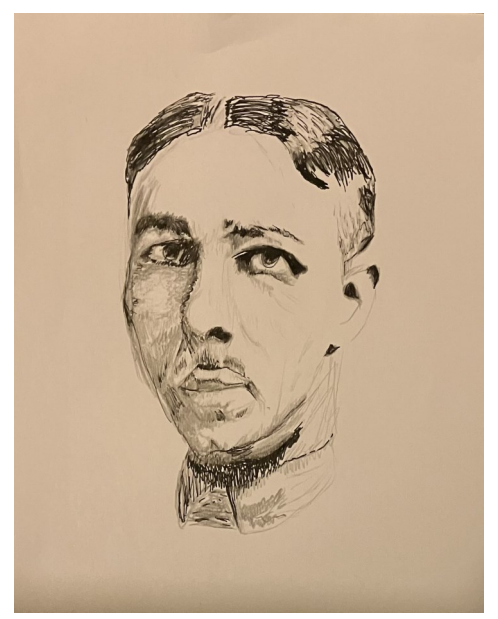
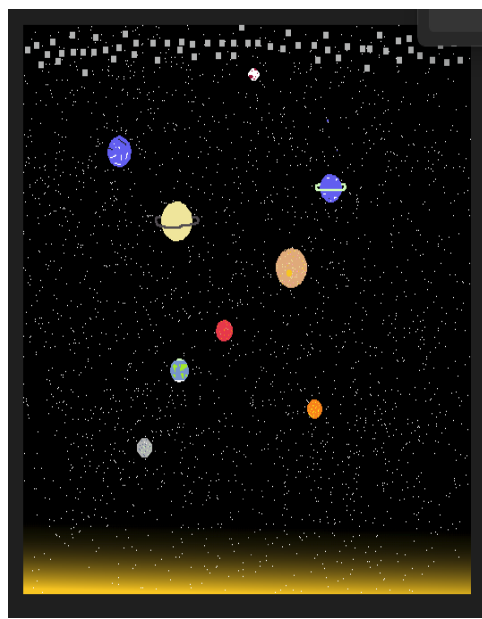
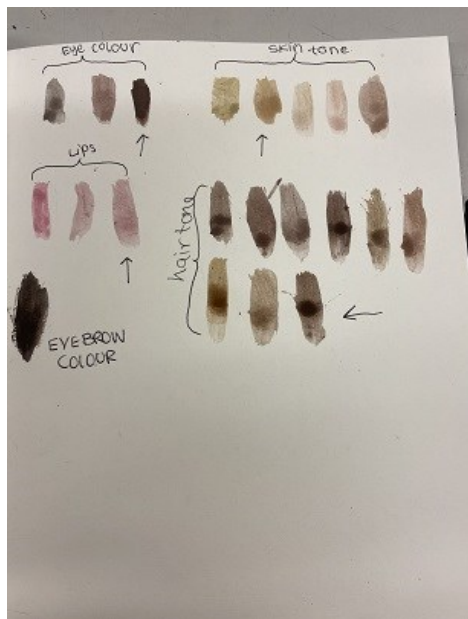
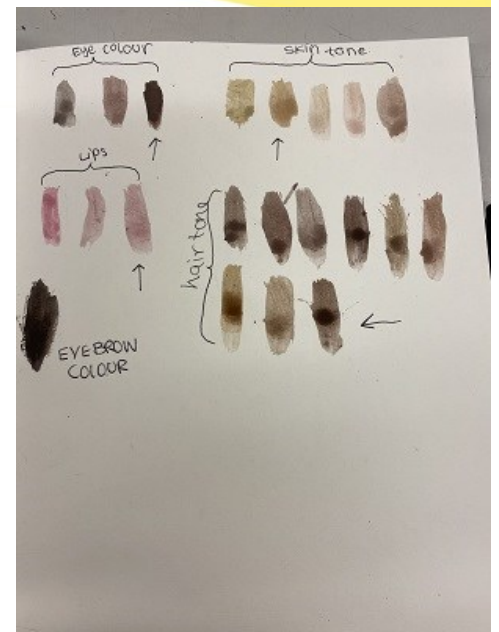
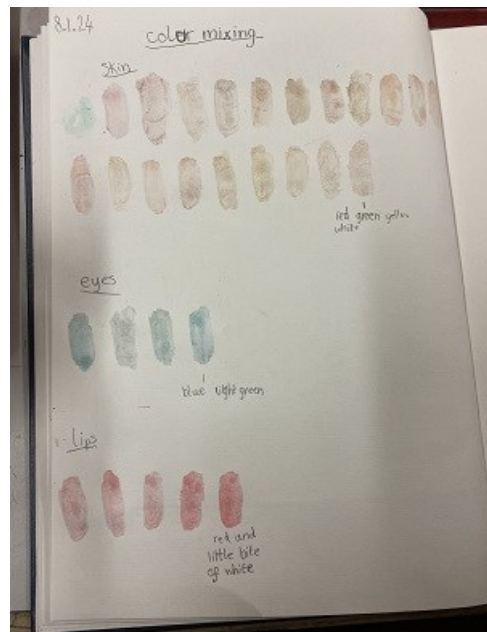
These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day.

