



Stepping into Christmas after an eventful term making memories and learning lots!



HEADTEACHER'S WELCOME

As we reach the end of our first ever Autumn term at Oakley School, I reflect on how much we have achieved as a school community in such a short period of time. In my conversations with students and staff, it is clear that our values of kindness, confidence and resilience are not just words on a poster, but a set of values by which every member of the school community aspires to live by. In turn this has created a warm, friendly school with a fantastic learning environment in which everyone can thrive.

I continue to be inspired by the wealth of opportunities that are available to our students, thanks to the tireless efforts of our staff body. I am particularly impressed by students who challenge themselves to participate in something new. As the spring term brings further memorable experiences, I hope to see every student taking part in something they haven't tried before.

The spring term is also the start of our recruitment drive, looking for the best skilled and passionate teaching and support staff to join our team next academic year as the school continues to grow. Do please share our vacancies with interested parties - more information below.

I wish you all a wonderful Christmas break and look forward to welcoming students back in the new year, rested and ready to learn.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,
Mrs Kaye



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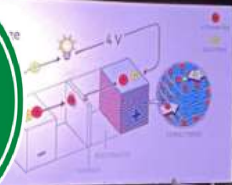
Coming next term:
Brain Busters
Silverstone Trip
Theatre Trip
French Theatre Production
JLR workshop
and so much more...



SIKHISM EDUCATION WORKSHOP



WRITING CLUB AUTHOR TALK



**UNI OF
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UNI OF WARWICK WRITING PROGRAMME



**SPACE
VR DAY**



THEATRE TRIP



**UK
PARLIAMENT
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2023**



**GURDWARA
VISIT**



MEMORABLE EXPERIENCES



Students taking part in the **French** Spelling Bee competition have been practising their French spelling of 50 key words during Monday lunchtimes with Mr Hardy. Round 1 drew to a close at the end of term, with 5 students competing to spell as many French words as they could in one minute. All students performed brilliantly and have progressed to round 2, where they will learn another 50 words!

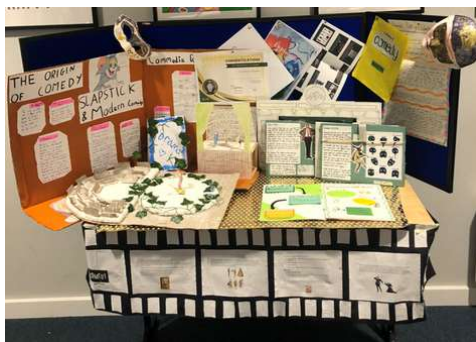
Round 1 winners were Emily (7P1), Stacy (7A2) and Zehra (7P1). Well done to all who took part and helped with the competition during the Autumn term!

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN LEARNING?

On Monday 14th November we welcomed Harkirat Singh from the Sikh Education Service, who came to talk to the year group about the values and what it means to be Sikh. This was to help them with the topic they have been studying this term in **Philosophy and Ethics** entitled 'what difference does it make to believe...' Pupils came to the sessions with questions to ask about the religion and what it means to be Sikh in everyday life. The students were well behaved and learnt a lot. This was great preparation for our visit to the Leamington Gurdwara.

On Thursday 30th November 7A1, M1 and P1 spent the morning visiting the Leamington Gurdwara, with 7A2, M2 and P2 visiting on the 7th December. The visit was again to build upon the work they had been completing in lessons and a local example of worship and faith within our community. Students listened attentively to a talk explaining the work of the 10 Gurus and how their teachings influence the lives of followers today. They were also able to see the Sikh holy scriptures the Guru Granth Sahib and partake in the community meal of Langar seva or have refreshments of squash and biscuits. The students were a credit to the school and behaved respectfully in a place of worship.



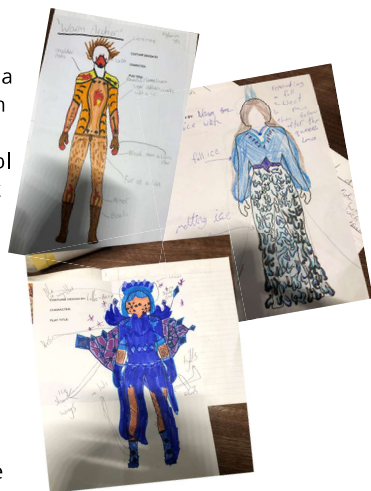


It has been a wonderful first term in **Drama**. All students have participated in weekly drama lessons exploring the 4 key areas of – Collaboration, Imagination, Creating and Reflection. Students have been introduced to the origins of Theatre in Greece and have gained understanding of Greek Comedy, Commedia Dell'arte, Melodrama and Slapstick.

Students applied their new knowledge into creating their own Comedy drama which they shared and performed in class. Alongside, practical work students produced their own Comedy research project.

