March 2021 Newsletter Issue 4



Oakfield School

Welcome to issue 4 of the Oakfield School newsletter. This half-term has seen schools across the country return to full opening. At Oakfield we have continued to adapt to the ever-changing advice, protocols and initiatives regarding the covid pandemic in addition to being flexible in our delivery of blended learning for those students who are unable to be in school.

A message from Hull Immunisation Team

Parents/carers with children in Year 8 "Dear Parent/Guardian, If you would like your child to receive the HPV1 vaccine in school please follow online consent form;

https://www.nhsimms.uk/HPV/information? Id=141037&Type=HPV

The vaccinations will take place at your child's school on: **Tuesday 27th April 2021**. The link will close on **Tuesday 20th April 2021**. If your child has already had the HPV1 vaccine please disregard this msg. If you have any problems accessing the link please telephone 0333

Key Stage 3 ALP

The Key Stage 3 Alternative Learning Provision (ALP) Nurturing program has started and is proving to be a huge success with the students. The scheme focuses on learning a variety of social skills and improving the attendance and engagement of students. As a part of this initiative, one Year 8 student is now completing his Stage 2 Boxing ASDAN Award.

World Book Day

It has been that time of year again, when school was joined by Katniss Everdeen, Mary Poppins, the Greatest Showman and many more! Staff and pupils did a wonderful job of dressing up as their favourite character to celebrate and promote reading! Even with masks on, everyone who made an effort looked fabulous and even those without costume shared their favourite book during tutor. Great fun, can't wait for next year!!!





Key Stage 3 Science

Key Stage 3 students have been learning about electrical circuits during Science lessons. They have learned how to make bulbs light up and how to turn fans on by connecting motors to batteries.





Our very own heroine

A huge congratulations to Donna Lethem for reaching the milestone of having donated (Donnated?) a colossal 75 pints of blood over 41 years. Her donations have helped over 240 people as she is of a rarer blood type which can be used on anybody in an emergency. Well done Donna, we're incredibly proud of you!





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Photography

Key Stage 4 students who take the photography option have recently been studying perspective. This module has afforded students to look at everyday objects in unusual ways or from out-of-the-ordinary angles. Photography remains a very popular option in school and gives students the opportunity to visit numerous interesting locations around Hull and East Riding.





Residential

As a part of LEAP provision, residential staff recently took a group of students to Beverley Westwood. There, they built a shelter, collected some logs to sit on and used a camping stove to cook hotdogs and to make hot chocolate with marshmallows. A brief search for geocaches proved fruitless so instead, students and staff took advantage of a rope swing which they found.



Covid

Symptomatic and Asymptomatic Testing

If staff or students have COVID-19 symptoms they need to self -isolate and book a PCR test.

Lateral Flow tests are only to be used for asymptomatic testing of staff and student groups. Staff and students are recommended to participate in Lateral Flow Test at home. Tests are conducted twice a weekly.

A negative lateral test result means the test did not find signs of coronavirus and the pupil is able to come to school as normal.

If the lateral test is positive then a PCR test is needed and the school should be informed. If the PCR test confirms the lateral result then all members of the household must self-isolate following the current government guidelines (currently 10 days). The School will then carry out contact tracing, people who were near the person with the positive test for 15 minutes at 2 metres.

If staff or students are identified in school as a close contact of a colleague or a student who has a positive PCR test they will need to self-isolate for 10 days. School will contact Emergency COVID Planning to determine timescales and return dates to school.

English

This term in English, pupils have been working hard both in School and out! Year 10 students have all completed their Functional Skills speaking and listening, focusing on a topic of their choice. All presentations had to be recorded, which can be very daunting but most took to the challenge and should be very proud of their efforts! Meanwhile year 8s have studied the book 'Holes', discovering what a hostile environment is and why

Yellow– Spotted lizards live in such a hot environment. Well done to all pupils for all their efforts in English... showing that sometimes writing can be fun.

Art

Students have started working on a new project this term called 'Under the Sea'. They are creating artworks that show sea life on top of the ocean waves, gradually getting deeper and deeper until they hit the sea bed. Here we have two pieces of artwork that show-off the pupils' painting and colour mixing skills, as they create ocean waves.



Metal Detecting

At Oakfield we pride ourselves on always looking for new activities with which to engage our students in their learning and in the environment. As a part of this we are introducing a metal detecting club as a part of Friday afternoon rewards. Who knows... perhaps we'll discover a local stash of Anglo Saxon gold! (or maybe even an old spoon).

