



Oakfield School

Welcome to issue 16 of the Oakfield School newsletter. The clocks have changed and the evenings are much lighter. Lots has happened at Oakfield during the last half-term.

Night Challenge

At the beginning of March 6 students from Year 9-11 took part in the annual Night Challenge organised by Humberside Police.



The event sees participants tackle a 13 mile walk, beginning and ending at Raywell and taking in South Cave, Brantingham and Welton Dale. The walking is almost entirely done off-road, on field edges and rough footpaths and in the dark. En route, there are several tasks for participants to try, ranging from puzzle solving to first aid to map reading. Students were accompanied by several members of staff, two members of the army and volunteers from Humberside Police. Although there were a few struggles along the way (particularly on the "hill of doom"!) all members of the Oakfield team powered on and made it to the end. Most were very pleased to complete the challenge and take off their boots.



Outdoor Education

Year 9 have worked hard this half term to complete bouldering problems at Mad Volume climbing centre. Pupils have exceeded all expectations in working together. They have worked in pairs to coach each other to successfully climb various routes. They have also started a navigation module. The majority of the Year 9 students can now use identifying features to find their location.



Duke of Edinburgh

Year 10 pupils have finished their conservation work at Tophill Low Nature Reserve. A big WELL DONE! To them. They are now working towards the final task in the award: Expeditions.

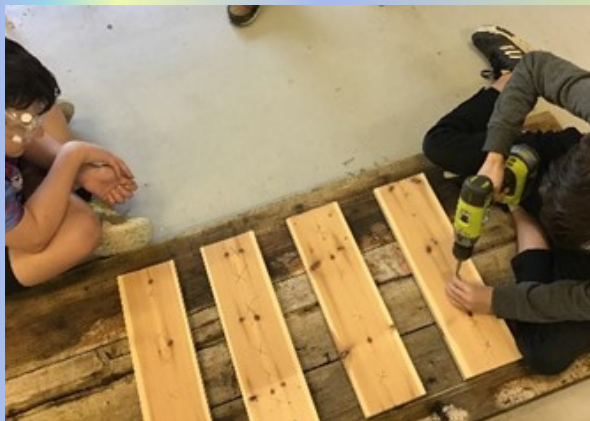




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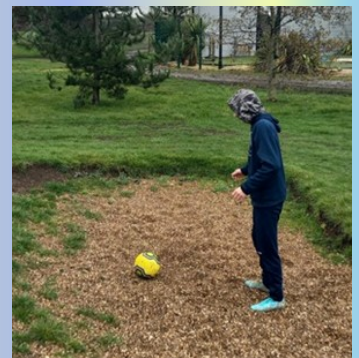
Courtyard Allotment

Students and staff have been working really hard to get the new courtyard allotment up and running ready for spring. Students have made a new raised bed, a potting table, a sink table and are working on some shelves to go inside the shed. As well as all this they have planted some flowers and vegetables which are growing in a specially build indoor growing space until the weather improves.



Residential

Due to the teachers' strikes again this month, residential has organised a number of trips to facilitate the full time boarders during the school Day. The activities were done over two days, with residential returning to Alparmale water park. The trip is ever-popular with residential students. The second day saw a trip to Yorkshire wildlife park. Pupils experienced seeing all the animals on exhibit and also took in the new "Dino Adventure". For the first time in several years of trips to the park, staff and students caught a glimpse of the elusive leopard. Some students elected to take part in an alternative activity and visited a local foot golf course, enjoying 2 rounds at One Stop Golf. On all activities the students were exceptional throughout.



Sickness - Student Absence Recording

Parents/carers are expected to:

- Make sure their child attends school every day by 8:50am.
 - Call the school to report their child's absence before 9:00am on the day of the absence and each subsequent day of absence and advise when they are expected to return.
 - Provide the school with more than one emergency contact number for their child.
- Ensure that, where possible, appointments for their child are made outside of the school day.