I was delighted to see students' commitment to their learning and two students in particular Orla Foster – Macan and Ferry Lovell demonstrated their creativity in producing a 3D model of a Theatre containing lots of information and an animation film of the History of Comedy. Lots of students produced a gold level project which were displayed in school and certificates were given to recognise students hard work and dedication.

I was delighted to be able to take 60 students to the Birmingham Rep theatre this term and we had a lesson exploring the creative roles of making a production. We specifically focused upon costume design and drew inspiration from the production of 'The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe'. Students produced the most amazing designs with annotations describing their creative choices. Well done everyone - It has been an exciting, highly creative first term!



What an amazing start for Oakley **Maths** this term! Our students have continually impressed us with their ability to explain their thinking and examine new ways to solve problems.

In Maths club this term, we have had fun making artwork using Fibonacci spirals and using origami to build stacking cubes and stellated octahedrons. Next term we will be creating artwork using Geometry which will feature your pair of compasses! Plus preparing for the Junior Maths Challenge which will happen in April. Well done to all of our students who have been completing their Sparx home learning each week. Congratulations go to Spencer, Bella T and Anvay for topping the XP leaderboard this term, and a huge round of applause to 7P2 for being the best tutor this term at completing their Sparx on time



During this half term students successfully completed their Electronics and Graphics projects – producing incredible 'Light Pop' cards.

We have now begun our Textiles project, making a Moroccan Lantern. Students have investigated using primary and secondary research techniques, understanding the importance of culture and tradition in design. Students will be taught hand stitching and embellishment techniques as well as how to use geometry in 3D net design.

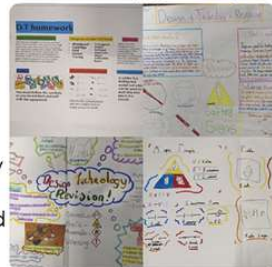
DT@OAKLEY @DT.OakleySchool · 6d
Excellent investigation into Moroccan culture and tradition with a focus on architecture and geometric tessellation
★ Students have created awesome lamp designs 🌟💡



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Busy day with Year 7 fabric dying their lamp nets using vilene fabric from @empressmills 🌈🧵



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No wonder they did so well! Excellent revision homework and assessment results from our super year 7's 🌟💡



Stars of the Week.

Well done to this half terms Stars of the week!

Ben. B	Brooke
Netra	Leanna
Prateke	Ben.A
Sophia	Lillie- Ann
Jonathan	Tallulah
Ethan E	Sara
Aika	George
Ruby	Aimal
Jayden	Sadie
Oliver	Ferry

Craft Club!

Students have been working hard creating their Christmas wreaths. Many are ready to take home – well done!

Next project will be Origami flowers arrangements.

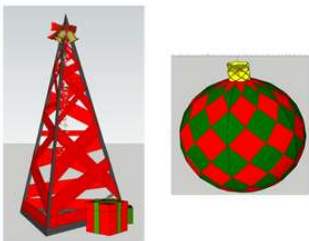
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★ Craft club ★ lunch club in full swing with Xmas wreath design and making 🌿❄️



CAD Club!

Students have been developing their skills using Sketch up to develop Christmas decorations.

Next half term we will be learning how to use Tinker CAD



NEXT TERM WE WILL BE CELEBRATING ALL THINGS S.T.E.M DURING BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK.

British
Science
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LOOK OUT FOR TRIPS, WORKSHOPS, EVENTS & GET INVOLVED!

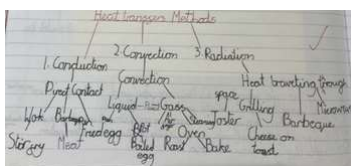
This half term in PE, Oakley students have continued to explore invasion games as well as being introduced to net/well activities. In rugby, the students practised the key skills of passing and running with the ball before using them effectively in a competitive situation, and in table tennis the students experimented with a variety of different shots and how to use tactics effectively to beat their opponents.

The continued commitment to extra-curricular clubs has been fantastic this half term. It has been great to see so many students playing table tennis at lunch or attending rugby after school. Extra-curricular clubs will continue after Christmas and the new timetable will be displayed on the PE notice board, as well as being posted on social media.

Oakley have been involved with several fixtures against local schools this half term across a variety of sports. The commitment to football has been fantastic, with continued great play at the 6-a-side tournaments as well as performing well in league matches. The netball team have been committed to training and have shown great improvement this half term. It's been great to see some new students at training in the recent weeks. Finally, a huge congratulations to the students who represented Oakley in the School Games Dodgeball tournament in November. You showed some great dodgeball skills, as well as displaying the core skills of honesty, respect and teamwork.



