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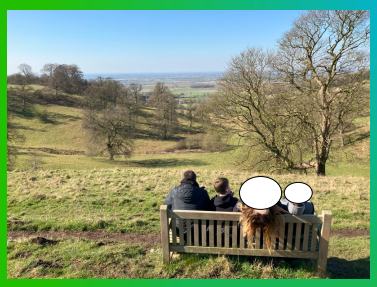
Welcome to issue 28 of the Oakfield School newsletter. The clocks have sprung forward and spring is well and truly in the air. Easter has snuck up quickly upon us and as always there has been plenty going on both in school and out of school.

Personalised Learning Curriculum - PLC

It has once again been a busy half-term for students accessing the Personalised Learning Curriculum (PLC). The cohort have continued their 10-week placement at Nunny's Farm, Grimsby. Recent activities there include building a new guinea pig enclosure and bathing the emu.

Students have been enjoying local treasure trails, animal-related activities and countryside walks. A small group recently visited the Highmoor Hounds at Sledmere; the 40 bloodhounds were an impressive sight. Now that the warmer weather is coming, students are looking forward to weekly fishing sessions.



STEM

This term we had a fantastic trip to 'Get up to Speed 'with STEM @Magna Science adventure centre. The event was really interactive and all students engaged well, displaying excellent behaviour throughout the day.

The Night Challenge

On Saturday 1st March, 9 pupils took part in the 'Night Challenge', which consists of a 12 mile walk, in the dark, whilst following the story based around knife crime and child criminal exploitation.

The pupils had to work as a team, communicate effectively and demonstrate leadership skills, throughout the course of the walk.

The Night Challenge is organised each year by the Community Safety Unit at Humberside Police, working with local organisations like Humberside Fire and Rescue Service, Yorkshire Ambulance Service and Yorkshire 4X4 Response.

The walk/challenge took 6 hours and 40 minutes to complete.

A massive thank you to the staff who gave up their Saturday night – the event couldn't happened without their support/commitment.

World Book Day

On the 6th March we celebrated World Book Day. Many staff and pupils dressed up for the occasion, sharing some of their favourite reads.

We took part in a 'Book in a Day' activity which involved each class reading a small section of the same book as part of each lesson throughout the day. By the end of the day everyone had had the opportunity to read, discuss and enjoy a new story.

Many tutor groups worked collaboratively to decorate their classroom windows to represent some of their favourite reads, the best ones winning a prize. Alongside the in-school activities, some pupils had the opportunity to visit the local library to collect their own book to take home.

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ALP

The ALP cohort had a day out in Dalby Forest using the school bikes this term; the pupils were all keen to take part in a variety of challenges. The pupils enjoyed showing off their skills and exploring body positioning throughout.

Y7 Outdoor Education

The Y7 groups have visited a variety of places this term: tree planting at Tophill Low, rock-pooling at South Landing and a visit to Leeds Armouries. All the activities have been thoroughly enjoyed. The pupils were all challenged to walk over Humber Bridge; some of our pupils had never visited the other side of the Humber Estuary.

Duke of Edinburgh Award

Year 10 pupils have finished their Skill and Volunteering section this term, taking part in Fishing and Conservation at Tophill Low. The pupils have been engaged in a variety of tasks, pollarding Willow for a new wetland, planting trees and creating a new area for snowdrops.

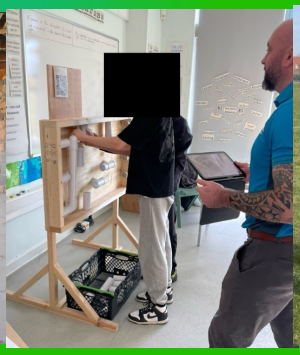
Artwork of the Month

This month's artwork features a character from the popular TV series Dexter! This visual has been hand sketched and then colour has been applied using black and red Indian Ink. This has allowed our pupil to create layers of red colours with different effects. This piece of work will also be a part of this pupil's GCSE coursework based on famous characters - a really effective piece of art to add to the collection!

Careers Theme Day

On the 5th March, the school held the annual 'Careers' theme day. The businesses in attendance on the day were: 'Cranswick Foods', 'Sewells' 'Springfield Health' and 'Lion Leaners'. In addition to this we invited the Hull KR mascot (Rufus) to attend, to add some extra support to one of our current pupils (Hull KR scholar) who was running rugby sessions for the Year 7 pupils. Selected pupils were offered the opportunity to visit one of Hobson and Porters' current working projects. Also on offer was 'Hair and Beauty' and 'Painting and Decorating' taster sessions.

Allowing pupils to have encounters with various industry areas, helps to broaden pupils' horizons, raises their aspirations, challenges stereotyping and increases their motivation to learn.



HAVE A GOOD EASTER! DON'T EAT TOO MUCH CHOCOLATE!