



Oakfield School

Welcome to issue 14 of the Oakfield School newsletter. This term has flown by! At the time of writing, the temperature is dropping and we're quickly approaching the shortest day in our run-up to Christmas.

Staying Healthy

Respiratory infections are common in children and young people, particularly during the winter months. Symptoms can be caused by several respiratory infections including the common cold, COVID-19 and RSV

If a child/young person has symptoms of a respiratory infection, such as COVID-19, and has a high temperature or does not feel well enough to go to school or carry out normal activities, they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people, until they no longer have a high temperature (if the child/young person had one) or until the child/young person no longer feels unwell.

It is not recommended that children and young people are tested for COVID-19 unless directed to do so by a health professional. If a child or young person has a positive COVID-19 test result they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test, if they can.

Celebration Theme Day November 2022

In November we held a Celebration Theme Day in school. This was a new topic for our Theme Days and the event was a big success with students and staff. Students undertook tasks on a carousel basis, completing 6 activities throughout the day. Activities included kite making, medal making, designing new Celebration chocolates, IT animation.

The days are a part of wider curriculum, designed to give our students the broadest possible education during their time at the school.



Enterprise

This term we have launched our Oakfield enterprise club. The enterprise club has been created to fundraise to provide 3D printers for students to use in lessons and rewards. This term pupils will be creating Christmas themed decorations.

Each pupil gets to make their own decoration to keep and then like busy little Christmas elves they will fulfil orders, with a little help from the design and technology team.

Merry Christmas from Oakfield Enterprise Club.



Rowan

The Rowan building was very excited to receive its new signs. Staff and students are very proud of the exterior and interior displays denoting the recent name change to the building. The name Rowan comes from Celtic mythology. Rowan is known as the Tree of Life and it's said to be good luck to plant a Rowan tree beside your home as it symbolises courage, wisdom, and protection. With that metaphor in mind...The Rowan building sits beside Oakfield School, preparing the year 7s for their Oakfield journey!





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What are scarlet fever and Strep A?

Scarlet fever is caused by bacteria called Group A streptococci (Strep A). The bacteria usually cause a mild infection that can be easily treated with antibiotics. In very rare occasions, the bacteria can get into the bloodstream and cause an illness called invasive Group A strep (iGAS).

What are the symptoms of Strep A/scarlet fever?

Strep A infections can cause a range of symptoms that parents should be aware of, including:

If a child becomes unwell with these symptoms, please advise parents to contact their GP practice or contact NHS 111 (which operates a 24/7 service) to seek advice. If a child has scarlet fever, advise they stay at home until at least 24 hours after the start of antibiotic treatment to avoid spreading the infection to others.

Year 9 vaccinations

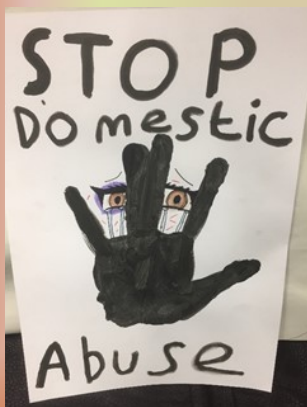
If you would like your child to receive the **Diphtheria/Tetanus/Polio & Meningitis ACWY** vaccine in school, please follow this link to complete an online consent form;

<https://www.nhs.uk/tdipvacwy/information?Id=141037&Type=TDIPVACWY>

The vaccinations will take place at your child's school on **25th January, 2023**. The link will close on **18th December, 2023**. If your child has already had the **DTP or MenACWY** vaccine please disregard this msg. If you have any problems accessing the link or would like to provide consent verbally please telephone 0333 358 3397 option 2 (1, 2)

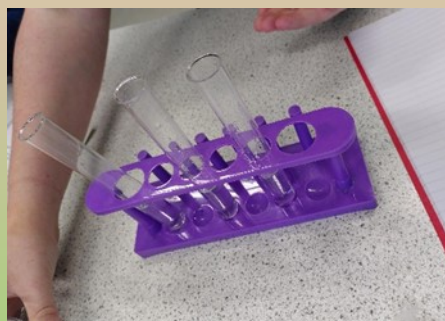
White Ribbon Day

On November 25th school took part in White Ribbon Day. The day focuses on raising awareness of domestic violence against women.



Science

Year 11's have been studying chemical reactions in Science and how to change their speed by changing the concentration, the temperature, surface area or by adding a catalyst.



Pool

Following on from the success of the pool tournament during the Summer term, another competition took place through the Autumn period. Sixteen teams of one student, one member of staff took part in the knock-out format with the eventual winners retaining their title from the Summer term. We have our own pool rules at Oakfield whereby, if you pot a ball, your partner takes the next shot. This is to ensure that the kids do get a turn! The popularity of the event means that further tournaments will follow.





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Residential

As the nights are getting darker, during the evenings the residential pupils have become more creative when selecting their activities. Staff have found that a number of the pupils have enjoyed joining in with the ever-popular hide and seek, in the school, as part of the Extended Days provision. The residential pupils have loved joining in with a different group of pupils and have made new friendships.

As ever, swimming remains a popular activity within the residential, along with football and beach trips; despite the weather!

During the termly Residential Council meeting, the pupils have asked for a pool table to be accessible within the residential rec room. The pupils have been informed that through sponsorship and fund raising this could be an option. Willow House have already started to raise money with a hugely popular breakfast morning selling treats from crepes and waffles to smoothies and milkshakes whilst Pine House are currently planning another sponsored walk over the new year!

Christmas Jumper Day

On Thursday 8th December school took part in the national Christmas Jumper Day. Students and staff donated money to raise funds for Save the Children.

There was a competition for best staff jumper and best student jumper/outfit.



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Haikus

Class 3A have recently been studying poetry. As a part of this they have composed Haikus; a form of Japanese poetry whereby the first line has 5 syllables, the second has 7 and the third has 5. Here are a couple:

Christmas is joyful

It's the best time of the year

Decorating trees

I like Santa Claus

Santa is nice and cosy

He loves eating pies