Heat Transfer Methods		Gases/liquids		
	Conduction	Convection	Radiation	
Diagram				
Definition	When heat travels through solid materials. It happens when the object directly touch the heat source.	When heat travels through layers of air or liquid. It is called convection current.	When heat travels directly from heat source to each the object. The infrared heat travels in straight waves.	
Diagram				<p>the element transfers heat to the radiation</p>
Learning Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • day strong • makes things 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • boiling • heating • ocean 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • radiation • shining • microwaving 	



7A1 – Isabella, Isaac V
7M1 – Amarissa, Karamveen
7A2 – Tallulah, Joel
7M2 – Harriet, Lily-May
7P1 – Emily, Rosie
7P2 – Netra, Elon

Mrs King's Group of the Term –
7M1y – Well Done !

Christmas Cake Club

A special mention to the Christmas Cake Club members. They have been committed to 4 afterschool sessions which equates to 8 hours of dedication and hard work ! Look out for the finished cakes on our website !

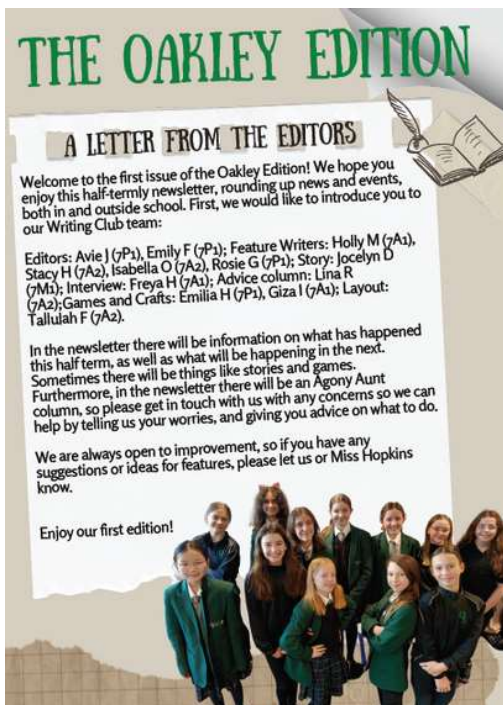
Dylan E, Freya H, Sara M,
Isabelle B, Esha M, Jocelyn D,
Isabelle McC, Harriet L, Rayan
N, Zehra E, Emily F, Rosie G.

A collage of four images showing different soups. The top-left image shows a bowl of yellow vegetable soup with green herbs. The top-right image shows a bowl of red tomato soup with a spoon. The bottom-left image shows a bowl of minestrone soup with various vegetables. The bottom-right image shows a bowl of bolognese soup with meat and vegetables.

There will be two practical lessons linked in with healthy eating.

Vegetable Soup

Bolognese



The Oakley School writing club have published their first newsletter and what a triumph it is!

They have worked as a team to produce a fantastic range of writing and taken great care over its presentation and finish.

Well done to everyone involved - we are very proud of you!

You can read the newsletter for yourself via the MyChildAtSchool app or school website.

SUCCESS & CELEBRATION

BRONZE CERTIFICATE (75 HAPS)

Isabelle McCabe	Lucas Beard
Izzy Ochoa	Chloe Rye
Freya Arkell	Abigail Butler
AJ Farrell	Arlo Antoniazzi
Jessie Whelan	Shatakshi Singh
Anvay Krishnamoorthy	Swarnika Awatade
Millie McCabe	Miley Prestidge
Tyler Hobbs	Freddie Wareing
Isla Berry	Ethan Emanuel
Bella Spence	Jocelyn Davis
Sarah Amin	Noah Everill
Natasza Radziszewska	Keegan Port
George Thomas	Zaynah Qamar
Sophia Hall	Jayden Wood
Esha Nambiar	Sumara Ghaffar
Ethan de Beer	Lily-May Harris
Holly Maltby	Aimal Bajwa
Tia Lockwood	Alanagh Burke
Latisha Akintomide	Amélie Collis
Sadie Chapman-Oakes	Isaac Venables
Orla Foster-Macan	Oliver Jennings
Isaac Crowther	Millie Arnold
Isla Brooks	Alfie Chesterton-Brown
Leanna Moraga	Annie-Rae Palmer-Cleaver
Finley Coyle	Jakub Szak
Poppy-Leigh Marsden	Lillie-Anne Bailey
Ben Adams	Amelia Salisbury
Rhian McNamara	Harvey Hollis
Amelie Harrison	Karamveen Aulakh
Riley Chesterton	Dylan Eaton
Ruby Harris	Jacob Ward
Skye Wilson	Elon Yip
Leoni Kenny	Elliot Peasey
Dylan Murphy	Lottie Dewsbury
Ben Bagnall-Dew	
Charlie Bates	

GOLD CERTIFICATE (200 HAPS)