Let them know that your child won't be in and give them the reason.

If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let their teacher know.

SPOTLIGHT ON THE ART DEPARTMENT



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 learned about colour theory, to support their colour mixing skills. They then used mirrors to examine their skin tones, lip, eye and hair colour, which supported their experiments with colour in their sketchbooks. I hope you enjoy the examples below. The independent artwork of Ross Parfitt and Louis Nicholls deserve special recognition: both pupils are ambitious artists and work hard to improve their skills. Ross chose to draw a portrait of the poet Wilfred Owen during the holiday and Louis has been working on his digital art skills.

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>

Ms Mundy , Head of Art



LIBRARY NEWS



Thank you so much to Frome Rotary Club! Their generous donation allowed us to buy these beautiful new graphic novels and dyslexia-friendly books!



If you have spare sets of any of these games, we would be really grateful to have them in the library.

Thank you!

MESSAGE FROM THE CHILDREN'S COMMISSIONER FOR ENGLAND

I hope everyone at Oakfield Academy has enjoyed the much-needed Christmas break. I just wanted to offer my final thanks for your support with my national campaign 'The Big Ambition' which will be **closing on Friday 19th January**.

I have been overwhelmed by the response the survey has received. Over 300,000 children, young people, parents and carers have participated, making it one of the largest surveys of its kind!

This is the final push to hear from even more children before the survey closes, it is so important that every child in England has an opportunity to tell policy makers what they want and need ahead of the General Election.

By sharing my survey with your pupils and parents or carers, you can make sure that the children and young people of Somerset are fairly represented in the results.

Children and parents or carers can complete the survey here:

www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition I am so very grateful for your support, and I am beyond excited to share the findings.



Dame Rachel De Souza, Children's Commissioner for England



Frome Town Rotary



QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 2nd February
7.30 pm

Venue: Oakfield Academy, Frome, BA11 4JF

Teams of 4 / £3 per person
with bar and raffle - top prize 39" LED Smart TV!

Email: frometownrotary@gmail.com
to book a place/table



Charity fundraiser for local causes

**Year Six
SATS
Revision
Guides
ENGLISH REVISION
GUIDES
are available via
Parentpay costing
£2.00 each.**

Vacancy

Teaching Assistant (18-25hrs pw)
The closing date is 22nd January
(9am) and interviews will be held
week commencing 29th January.

Application Form and
Job Description via link below:-

[https://www.eteach.com/job/
teaching-assistant-1394241](https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-1394241)

Bad Weather

As bad weather is forecast, please be aware that if we have to close the academy due to weather conditions, we will put out a message on our Website, Facebook and via Edulink. We will be sending out a '**Test Message**' today on Edulink, so please look out for it and ensure your notification alerts are switched on. We will aim to send these messages before 7am.

Thank you for your support.



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IN OUR AMAZING
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PQACADEMY.COM

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Oakfield Academy's SEND parent coffee sessions



The SEND team run half-termly parent coffee sessions and we'd like to invite you to join us this year on the following dates for a tea or coffee and a biscuit!

(Please note that dates are subject to change but we will advertise each session closer to the time)

25.01.24- Transition throughout Oakfield and externally. Mr Owsley from Frome College will be joining us.

14.03.24- Exam arrangements (all year groups)

25.04.24- SENDIAS are coming in to explain how they support families
27.06.24- session theme tbc

We hope to see you there!



5A and 5R visit to Stonehenge

Wednesday 7th February 2023

Please ensure you have visited Parentpay and signed your child up for the visit.
If you have any queries regarding this trip, please do not hesitate to contact the Finance Office.

Diary Dates

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| 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 |
| 2 Feb | 12x Yr 8 pupils Engineering Competition v Selwood & Avanti |
| w/c 5 Feb | Children's Mental Health Week |
| 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 |
| 21 Mar | Drama Dept Show—details tbc |
| 27 Mar | Yr 7 visit London |
| 16/17 Apr | Bikeability Training |
| 25 Apr | SEND Coffee Session 2-3pm SENDIAS—support for families |
| w/c 13 May | Yr 6 SATS Exams |
| 17 May | Yr 6 SATS Reward Trip details tbc |
| 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 |

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.