Letter to Year 7



Dear Pupil,

Hello, from Oakfield!

Well what a busy week we have had in school. The children have been studying lots of different subjects and having great fun. In literacy we have been studying Shakespeare, which I must admit did fill us all with dread initially but we have now really enjoyed it. We have investigated Romeo and Juliet and Macbeth and looked at the language used in the plays and what the theatres were like. We all had great fun looking at the different insults used in Shakespeare's times and enjoyed creating some of our own. Who knew that biting your thumb could be so rude in Shakespeare's time? You can see some of these Shakespearian insults in the photograph below that I have taken from their displays.

In maths we have had Mr Stephenson teaching us negative numbers and PE has ranged from yoga to tennis to Joe Wicks on our chairs when it rained. In performing arts Ms Parsons has now started to record the children's Covid 19 pieces and are polishing them off before they will be available for us all to listen to on the website. So sadly we will soon no longer be able to hear choruses about toilet rolls, facemasks, ventilators needed and self-isolation!

Each term we announce the winning tutor groups in the ACORNS competition with the points for each tutor group displayed around the stage in the hall. The end of year competition will be announced at the end of July and will include the number of merit badges you have received, the number of words you have read on the AR scheme and your attendance up to the time of lockdown. Make sure you have done an AR quiz for every book you have read, so that all of your words are counted, by the 6th July. Email me to let me know if you have gained a new merit badge and I will make sure we get your badge sent to you.

We have had a 'furry visitor' today in school. Zach's cat came into S+G, when there were no children in today and made himself very comfy on Mrs McAlpine's lap! This reminds me of my own cat Daisy who is a real monkey and very well known around my cul-de-sac. She likes to sit on the window sills outside people's houses and annoys the dogs inside by peering in at them. She likes to go in sometimes too for a visit and has even been found curled up asleep on a neighbour's bed. She is twelve years old but is tiny she looks like a kitten and you daren't sit down for a minute as she will then plonk herself on your lap!

Regarding the prefect applications I talked to you about last week. The Year Team and I have been discussing this and have decided that you can either send in a video message or email to our year 7 account Year7@oakfieldacademy.org explaining what qualities you have that will make you the perfect prefect. Remember the types of roles you will need to be taking on: such as assisting at parents' evenings; escorting visitors; taking guided tours around school; being a good role model; assisting children in the ICT rooms during free times and helping children with their accelerated reading in the library in the mornings. Think about the aspects of this role and how you would be able to contribute to the life of the school by completing your video or email message. Please send your applications by Friday 3rd July 2020.

Well take care and I hope very much to see you all soon.

R Gardner

Mrs Gardner Head of Year 7





