



## Newsletter 14

Term 2

11th December 2023

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### SCHOOL STARTS AT 8.50 AM January 3rd

Don't forget school starts back for term 3 on the 3rd January 2023. Cant wait to see you all there!

### THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT THIS TERM

A huge thank you to our parent body this term for continually supporting us and being such a great asset to the school. It has been another successful term at OABL with some great achievements in tests from all year groups, a brilliant Christmas Fayre, a Halloween disco, the start of what will be an amazing PTA, another swap shop, Power Up Layer Down Day, Y2 class assembly, 2 Christmas productions, an ever growing mental health offer, recognition from the local authority for great SEND provision, staff flourishing in new roles and so much more. I think I speak for all the staff when I say we genuinely love serving the school and the community. We wish you all a very peaceful (!) break when it comes. We will see you back in school on Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan ready for the panto!

### POTENTIAL EXCITING NEWS- KEEP YOUR FINGERS CROSSED..!

We wanted to let you know, ahead of Christmas, that we are through to the final stages of receiving some funding to have a pop up pool on site in T4 (after Feb half term). If we make it through the final checks (for which it looks very likely) then all pupils from R-Y6 will have the opportunity to use the pool and receive swim lessons on site. This is obviously HUGELY exciting for us as a school to have been chosen and to receive the funding- a big thank you to Mrs Giles for all of her work this this. It may be an idea for your child to get a swimming costume on their Christmas list just in case- Asda do great swimsuits for a great price as all children will need to wear a one piece bathing suit for girls and swimming trunks/ shorts for boys There will also be holiday club provision and time mum and time for pre schoolers to use the pool too. The provision comes with a lifeguard and a swim teacher- everyone keep your fingers crossed that our electrics are up to scratch and mean we can get through the final round of checks. You'll know we are also always mindful of our impact on the environment so will be looking to offset some of our energy usage in other ways to accommodate the increase in energy whilst the pool is with us. We know that if we are successful, you may have lots more questions for us- we will answer these in due course once we know a bit more about what is going on!



Mon 11th Dec	Tues 12th Dec	Weds 13th Dec	Thurs 14th Dec	Fri 15th Dec
-Christmas Jumper day  -KS2 Christmas concert 2pm  -Afterschool Club Dodgeball (Year 4,5,6)	-Christmas Jumper day  -Food Pantry 3pm-3.30pm  -Afterschool Club Gymnastic/Dance Year 2,3,4,5	-Christmas Jumper day -Nursery's last day. -Nursery stay and read (8.45-9am) -Christmas dinner day  -Afterschool Club Craft/Lego Years 1,2,3	-Christmas Jumper day   -Afterschool Club Mixed football Years 3,4,5,6	-Last day of term -Christmas Jumper day  -School finishes at 1.15pm  -No sunset explorers club
Mon 01st Jan	Tues 02nd Jan	Weds 03rd Jan	Thurs 04th Jan	Fri 05th Jan
-No School	-Inset Day	First day Term 3 start 8.50am -Sleeping beauty Pantomime  -No Afterschool club -Sunset Explorers 3.15-5pm	-No Afterschool club	
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## SCHOOL CLOSING @ 1:15pm FRI 15<sup>th</sup> DEC

Don't forget, school will be closing at 1:15pm on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December, the last day of Term 2. Children will have lunch in school and then be dismissed from their classroom doors. There will be no Sunset Explorer provision on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024.

## FOOD PANTRY IS BACK!

From Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> of November we will be reopening our Bank Leaze Food Pantry to families! From 3.00-3.30pm you are welcome to come to the hub room doors (next to Nursery) to visit our food pantry. There is no cost to our food pantry, but we do ask that you bring your own bag and take only what you need. Some families will be invited to attend our food pantry between 2.45-3.00pm, before the food pantry opens to all. If you feel you should be on this list or have received a food bag from us previously, please do get in touch via the school info account at [info@oasisbankleaze.org](mailto:info@oasisbankleaze.org).



## SLEEPING BEAUTY PANTOMIME WED 3<sup>rd</sup> JAN 2024

As a welcome back treat, all pupils from N-6 will watch a touring version of the Sleeping Beauty Pantomime in school on the morning of Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> January. We will then spend the rest of the week taking part in some Sleeping Beauty themed writing ending in producing our own published books on Sleeping Beauty! Please make sure your child is in school, on time, on Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> January to join in the fun. Don't forget to pay for your panto tickets on MCAS. Panto payment includes snacks and panto toys, if children have any light wands etc they want to bring in from home for the panto, they can bring them in- make sure they are labelled!

