

Newsletter

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OAKFIELD ACADEMY
BELIEVE AND ACHIEVE

FIRST PRIZE WINNERS AGAIN !

I just wanted to send an email to say a huge 'THANK YOU' to all you lovely people who came and supported with the children's carnival on Saturday afternoon. It was a huge success and our pupils were absolutely amazing, singing and dancing their hearts out in the glorious September sunshine (how lucky were we!). They won first prize in their class and can feel very proud of themselves. I didn't count but we must have sung 'We go Together' at least 25 times on our way around Frome.



MS PARSONS



Vacancy - Deputy Head Teacher

Full Job Description and Application details available on the following link:-

<https://www.eteach.com/job/deputy-headteacher-1371101>

Closing Date: 09/10/2023 - 9am Interview Date: 13/10/2023



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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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Oakfield Academy

CHOIR

Our enthusiastic group of
singers meet every Tuesday
from 3-4pm in the Hall

New members always
welcome—All abilities
encouraged to join

Sign up via Edulink

Ms Parsons looks forward to
seeing you



FREE FAMILY PARTY
BARCELONA STREET MUSIC
FREE ART & CRAFTS - WORLD MUSIC DJS
FRIES & NACHOS A LA 23 - TABLE FOOTBALL - RETRO GAMES

KID HYENA ARE A MUSICAL CULTURE CLASH, BREAKING BOUNDARIES OF GENRE
WITH THE URBAN FOLK SOUNDS OF FOOT STOMPIN' SING ALONG TUNES, FIERY
PERCUSSION, TAP DANCE BEATS & A BUNDLE OF POSITIVE VIBES!

SATURDAY SEPT 30TH
BOOK A FREE TICKET
TO GUARANTEE ENTRY
23 BATH ST, FROME. 3PM TIL 7PM

TICKETS
SKIDDLE.COM




VISIT TO HINKLEY POINT—Review by Nancy Walter, 8S

“On Wednesday, Year 8 went on a trip to Hinkley Point. We had lots of fun and we learned a lot about electricity production using nuclear power. We were first taken to the Cannington Court, where we explored the visitors centre. In the visitors centre we explored the South West energy demand with interactive tables, looked at 3D models of Hinkley & the reactor core, and tried on PPE used for work on the site. Then we had an informative talk about how nuclear energy works and the alternative methods of meeting the UK energy demand, and we prepared for our tour with a safety and security briefing (no phones allowed, so sadly no photos of the site). We also learnt about the careers of nuclear Physicists, Chemists and Biologists. Finally we had an amazing tour on a coach of the Hinkley Point C construction site - we learned about what different hard hats mean, all about the different buildings and the forest of cranes, how they pump seawater to cool the reactor core, and how many sausages they make per year in the canteens (750,000!). We also learned about life working there as there are over 25,000 jobs at the moment and 900 jobs in the future. We also saw “Big Carl” which is the world's largest crane, 250 m high which has been used to place the reactor core and turbines in place and will be used to place the massive roof on top. Hinkley Point was an amazing trip which we all enjoyed and we all learned a lot about nuclear energy (and sausages!)”

Pictures:- Interactive visitor centre, Presentation by Hinckley staff and pupils dressed in PPE



WE HEAR YOU SURVEY

We Hear You (WHY) is looking for participants of all ages to complete our survey. We'll use the results as part of the planning for future services, to support children and adults who are affected or bereaved by cancer. We'd really like to hear from academy parents and pupils - younger pupils may need an adult to help but their opinion is very much valued. The survey takes around seven minutes to complete and taking part is anonymous. Thank you.

<https://bit.ly/why-survey-2023>



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How It Works



When you buy any book from LoveReading.co.uk or LoveReading4Kids.co.uk, 25% of the cover price is donated to schools, to spend on books.



When you purchase a book, at checkout you can choose our school name for the donation to be allocated to, and our school can then purchase books with the funds.

Buy books, change lives

Reading at the Academy

Creating a love of reading in children is one of the most powerful ways of impacting on achievement across the curriculum. Reading 'opens the door' to learning and is the key to success! There can be few better ways to improve pupils chances in school, or beyond in the wider world, than to enable them to become enthusiastic, independent readers. Reading is all about acquiring meaning; for enjoyment, information and understanding.

If you would like to learn more about how reading is delivered across our Academy please visit the new reading page on our website.

National
Teaching
Assistants'
Day

#NationalTADay

We Teaching Assistants

29th September 2023



MONDAY 2ND OCTOBER

AT OAKFIELD ACADEMY

AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR

HANNAH GOLD

We are very excited that the award-winning author Hannah Gold is coming in next Monday to talk to Year 5 about her latest book 'Finding Bear'.

Parents of Year 5 pupils are able to purchase books on ParentPay for your child to have signed on the day.

Pupils can also bring in cash or pre-paid cards (eg Go Henry) to buy a book on Monday.

Full details of the books and prices are on ParentPay.

Mrs Milkins , Librarian



**Free self-harm awareness training,
for parents, carers and family
members in somerset on 16th
October 2023**

Would you like to understand more about children & young people and self-injury? Join Harmless for this 90 minute self harm awareness training for Somerset families.

