

# Newsletter

**Edition No 22, March 2024**



OAKFIELD ACADEMY  
BELIEVE AND ACHIEVE

## BINGO TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM RECEPTION

### Oakfield Academy EASTER BINGO

**Friday 22nd March 2024**



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 .**

Entrance tickets £1.00 per person to be bought in advance and will be deducted from the price of Bingo Books.



If you have any unwanted Christmas presents that could be used as raffle prizes, kindly consider donating them to the Oakfield FRIENDS for their Bingo Night. All profits will be used for academy projects and for our pupils. Items can be dropped off at Reception.

Thank you in advance.

## 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:-

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|-----------------|--|
| 14th March, 2pm | Exam arrangements (all Yr Groups)                          |
| 25th April, 2pm | SENDIAS are coming in to explain how they support families |
| 27th June, 2pm  | Theme tbc  |

**We hope to see you there!**

## ROAD WORKS OUTSIDE THE ACADEMY

Whilst the current roadworks for Safer School Streets are taking place, it is even more important to avoid the area around the academy when dropping off and picking up pupils at the beginning and end of the day.

Please can we ask that you support this request and utilise the areas further from our academy. Thank you.



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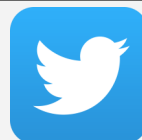
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If you would like further information on any of the items in the newsletter, please contact the school office.  
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# Yr 6 Assessments

**What a week for Year 6, Mr Bowker was incredibly impressed with the attitude and perseverance of Year 6 this week with their mock SATs week. Well done to all!! Please find below some comments from the Year 6's.**

In the Library I found it really easy to focus on my work. It was really positive place to be.

I found it helped a lot. I now know what to expect for the real SATS.

I liked it because I found it easier to concentrate—it felt like we were doing it for real.

I liked doing it in the gym because we had our own desks.

SATS in the Gym was really good, I was able to concentrate much better.

I liked doing the test in the Gym as it makes it feel like the real thing and so I don't feel as worried. It was much easier to concentrate without disturbances.

I prefer the Gym because it makes me feel like it is not just our class doing it and it was quieter and there were less distractions.

I liked being in the Gym as it is quiet and there is a timer at the front so you know how long you have.







## YEAR 8 REGGAE PROJECTS

Congratulations to all the year 8s who completed a reggae project as part of their unit on reggae music. Every year they get more and more imaginative and complex and this year I have been blown away by the originality of so many, not to mention the effort, teamwork and pride that has clearly gone in to so many of them - well done! As always there will be a prize for the best overall project which takes into account the following criteria:-

Presentation

Quality of information (have they included everything on the checklist)

Evidence of listening work

Overall effort

Winners will be announced during next Monday's assembly (4<sup>th</sup> March) and there will also be plenty of runner up prizes and certificates to celebrate all the effort.



# Winter Wanderland

Frome's 'Window Wanderland' is a fun community festival, where anyone in Frome can make a display in their windows for the public to view throughout the coming weekend (Friday 1 – 3 March 2024). Please visit the Window Wanderland website to access the map so you can plan your route and take part in the walk.

<https://www.windowwanderland.com/event/frome-2024/>

At Oakfield, our Wanderland windows celebrate our upcoming academy performance 'Macbeth', which is taking place on 20 March.

Congratulations to Year 6, who all took part to create a collaborative piece at the front of the school - please check out the drama studio windows, as well as the windows further along the block. Here are some examples of pupils' work (but they will look even better if you view them in the evening, on your Wanderland walk!).

Special thanks to Thomas and Sam, who helped me put up the work, as well as working on the giant murals.

Thomas Higgins 6R  
Sam Incledon 6R  
Florence Andrews 6R  
Isla Castle 6O  
**Ms Mundy**



# **Fun filled day of activities !**

WORLD  
**BOOK  
DAY**

7 MARCH 2024

## **CREATE A NEW PLANET**

You will need:-

Any recycled materials—a dash of creativity—lashings of imagination ..... Create a model of a new planet based on a book of your choice. You can choose a book you are reading now, a favourite or any other book you like.

Use different craft materials and junk modelling material to create your new planet.

**CREATE A SCENE IN A SHOE BOX—  
think about portals!**

## **DIORAMA COMPETITION**

Create a 3D scene from a book with a science fiction theme

The scene must fit in a shoe box !

## **STORY IN A JAR**

You will need:- An old, clean jar (jam jars are perfect), a dash of creativity, lashings of imagination ! Create a scene in a jar based on a book of your choice. You can choose a book you are reading now, a favourite or any other book you like. Use different craft supplies and junk modelling material to create your scene.