## PARKING ON CORBETT CLOSE

I am very sad to tell you that we have received numerous complaints from our neighbours on Corbett Close about parking on the street. The residents have quite rightly complained about dangerous parking which is blocking the road and would prevent emergency help getting to the school. We are meeting with the building site too to discuss their part in this but a reminder that if you are driving and parking to school WE STRONGLY ADVISE THAT YOU USE THE ATWOOD ENTRANCE. Residents are sending us photos of cars parked inappropriately- we would hate to have to take further action to these car owners. All time spent on issues like this, take us away from spending time teaching and learning at school.

## Y5 RESIDENTIAL TRIP IN SEPTEMBER 2024

Thank you to the Y5 parents who attended our info event about the September 2024 Y6 trip to PGL Barton Hall. A reminder to start thinking about the payment from now in order to ensure it is all paid for before July 2024. If you would like support with payment please speak to Ms Nelson in person or via the [info@oasisbankleaze.org](mailto:info@oasisbankleaze.org) account. The trip will be in the first week back of Y6 in September 2024.

## WELCOME STUDENTS FROM UWE

From today you may see some new faces around the academy. Years 1,2,3,5 & 6 are lucky enough to be joined by students from The University of the West of England. We have two 3<sup>rd</sup> year and three 2<sup>nd</sup> year students joining our existing PGCE student Miss Jenkins who is based in Reception. We love having student teachers join us both to give them the opportunity to learn from our fantastic teachers but also to provide our teachers with opportunities to learn about current training and to explore new practises. We are excited to meet our students and for the additional capacity they bring to our academy.



## EYFS & KS1 NATIVITY

We were so proud of all our EYFS and KS1 children last week as they performed our Nativity 'Lights, Camel, Action!' The children shone over both performances and we all especially loved the amazing dance moves! Thank you to all the children and staff who worked so hard to create such an incredible performance and thank you to all the parents and carers who supported us creating such a lovely atmosphere for the children by singing and clapping along.



## OASIS BANK LEAZE SWAP SHOP

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December, we had our termly swap shop. We had lots of clothes and toys to give away as well as our school uniform and Christmas jumpers. Parents and children alike were buzzing, and it was great to see. We're looking forward to our next swap shop at the end of term 3.



## YEAR 2 WISH YOU A HAPPY HANUKKAH!

Year 2 continued their learning about the Jewish faith this term. We learnt about the fight between King Antiochus and the Maccabees and how the light in the temple's Menorah went out. The Jews only had enough oil for one day, but it miraculously lasted for 8 days! We know that Jews celebrated Hannukah to remember this time. Year 2 celebrated the beginning of Hannukah by adding a candle to the class Menorah and making dreidels to play games. We enjoyed learning the meaning of the different Hebrew words and playing for chocolate coins.



## CHRISTMAS DINNER WORKSHOP

The Oasis Hub and Ambition Lawrence Weston always have some excellent activities going on in the half term holidays. This Christmas they are running cooking workshops for children on how to cook Christmas dinner! If you are in receipt of free school meals please see below for details on how to book.

## LIBRARY TOTS

We are very excited to let you know that from Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023 we will be opening our Library for a Library tots group! From 8.45-9.30 you are welcome to join us via the doors next to the library for time to share a story and for a story with Miss Pope. Our Library tots is open to all children from 0- 4 years old who



## RECEPTION STARTERS SEPTEMBER 2024- WE NEED YOU!

Do you know any families with children turning 4 between September 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 and August 31<sup>st</sup> 2024? If so, these children could be the future Reception class of OABL! We are welcoming all families to come and have a look round the school and get a feel for our community. If you know of anyone in your block, or living close to you, help spread the word! Tell them to book a tour via the [info@oasisbankleaze.org](mailto:info@oasisbankleaze.org) account. If they mention your name your child will get 5 raffle tickets! Feel free to pick up some flyer from the office too and hand them out near you- we know word of mouth from you all is our best advert!



## SPOTLIGHT ON Art and Design



Each week we want to let you know a bit more about the subjects we teach at OABL.

We can't get enough of art at OABL so we teach it twice! Pupils get three discrete art lessons a term where we focus on the knowledge, skills and techniques used within different media. Term 3 the whole school will be developing our collage techniques.

