

# Letter to Year 6



OAKFIELD ACADEMY

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Dear Pupil,

This last week has been an exciting one because lots of our Year six children have come back to school for part of the week and it has been so lovely to see you all. I think, secretly, many of you are glad to be back to play with your friends and see your tutors again. Where possible, we have placed pupils into tutor base bubbles so that tutees feel more comfortable and settled in a well-known environment. It has been so interesting to hear some lockdown stories and you all seem to have taken the time to do not only your “Little Lessons” but to go fishing, have picnics in parks and take up new pastimes and challenges. This weekend I am going to have my first BBQ in 10 weeks with another part of my family, in our garden so I am really looking forward to that and catching up with everyone’s news.

Pupils who have returned have been really busy outside in the playground as well as in the classrooms. Tutors are trying to offer a varied diet of a more kinaesthetic approach to learning to keep children as active as possible and to utilise our wonderful school field to the full. Treasure hunts, nature trails and bug hunting have been very much on the agenda! Yesterday, I saw some pupils searching for bugs in our Year 6 Quiet Area with the aim of creating and designing a “Bug Hotel” which seemed to be so much fun! Wild strawberries were found and fed to the bugs which seemed to be very much appreciated as they went about their daily tasks. P.E. lessons have also proved very popular and pupils have enjoyed relay races, football on the Sports Court, Hide and Seek and various forms of Tag as well as Joe Wick’s exercises. Much of the work we are now doing is project based including video clips, IT research and practical experiments. Tutors and pupils have all gone home absolutely exhausted!!

Today, pupils are having a virtual assembly, reading the book “Granny” to each other, completing some Maths quizzes, researching different genres of music from different cultures and learning different Origami techniques to create interesting designs. Alongside these activities, they also have time to play with their friends and interact with each other, while observing social distancing.

Phone calls to pupils continue to be made and new Learning Packs have been delivered to pupils not able to access the Internet. In addition to this, tutors are continuing to monitor work and give feedback and merits and I am also answering your emails and requests.

Another piece of news is that a team of teachers have been trialling Google Classrooms and hope to have that up and running smoothly for you all shortly.

I hope you are all well and keep sending me your photos and emails. I love to hear from you all and give out merits and nominations.

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