## **FANCY DRESS COMPETITION**

As always—come to school dressed as your favourite fictional character!

There will be prizes for the  
best entries.

**GOOD LUCK !**







# LIBRARY NEWS



WORLD  
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Save the date!  
World Book Day  
7 March 2024



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BOOK  
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## THE GREAT BOOKISH BAKE OFF



Bring your book-themed bakes to  
the library on the morning of  
Thursday 7th March.

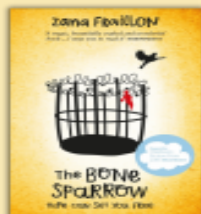
Your bakes will be judged and then  
sold off at a cake sale at 3pm



Thank you to  
*Farshore Books*  
for sending us  
ten copies of  
this lovely new  
graphic novel.



Members of the book group will be reading  
and reviewing it over the next few weeks.



## TUTOR-TIME READING

All of our pupils are now enjoying  
reading one of these fabulous books  
twice a week with their tutor. The  
books have been specially selected  
to prompt meaningful discussions,  
address contemporary issues and,  
above all, nurture a love of books  
and reading.



Don't worry!!

Two of our pupils are  
enthusiastically rehearsing for our  
upcoming production of  
**MACBETH** and  
**MUSICAL FAIRY TALE  
EXTRAVAGANZA.**

Performance 20th March at  
6.30pm—tickets available for non  
cast members from  
Monday 11th March.

# Important message from our English Department

## **WORLD BOOK DAY COSTUMES**

Please do not spend more than £7.99 on a costume—instead consider buying a book with the money.

SciFi costumes are not compulsory—dress as your favourite book character—but no football kits ! Thank you.



## **Frome College visitor for Yr 8s**

On Thursday this week our Year 8s welcomed Mrs Day from Frome College.

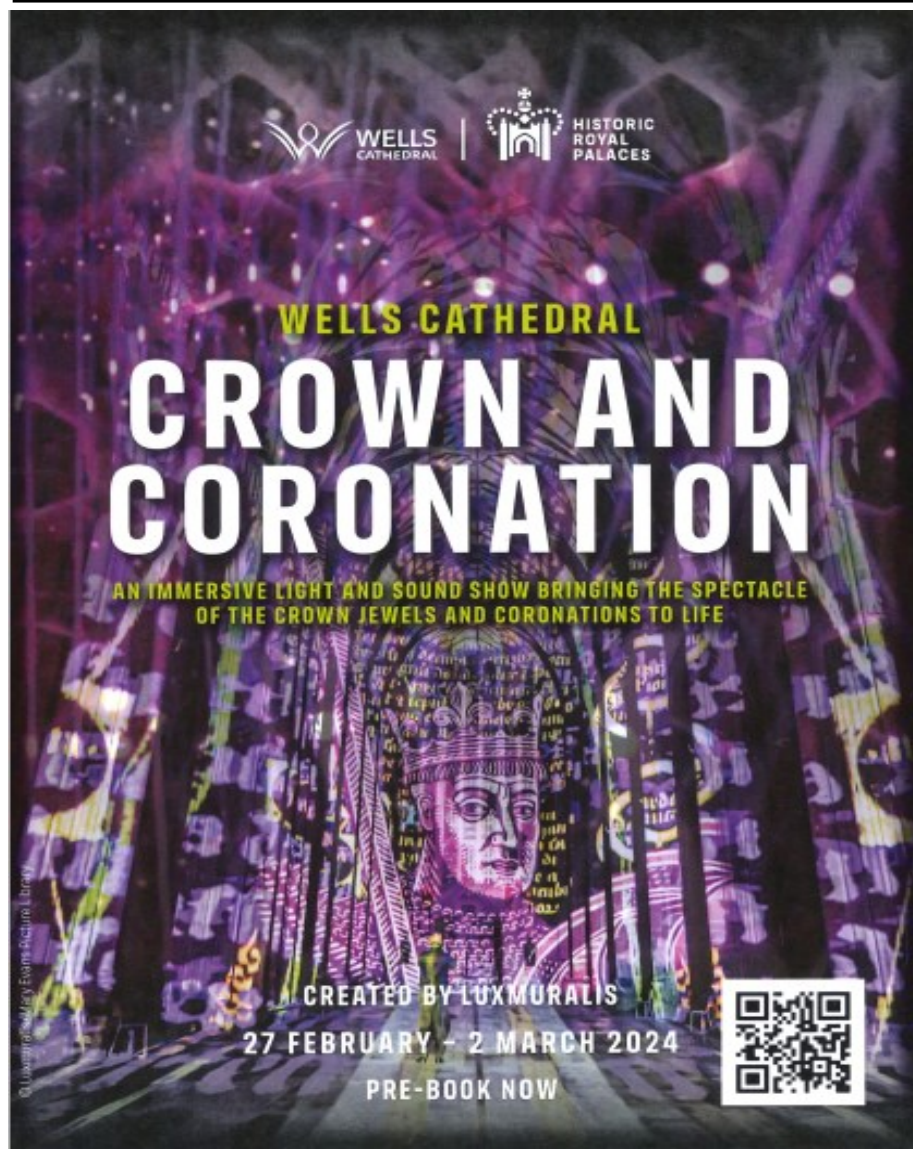
Mrs Day was here to give a broad outline of daily life on the Frome College campus. She talked about timetables, uniform, lunchtime activities and answered a wide variety of questions raised by our pupils.