We also teach art in a thematic way. We link our learning in other subjects such as Geography, History, PHSE and Music to Art and Design. This allows our pupils to make valuable connections in their learning across a range of subjects and apply their art skills from discrete lessons in a creative way.

We want our OABL artists to have knowledge of artists and craft makers across history and all the artists we study have been deliberately chosen to reflect a diverse range of backgrounds and cultures. Every child at OABL has a virtual portfolio on their Showbie classrooms for them to keep track of their learning and artworks. Ask your child to share their masterpieces with you!

During Term 3 the year groups will be studying the following:

Y1	Collage – Henri Matisse	Royal portraits
Y2	Collage – Crumpling techniques	Victorian Art
Y3	Collage – Andy Goldsworthy	Prehistoric Art
Y4	Collage – E. S. Echer	Roman Architecture
Y5	Collage – Textured collages	Viking Sculpture
Y6	Collage – 3D collage	Industrial Revolution Art

## ATTENDANCE REWARD

In the last two weeks of term, we are excited to share that we have even more cinema tickets to hand! Starting from today (Monday 4.12.23) until the last day of term (15.12.23) we are entering children into a raffle draw to win more tickets for everyone that comes into school each day achieving 100% attendance.



## CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

This week 11th-15th December, we are welcoming all children to wear Christmas jumpers over their uniform all week! If you don't have a Christmas jumper that's fine!



## CHRISTMAS ART COMP

As Christmas fast approaches, we would love to spread the seasons magic with another art competition. This year, we are going for a decorate the Christmas Tree!



We are asking all children to decorate a Christmas Tree using any materials they like – glitter, paint, felt tips, gems or stickers. The more creative the better. Please return your Christmas tree and make a £1 donation on the MCAS App by **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023**. All proceeds will go to the PTA and their grand plans. The Christmas trees will be laminated and displayed in the lobby around the Oasis Bank Lease sign. Feel free to enter as many times as you wish. Parent submission welcome for our adult category. There will be an arty-crafty prize for one winner from each class. Winners must have paid on MCAS. Our adult winners will receive a Christmas tippie! Check out our Twitter and Facebook pages on Friday Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December for our winners.



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# Christmas dinner Workshop

**TUESDAY**    **DECEMBER 19TH**    **AMBITION LW**  
BS11 0SB

Children arrive at 9am and learn how to prepare a Christmas starter, main and desert.

Parents/carers are invited join to their children at 2:30PM for a sitdown Christmas meal.

This activity is only for children in receipt of FSMs due to the funding requirements. Spaces are limited and activity must be booked in advance. For more information please contact Jordon at [Jordon.Hudd@oasisuk.org](mailto:Jordon.Hudd@oasisuk.org) or on 07935 954811.

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# Star of the Week!

A HUGE well done to this week's winners. You've worked really hard and have shown an exceptional attitude to learning!

<b>R</b>	Harry G	-For Working so hard on building his concentration for learning activities and writing his name so carefully this week for his Christmas card as a result! Well done Harry!
<b>1</b>	Cassius	-For using his amazing reading skills to help out during the Nativity and reading anybody's lines who weren't there.
<b>2</b>	Mckenzie	-For improvement in handwriting and working hard to include adjectives in his sentences.
<b>3</b>	Ronnie-Ray	-For being so helpful to Mrs Bishop when Miss Gatling was on training.
<b>4</b>	Jaxson	-For his great teamwork to help plant trees in our school field. He worked hard and was a great team player.
<b>5</b>	Merrick	-For amazing work in maths when adding and subtracting mixed numbers.
<b>6</b>	Ismail	Ms Nelson has been so impressed with Ismail this week and his willingness to get stuck in and help wherever he can, particularly in helping Year 4 with their tree planting. He
<b>Teacher</b>	EYFS/KS1	-For a buzzing nativity!

<b>WEEK 13 ATTENDANCE</b>	
<b>4th Dec– 8th Dec</b>	
Reception	91% ↓
Year 1	93% ↓
Year 2	89% ↓
Year 3	89% ↓
Year 4	88% ↓
Year 5	92% ↓
Year 6	94% ↓
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>91% ↓</b>

## OASIS HABITS



### JOYFUL December

Our December habit is Joyful. We will be focusing on the following behaviour indicators:

- Those who look out for those who are feeling sad or left out and works hard to include them and help them feel happier.
- Children who always thinks about and remembers to say thank you.
- Children who make everyone feel welcome.

