



# Oakfield School

**Welcome** to issue 32 of the Oakfield School newsletter. The short days and dark nights are upon us and another long half term has given plenty of opportunities for activities and learning to take place. The classroom windows are looking festive and the snow helped bring that festive mood, with everyone looking forward to a well earned 2 weeks off!

## Personalised Learning Curriculum

The PLC has had a fantastic term, welcoming many new faces who have settled in brilliantly. Students have shown great resilience and progress, with several successfully transitioning back into school. Our offsite activities have been a real highlight, including train visits to Leeds and Doncaster and peaceful winter woodland walks. Students also enjoyed exploring Skelf Island and took part in plenty of swimming sessions, building confidence and new skills. Festive walks around the Christmas markets added extra seasonal cheer. It's been a positive and rewarding term, and we're incredibly proud of everything our students have achieved.



## Hull KR Trophy Tour

We were luckily enough to be one of the schools on the Hull KR trophy tour. Students and staff got the opportunity to have their photo taken with the Grand Final Trophy! Thank you super fan Leanne for organising it!



## Creative ALP Year 8

The Year 8 students continue to enjoy their offsite activities each Wednesday. Recent highlights have included dog walking (in a blizzard), treasure trails, crabbing, mountain biking, fishing, bus journeys, and den building. Although the three Year 8 classes sometimes go out in their tutor groups, they often mix up the classes and staff in order to afford the students the widest range of activities and the chance to mingle with students outside of their immediate tutor group.



## 3R Field Trip

As Year 8 students are currently studying the Normans, including motte and bailey castles, 3R recently went to Skipsea Castle, the site of a Norman Castle and settlement.

There was some falling over in the mud, several near misses with puddles and lots of running around. Students learned that although the castle was built around 1,000 years ago, the mound is Iron Age, making it around 2,500 years old



## Work Experience

A number of pupils in Key stage 4 are due to take part in work experience in the spring term. The placements lined up consist of 'Deep', 'QPD', 'Auto Technica', 'Larkham Leisure', 'Our Creative' and 'Parks Primary School'.

At Oakfield, we value the importance of work experience, it can help a young person to develop essential employability and personal skills, such as communication, confidence and maturity, team working, time management and problem solving. Also it looks great on a CV for the future!



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## Pool Tournament

This term's pool tournament reached a thrilling conclusion recently. The tournaments take the form of a student and a member of staff playing as a team. Teams are drawn at random.

The final was played between John and BC against Neil and TP. The result came down to the black ball, with it being potted by John. Unfortunately, the white ball also went down and so the victory went to Neil and TP. A very happy TP got to take the trophy home.



## Sewells - Digital Construction

Four pupils attended the 'Digital Construction' event at Sewells on the 25/11/25. The workshop enabled pupils to gain practical skills and experience such as:

- Digital design and modelling
- Augmented reality
- Practical skills
- Careers in construction

As well as gaining both practical and digital skills, the pupils were able to see the vast array of roles available to help them think about their future career.



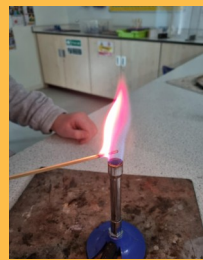
## Artwork of the Month

This month's creation features a grey wolf that has been sketched using a realistic style on one side, moving to a geometric reincarnation on the other side. The technique of blending both stylistic features has been completed very successfully with the additional use of bright colours contrasting with natural whites and greys. This piece of work comes from one of our Year 8 students who worked hard to ensure that the composition was balanced and stood out from the rest.



## World Science Day

This year we focused on awe and wonder, carrying out some mini experiments with students during science lessons. including the exciting 'whoosh' bottle.