Would you like to understand more about children & young people and self-injury? Joining our free 90-minute self-harm awareness training, for parents, carers and family members in somerset will help you to –

- Understand self-harm and who it can affect
- Identify reasons that can lead a young person to self-harm
- Recognise the stigma surrounding self-harm and the impact this can have
- Understand the wider impact self-harm has on friends and family, with a focus on parents/carers
- Raise confidence in responding to/supporting young people who self-harm
- Establish how to maintain your own self-care and wellbeing
- Identify a range of local and national resources/services/information to support young people who self-harm
- Understand the importance of recovery

Date: Monday 16th October 2023

Time: 15:30pm - 17:00pm

Please register here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/free-somerset-self-harm-awareness-training-tickets-652975205417>

SPOTLIGHT ART DEPARTMENT



Oakfield Academy celebrates effort and ambition in Art. This week's artwork was produced at home, or in the studio:-

Nancy Walter 8S (gradual shading exercise), **Ella Wilkinson** 6R (sci-fi figurative work) and **Jemima Platt** 70 (colour theory).

SPOTLIGHT SCIENCE DEPARTMENT



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Another busy week for the Science Department.

Pic 1 shows pupils in 6S learning about the different classes of invertebrates (and bravely handling a baby huntsman spider, cased in Perspex.

Pic 2 members of 7S learning about animal and plant cell structures using chalk.

Pic 3 shows Mr Colman and 5C using the Tellurium from Bath Astronomers to explain day, night, seasons and years.

THE HUMANITIES HUB



WHAT CAN WE WATCH?



Welcome to the Oakfield Academy Humanities Hub - Each month we will strive to provide you with updates as to the fantastic learning happening in the Oakfield Humanities department as well as what opportunities there are to further enjoyment outside of the classroom. Enjoy!

CAREER OF THE MONTH



WHAT ARE WE CURRENTLY LEARNING?

Year 5	What Can We Learn From Maps?
Year 6	Where Does Our Water Come From?
Year 7	How Do We Use The Coastline?
Year 8	How Does Nature Take Revenge?: Earthquakes

What do they do?

Volcanologists are scientists who watch, record, and learn about volcanoes. They take photographs of eruptions, record vibrations in the ground, and collect samples of red-hot lava or falling ash.

What subjects are useful?

- Geography
- Geology
- Biology
- Physics
- Maths
- Engineering

GEOGRAPHY IN THE NEWS

Can Robots Save Coral Reefs?



News stories provided by

<https://theday.co.uk>

THE DAY
Turning news into lessons



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Somerset Activity & Sports Partnership

FROME FOOTBALL OCTOBER CAMP

5-12 YEAR OLDS
FREE REGISTRATION WITH LUNCH
AND DRINKS PROVIDED

SUPPORTED BY: **FRIDAY 27TH OCTOBER 2023**



10AM-3PM
CRITCHILL MANOR, BA11 4LJ

SCAN TO BOOK:



FREE ACCESS TO FACILITIES IN FROME

For ages 11-16

FROME LEISURE CENTRE

**WEDNESDAY 25TH
OCTOBER**

10AM-2PM

**ASTRO PITCH AND
SPORTS HALL**

TURN UP AND PLAY



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MULTISPORTS FUN IN VICTORIA PARK

Free and Open to ALL
abilities and ages



Join us from 12pm-2pm on
Tuesday 24th October
2023

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For more information email:
CGoodwin@SASP.co.uk

#LearnForLove

Discover the secrets to healthy
family relationships and wellbeing

New online learning for all
Somerset residents worth

£100

- **Baby on the way?** Manage your emotional and physical health and build strong bonds with your baby
- **Parents, grandparents and caregivers:** learn more about your amazing child and what makes them tick
- **Teenagers:** learn about your wonderfully complex mind and emotions

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**UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD
EQUILIBRIUM APPROACH**

Diary Dates

2 Oct	Yrs 7/8 Tutor Evening (3.30-7.30pm)
17 Oct	5O & 5S visit Stonehenge
19 Oct	INSET
20 Oct	INSET
w/c 23 Oct	Half Term Holidays
30 Oct	Term 2
16 Nov	SEND Coffee Session 2-3pm The POD Charity
6 Dec	Yr 5 Christmas Production details tbc
7 Dec	Yr 6 Christmas Production details tbc
13 Dec	Yr 6 Pantomime trip to the Bristol Hippodrome
14 Dec	Academy Christmas Dinner Day
15 Dec	Last day of Term, finish 2pm
16 Dec—1 Jan	Christmas Holidays
2 Jan	INSET
3 Jan	Term 3 (pupils return)
8 Jan	Yr 6 Subject Evening (3.30-7.00pm)
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)
7 Feb	2x Yr 5 classes visit Stonehenge (tbc)
w/c 12 Feb	Half Term holidays
19 Feb	INSET
13 Mar	SEND Coffee Session 2-3pm Exam arrangements
25 Apr	SEND Coffee Session 2-3pm SENDIAS—support for families
4 Jun	2x Yr 5 classes visit Stonehenge (tbc)

8.30am

Please can we politely remind parents that pupils must be in school to register by 8.30am in the morning, in line with statutory requirements.

Traffic cones will be set up at the top of the car park at 8.20am, to enable pupils to congregate ready for the gates to be opened rather than waiting on the pavements, enabling pedestrians to pass.

Please discuss these arrangements with your child.

Thank you for your support.

ATTENTION YEAR FIVE PARENTS

Following the recent photograph day, all orders need to be placed with Fraser Portraits by **FRIDAY 6TH OCTOBER** to receive free delivery to the school.

ALLERGEN INFORMATION

**FOR CLEVERCHEFS
(our Catering Company)**

Please use the following link to update our catering staff with any allergy information regarding your child:-

<https://www.cleverchefs.co.uk/allergens>