



OAKFIELD ACADEMY
BELIEVE AND ACHIEVE

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THANK YOU.



Appeal

Our DT and Art Departments are always grateful for donations of old newspapers. If you have any, please drop them into our reception.
Many thanks.

Fire Safety Talk

Pupils in Year 5 attended an important fire safety assembly with Fireman Lee Dredge recently. Lee spoke to them about the importance of having an 'escape plan' in case of a fire. He also spoke about fire alarms, fire hazards, and what to do if your clothes accidentally catch fire! Year 5 pupil Oliver Coates even had the opportunity to dress up in a fire fighting uniform whilst Lee explained each item of the uniform and its purpose. Thank you to Lee for visiting us.



LIBRARY NEWS

It has been lovely to hear about all the new reading books our children received and enjoyed over Christmas. If they are books that are on our 'Accelerated Reader Scheme' and you would be happy to donate them to our library once read, we can promise them a good home! To check if books are on the AR scheme, please go to:- <https://www.arbookfind.co.uk>. Thank you, **Mrs Coates, Librarian**



Have you seen our new road safety banners at the front of the academy? Please do not drop your child off at the front of school and respect the yellow zigzag lines and parking restrictions that are in force. Thank you.



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

Follow us on Facebook and Twitter via our website.

A large font version of the newsletter is available from Reception.





SOS - Save Our Soles

Has your child outgrown their shoes before they are worn out? Clean, pre loved and waterproof shoes of all sizes are needed for thousands of refugee children in camps across Europe. Oakfield Academy are now a collection point for registered charity 'Hope & Aid Direct'. Good quality shoes and trainers can be brought to Reception, and will be passed to the charity for distribution. Pictured dropping off a collection bin is Lorna Thomas, on behalf of RAISE—Refugee Action in Somerset East.



Half-Term Tree Planting

Help us plant over a thousand trees! This half term we will plant 500 trees at Birchill and 800 at Weylands to help fight climate change and create new homes for wildlife. Come along and help the Rangers by planting a tree or two. We will have spades for you to borrow, but please wear wellies and wrap up warm. Please make sure your family books their spaces so we can get a tree ready for you to plant. Birchill—Tuesday 18th February and Weylands—Wednesday 19th February between 10am and 2pm.

To book a place visit:
frometowncouncil.gov.uk/wild-about-trees/

Toto Auditions

On Wednesday 15th January Oakfield Academy held auditions to find a 'Toto' for our 2020 school production of The Wizard of Oz. Ms Parsons and a few of the cast watched in awe as Woody, Darcey and Bernard all performed a host of tricks and treats without an ounce of stage fright! It was an impossible choice so in the end it only seemed fair that all 3 amazing pooches were given the opportunity to play the coveted role. Thank you and well done to Lucy and Alice Owen (Woody), Rosie Jones (Darcey) and Cloe Manaia (Bernard) for training and handling each of their beloved pooches so expertly. We look forward to having them in our rehearsals from Tuesday 4th February 2020.



Cake Sale

**Friday 7th February 2020 at brektime in the Hall.
In aid of Australian Bushfire Wildlife victims. All donations to Reception on the day. THANK YOU,**



Love Your Planet Event

Saturday 8th February
11am— 3pm at Frome Market Fun free activities



HEAD LICE

Unfortunately we have received a number of reports of cases of head lice amongst the pupils. Please check your child's hair regularly and treat appropriately.

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Millfield Matches

What a fantastic effort and attitude from both our KS2 A and B teams when we attended a football fixture at Millfield. Millfield staff commented numerous times of Oakfield teams' good behaviour. Thank you to Mr Harris for all his hard work coaching the teams. Team A won their match 6-3, and Team B won their match 9-0. Brilliant work.

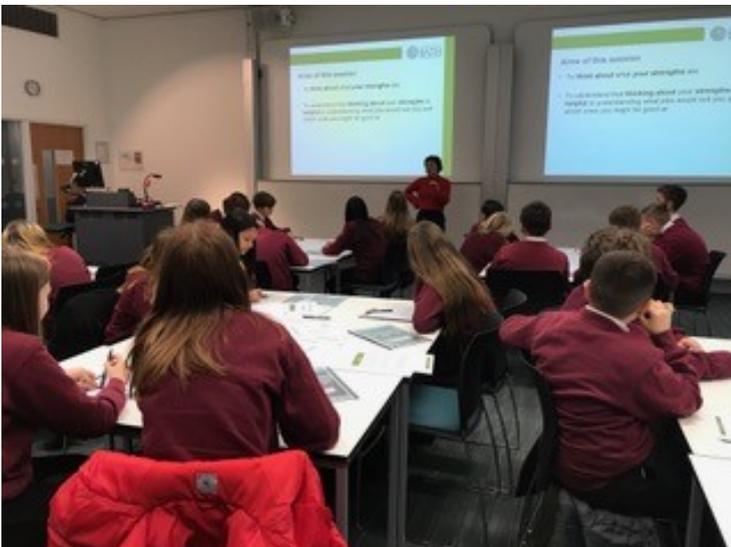
MR FOWLER, PE DEPARTMENT.