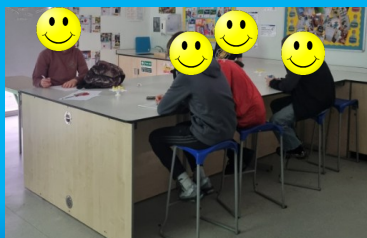


## Eco-Warriors

following on from the recycling survey, we have got more recycling bins and spread them out across the school for use by students and staff.

## STEMtastic Virgin Money Webinar

Five Key Stage 4 pupils attended a webinar run by Virgin Money about banking and loans and they engaged well.



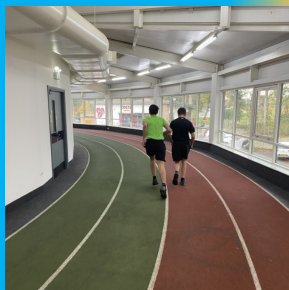




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## ALP

The ALP cohort have added Outdoor Education to their curriculum this term. The pupils complete English and Maths work, then head out to complete numerous adventurous activities. The pupils have had an introduction to bouldering, bushcraft, a little MTB and fishing. After the Christmas break we will look at completing some qualifications in these areas. A big WELL DONE for the effort.



## Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award

Our Year 10 Friday group have worked really hard this term on the Physical and Volunteering sections. They have been on a local walk, to the driving range and paddleboarding. The group has worked extremely hard at Tophill Low Nature Reserve for their Volunteering section, pollarding willow trees and creating brush fences.



## Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award

The Year 11 ALP cohort have enrolled in their Silver DofE, the third cohort at Oakfield to ever do so. They have been working towards three sections this term, Physical, Skill and Volunteering. For their skill they have completed some 'Life Skills' that have focussed on independence and life post-Oakfield. Physical has seen us venture to Brazilian Jiu Jitsu and a visit to a local gym. For Volunteering, the cohort helped to build new canoe racking.





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## Safeguarding Focus at Oakfield:

### Martyn's Law



Our school is preparing for the introduction of Martyn's Law, the new UK legislation designed to improve the safety of the public within organisations. As part of this, we will be implementing a policy and practising safety drills with staff and students.

#### What this means for parents:

We will be introducing a Martyn's Law Safety Policy to strengthen our emergency preparedness.

In the new year, students and staff will take part in practice drills to ensure everyone knows what to do in the unlikely event of an incident.

- Clear age-appropriate explanations will be given to students before any drill takes place.
- You will receive letters and updates with further details, and what to expect.
- Our priority continues to be creating a safe, calm, and reassuring environment for all children.

#### Why are we doing this?

Martyn's Law aims to ensure all organisations with public access have simple and effective plans in place to keep people safe. By preparing calmly and sensibly, we help build confidence, raise awareness, and ensure our community is protected.

#### What happens next?

A letter will be sent to all parents outlining our implementation timeline and providing additional guidance. Thank you for your support as we continue to prioritise safety within our school community.

#### For your information:

##### Social Media

Following a social media platform review earlier this term (with parents/carers), Oakfield has created a Facebook account showcasing all the great and exciting things that happen within the school. The Facebook page is called 'Oakfield School Hull-SEND'

##### Arbor Parent Portal and App

At Oakfield School we use **Arbor** as our management information system and are beginning to use this as our main method of communication to parents. There is a free **Arbor** parent app that will allow parents and carers to update contact details, pay for school meals etc... **Please see the guidance on how to join the Arbor App** —>

If you experience any difficulties please contact the admin team by email [adminstaff@oakfieldhull.co.uk](mailto:adminstaff@oakfieldhull.co.uk).

**Step 1:** Go to your App Store  
**Step 2:** Search for Arbor  
**Step 3:** Download the free app

The screenshot shows the Arbor Parent App interface. At the top, it says 'Arbor Parent App' and 'Parent & Guardian Portal'. Below this, there are three main sections: 'Check on your child from anywhere', 'Access all your info in one place', and 'Make payments on the go'. Each section has a corresponding icon and a brief description of the feature.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND A  
HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!**