# What is Active listening ?



w/c 4th March



## Attendance

Congratulations to the  
following tutor groups with  
96% and above:

7A  
6C  
50, 60  
7R  
5N  
5S

## Happy Birthday !

Mrs Stickley, Head of Year 6 was delighted to  
receive this surprise extraordinary chocolate  
cake, baked by Emma Cathraw in 6S.

A huge thank you!





Every Friday the very talented bakers of 6S bake cakes and other delicious treats around a randomly selected theme at home and bring in to share with the entire form as part of "Cake Friday". Recent themes have included - Eat your vegetables (cake had to incorporate vegetables), Cereal killer (cake had to have cereal in it), Jammy Dodger (cake had to have jam), and last week the very popular category Peppa Pig (cake had to be pink).



Here are some fabulous pictures of the delicious cakes that have been shared.

Thank you to Toby, for the courgette & lime cakes, Emma, for the carrot cake bites & pig cupcakes, Mila & Sofia for their Serbian waffles and bites, Archie W, Billy & Amelia for their Peppa Pig cakes, and all the other bakers who have brought it in and shared. Can't wait for next week!

Mr Shaddick





# Diary Dates

6 Mar	KS3 Girls Netball Friendly Fixture
7 Mar	World Book Day
7 Mar	Yrs 5/6 Netball vs Selwood
8 Mar	Dr Bike Repair Workshop—FULL
11 Mar	Yr 6 Parents Meeting—SATs 6pm
12 Mar	Yrs 7/8 Football vs Avanti
12 Mar	Yr 6 Netball vs Avanti
13 Mar	Yrs 6 7 8 Photography Day
13 Mar	Yr 8 Football vs Selwood
14 Mar	SEND Coffee Session 2-3pm Exam arrangements
14 Mar	Train to Teach experience hosted by Oakfield Academy (2-5.30pm)
14 Mar	SEND Coffee Session—Exam arrangements 2-3pm
15 Mar	Red Nose Day
19 Mar	Yr 7 Girls Mendip Netball
20 Mar	Performance—'From Tragedy to Happily Ever After'
22 Mar	FRIENDS Easter Bingo 6pm
25 Mar	Reports out
26 Mar	Y8 8 Girls Mendip Netball
26 Mar	Bee Friendly Trust Planting
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
4 Jun	2x Yr 5 classes visit Stonehenge (t
6 Jun	Yr 6 Heights & Weights
7 Jun	Yr 8 visit Bath Uni
w/c 10 Jun	Activities Week
10 Jun	Yr 8 Professional Darts Contest
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)
14 Jun	Remaining Yr 8 pupils visit cinema
27 Jun	SEND Coffee Session (subject tbc)
3 Jul	Transfer Day

## SUPPORT & GUIDANCE

We are lucky enough to have a parenting support group starting Tuesday 30th April for 6 weeks.

The course will be run by 2 Parent Family Workers and will cover topics like anxiety, school avoidance and other parenting concerns.

Please let the academy know if you are interested as soon as possible as this course will fill up quickly. This course is free of charge and has 20 spaces available.

Names to be gathered and sent to Support & Guidance Department.



**Congratulations to Isla Neilson (7C) who joined Miss Martin at a fundraiser for the Air Ambulance on Saturday 24th. Isla contributed an incredible 4 miles towards the marathon!**

**The event was a massive success, raising over £4,000—plus an extra £1,000 on cake sales. The initial target of 400 miles was smashed when a total of over 600 miles was reached.**

**Thank you to everyone who supported this event.  
Miss Martin.**