Edem Cobourne	Phoebe Rawbone
Isaac Mahmood	Giza Irmaklioglu
Nael Layerle	Andrei Boiangiu
Jonathan Weiss	Freya Heap
Zahia Farrell	Spencer Clarke
Tallulah Fitzsimmons	Zehra Erbil

SILVER CERTIFICATE (150 HAPS)

Sara Marfa	Theo Widdicks
Joel Harris	Max Wisniewski
Stacy Henriques	Dhanvi Trivedi
Ferry Lovell	Brooke Thomas
Charlotte Giles	Netra Naveen
Dauda Jaiteh	Emilia Haughian
Rayan Narwari	Anand Nijjar
Ranveer Multani	Lina Reimel
Archie Wallwork	Aika Kumada
Avie Jones	Freya O'Shaugnessy
Jamiah Briscoe-Reynolds	Bella Thomas
Emily Friend	Harriet Lankfer
Rosie Gao	George Hayden

HOUSE POINTS UPDATE:



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Dear Parents, Students and Teachers,

My name is Justyna Zarzecka and I am the newly appointed Chair of Friends of Oakley School. Together with Susi Wisniewski, Secretary, and Bogdan Petrica, Social Media Executive, I would like to personally welcome you into our new school community.

All parents, pupils and staff at Oakley School are automatically members of Friends of Oakley School PTSA. We would like to invite you to join our team of volunteers in raising funds and creating experiences for the children of Oakley School.

You may have limited time to spare or cannot commit to attending meetings but there are many ways to help. Can you help with setting up an event, serving food or designing a poster? Perhaps you have a professional skill you could help us out with? Or maybe the company you work for can help with materials, funding, or volunteer hours? Perhaps most importantly, what you bring is simply enthusiasm and a willingness to get stuck in! Every little helps to ensure that we succeed.

When you support Friends of Oakley School, you are not just baking a cake or attending an event, you are buying play equipment for your child to use at break time, technology for their classroom, books for the school library and fun learning experiences. Hopefully, you are also making new friends, strengthening the school community, and helping to make your child's school an even better place. It is great for the kids too – there is a direct link between parental involvement at school and how well children do. Being involved in the PTSA not only improves your child's school, but it also makes you an excellent role model.

We are still looking to fill the position of Treasurer and would love to hear from volunteers with the skills to take this role on.

If you would like to know more about our work or would like to help please contact us via our Facebook group Friends of Oakley School, email me Foos.chair@gmail.com.

We are look forward to getting to know you,



Justyna



Bogdan



Susi

Extra-Curricular

SPRING 2

INFORMATION

Lunch Time Clubs 13:40 - 14:05

For PE clubs students will require trainers (they will not require kit for lunch time clubs).

Meet in the canteen at 1.40 p.m. There is no sign up required for PE clubs.

PE lunch clubs will change on the 21st November due to loss of the Dave Walker Gym

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch Club 1	Table Tennis BW/CL IS4	Table Tennis BW/CL IS4	Just Dance CL/BW IS4	Table Tennis CL/BW IS4	Just Dance BW/CL IS4
Lunch Club 2	French Club / Spelling Bee HY SF 8	History Mystery Club MI SF 6 Sign Up required	Craft Club TT IS3 20 places Sign up IS3 Start date 17th Jan	Writing Club HS SF3	Computer aided design club TT IT1 Sign up IS3 Start date 10th Jan
Lunch Club 3	Homework Drop in club HS IT 1	Maths Club MH SF 1			

- Ensure parents / carers are aware of your attendance and that you can get home safely after the club.
- If you do not have PE on that day, bring the correct kit for the activity including footwear, PE expectations apply to all clubs

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Afterschool Club 1	Basketball CL Sports Hall / Gym	Football CL / BW Field	Table Tennis CL IS4	Staff Meeting	Table Tennis CL/BW IS4
Afterschool Club 2	Netball BW Sports Hall	Board Games Club JN Library	Girls Football Officiating Course (Invite Only) BW Classroom TBC		
Afterschool Club 3	Homework Club IT1	Homework Club IT1	Homework Club IT1		
Afterschool Club 4			Transformations With Warwick University (Invite Only from HS)		

Attendance Ladder

Autumn, Spring and Summer term 2022/2023

Total possible school days -195 days



Department for Education statistics show that students with 100% attendance are 2.2 times more likely to achieve 5+ GCSEs at 9-5 including English and Maths than pupils with lower than 90% attendance. Every day and every lesson matters!

We know parents try wherever possible to not have medical appointments during the school day in order to avoid missed lesson time and a reduction in school attendance. However we appreciate this is not always avoidable, therefore please try to book appointments using student social times, such as between 10.30-12.30am mark which will use break and lunchtime and therefore minimises lost lesson times. This can ensure that students are in school for the other 4 lessons and only missing part of one lesson, rather than losing morning or afternoon lessons. Thank you for your on-going support with this.