SANITARY PROTECTION PRODUCTS

Oakfield Academy have registered with (DfE) Period Products and this enables us to order a supply of products to keep here at school. If you are experiencing difficulty purchasing products for your daughter, please get in touch with Mrs Warren or Miss Riddick, and we will endeavour to supply you with items that will help the situation. Thank you.

Bikeability Training (Year 5s welcome)

On the 22nd & 23rd April we have a 2-day Bikeability course running at Oakfield. There are still a few places available, and priority will be given to any pupil whose parent(s) are available to help on one or both days. This valuable training only usually takes place one or two times a year as it is run by the Somerset Road Safety Team from Taunton. Pupils will require a road-worthy bike, helmet and bike lock. Please contact Mrs Warren if you are interested in taking part. Thank you.



Bath University Visit

Last Friday thirty Year 8's were invited to Bath University to take part in a 'futures' workshop and a tour around the University. Pupils investigated different types of careers available, what type of qualifications were needed for individual career paths and how different personality traits were suitable for particular roles and jobs. Pupils interacted extremely well with Student Ambassadors and asked enquiring questions as they begin their journey with their GCSE choices this year. 'Yet again I am so proud of how our pupils conduct themselves when they represent Oakfield Academy out of school and how willing they are to take on new challenges.'

MS STEWART, Head of KS3 Curriculum

DIARY DATES

7 February	Yr 6 Heights & Weights
7 February	Cake Sale in aid of Australian Bushfire Wildlife
11 February	Yr 7 visit Natural History Museum, London
13 February	Yr 8 GCSE Options Evening
14 February	5R & 5A visit Stonehenge
14 February	Yr 7&8 Author Event at Cheese & Grain (invitation)
14 February	Yr 8 'Make it Happen'
w/c 17 February	Half Term Holidays
24 February	Term 4
28 February	Fundraisers Spring Bingo
5 March	World Book Day
9 & 10 March	Yr 8 'Make it Happen'
10 March	Fundraisers Meeting 6pm
11 March	'Time in a Bottle' Yr 7 Workshop
13 March	Sports Relief
17 March	Yr 8 Girls & Boys HPV vaccinations
18 March	UKMT Maths Challenge
20 March	School Photos, Yrs 6 7 8
22 & 23 April	Bikeability Training (spaces available)
24 April	Easter Bingo Night
26 March	Yr 8 visit to SS Gt Britain
4-19 April	Easter Holidays
8 May	Bank Holiday (Friday)
w/c 11 May	Yr 6 SATS

FROME TOY LIBRARY

Free membership for parents on benefits during the month of February. Members can borrow toys/games from an extensive range. Come to a play session, Vallis 9.30am—2.15pm, or Wednesdays at Frome Library from 1.00-3.00pm All Welcome.

Oakfield Fundraisers Bingo Night



Our Spring Bingo Night will take place on **Friday 28th February 2019**

Doors open 6pm, Eyes down 6.30pm
Bingo books £1.00 each, or 6 for £5.00
Themed Hampers, Special Flyer Game
Light refreshments available,

everyone welcome

Entrance tickets £1 per person to be bought in advance from our Reception—price of tickets redeemable when buying bingo books.

REMINDER

May Bank Holiday 2020 has changed for the 75th VE Day Anniversary and will now take place on Friday 8th May.

BLACK SWAN YOUNG OPEN 2020

Black Swan Arts in Frome is proud to announce the launch of the **Black Swan Arts Young Open** competition for 2020.

Now in its seventh year, the **Black Swan Arts Young Open** has become the most successful and prestigious art competition for young people between the ages of 8 and 19 years old, as well as the **BIGGEST** young art competition in the South West, attracting hundreds of entries from individuals, schools and youth groups.

Entries to the 2020 competition will be judged, curated and displayed in one of the region's leading **contemporary art galleries** and, as in previous years, prizes will be awarded in three age-group categories. These unique prizes will be in the form of **creative workshops** with practising and successful artists as well as individual prizes and certificates, to the winners in each category.

So, if you are between 8 and 19 years old, would like the opportunity to have your work exhibited at the **Black Swan Arts** gallery, as well as judged to win a prize, get creating NOW because the deadline for entering your artwork into the competition is **28 February 2019**.

We want to see original artwork in any medium or process that our artists can think of. The more unique the artwork, the better: painting, ceramics, modelling, drawing, inks, photography, video, animation, textiles, collage, linocuts, screen-prints, lithographs, collographs, mono-prints, sculpture, waxwork, graphic design, illustration, glass blowing, mosaics, stained glass, metalwork, woodwork, 3D printing and much more! For more information and to enter go to www.blackswanarts.org.uk

21 MARCH - 25 APRIL 2020
ENTRY DEADLINE 28 FEBRUARY 2020
WWW.BLACKSWANARTS.ORG.UK

2020 BLACK SWAN ARTS YOUNG OPEN

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2 Bridge Street, Frome BA11 1BB | 01373 473980
OPEN: Mon - Sat 10am-5pm FREE ENTRY

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