



NEWSLETTER

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YOUNG VOICES 2024

A very good luck to our Year 5 at Young Voices in Wembley next Thursday. Representing Oasis Academy Bank Leaze in the largest school choir in the world.



FREE HALF TERM CRICKET CLUB

We are delighted to be able to offer a FREE Cricket Half Term Holiday Club in the February half term. There are 30 FREE places available every day on this fully funded and engaging sports club that will run 9.30-2.30 Mon-Fri starting on Monday 12th Feb. Available for year 1-6 to book on. Children will need a packed lunch and a refillable water bottle. The holiday club is being run by Gloucestershire County Crickets fully qualified and experienced coaches, onsite at Bank Leaze.



To book spaces directly with GCC, please follow the links sent electronically from our office team.

These reset at the start of every academic year. Your children are welcome to wear their merit badges on their collars. Why not ask your child how many merits they have or what their last merit was for?

CORBETT CLOSE- BUILDING WORK

As most of you will be aware, the traffic situation on Corbett Close due to the building works is extremely poor. We are in constant communication with the builders and have an agreement whereby no vehicles should access their building site between 8:00-9:00 and 3:00-3:30. Unfortunately this agreement has not always been kept to. If you feel the situation is dangerous for pupils please do not hesitate to call 111, this is what we will also be doing. In the meantime, we do urge families to use the Atwood entrance which is much safer and traffic free. Thank you to Sarah who is doing an amazing job managing this.

SWIMMING POOL!

We hoped it would happen and we are thrilled to tell you that we will indeed be having a swimming pool on site from 12/2/24 until the Easter holidays. There will be opportunities for all children in Y1-Y6 to have small group lessons in the pool during term time. Priority family swim time will be given to Nursery and Reception in our half term holiday slots and in some after school spaces. We will be sending out more detailed information on this next week in a separate letter. In the meantime do make plans to get a swimming costume ready for T4! There will be some swim sessions and clubs available in half term- more details to follow.



SPOTLIGHT ON MUSIC



We believe our curriculum should shape our pupil's character, make links with our community and develop our pupil's competency in music. We love to sing and perform at Bank Leaze as often as possible. Our Music curriculum is woven into as many other subjects as possible as well as enhancing key celebrations and Calender dates throughout the year.

Each week we have a whole school singing assembly where our children learn and perform a range of

song linked to our learning in other subjects. In the last year alone, we have learnt and performed the Harvest Samba along with BSL signs, performed at St Peter's church as a whole school as part of us observing Remembrance Day and we've supported the Year 5 Young Voices choir in rehearsing for their performance with The World's Largest Children's Choir at Wembley. Every year our pupils have the opportunity to perform in a nativity in EYFS and KS1 and KS2 lead a carol concert for parents. It doesn't stop there! Year 2 and 6 each year perform a Tudor's inspired play including song and dance linking to the whole school theme of Tudor History.

Alongside all this, our pupils have fortnightly discrete music lesson where they learn to play a different instrument each year. Before your child leaves us in Year 6, they would have had the opportunity to learn to read and compose music on a wide range of instruments.

If this wasn't enough, our pupils also appraise a wide range of music and get to learn about their preferences as musicians through our thematic content that links to the terms overarching them each term. If you want to know more about the performances by our pupils, our website has a performance page for you to listen to all the great learning being done in our Music curriculum. Just scan the QR code above.



Year 1	Boom Whackers
Year 2	Xylophones
Year 3	Ocarinas
Year 4	Ukeleles
Year 5	Africa Drums
Year 6	Garage Band



R	Aralina Alonso Dunning	Working so hard on phonics and writing! This week Aralina has written a super letter to a knight, written tricky words, CVC words and she also brought in some writing to show us that she had done at home! Well done Aralina!
1	Lexi-Rose Bye	For amazing progress in phonics and using her knowledge of blends, digraphs and split digraphs to read.
2	Kuba Bazylimski	For: being a good historian and using evidence form the past to make inferences.
3	Elif Su Beklevic	For fantastic use of verbs and adverbs in her writing about Leon and the place between. Elfi has included a wide range of verbs and adverbs to make her writing more interesting.
4	Lucas White	Lucas is our star of the week for his great effort into our DT lessons this term. He made a catapult car with axels and axel wheels all by himself. This week he also has had a positive attitude in his learning.
5	Alexander Karwowski	For always trying his best in our writing lessons and for having a positive attitude towards learning.
6	Lily-Rose Bowering	Lily-Rose has made enormous progress in mock SATs this week and has taken everything on board that Miss Pope and Miss Parsons have
Teacher	Mrs Parker and Miss Vaughan	For stepping in and covering a club at short notice to get extra experience whilst on student placement at OABL. A great attitude and start to your teaching career!



Habit of the Month

Our January habit is Patient. We will be looking for children who have:

- Developed some simple practices and techniques to be patient and stay calm.
- Spotted the physical signs when they aren't feeling patient and knows what to do to feel calmer.
- A calming influence on others.

CLASS ASSEMBLY DATES

This term we are Y4 and Y5 are excited to share their learning with parents in a class assembly. Parents and families of Y4 and Y5 children are warmly invited to attend these assemblies on the following dates:

Y4 class assembly will be on Thurs 1st February @ 9am

Y5 class assembly will be on Fri 8th February @ 9am and will be a Young Voices Special!

COMMUNITY LIBRARY @ OABL- COME AND BORROW A BOOK!

We are really aware that we are not blessed with a library in the area. As a result of this we are opening our school library to the community. At certain times you will be able to come and borrow books from our library to read at home and return once you are finished with them. Come and take advantage of this and experience the joy of borrowing books for FREE! This offer is open to all family members of Bank Leaze not just children registered at OABL. Pop along to our library door (where Y3 used to come in and out of) and come to our library.



Community Library- Thursday 3:10-3:45 (Open to all families)

Library Tots- Fri 8:50 (after drop off)- 9:30 (Open to all children not yet at school age- this session will be include a story and sing song from Miss Pope too!)

Week Attendance

Reception	95%	
Year 1	95%	
Year 2	91%	
Year 3	96%	
Year 4	95%	
Year 5	99%	
Year 6	96%	
Whole School	94%	

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
◇ KS2 Football team to go play at Longcross 15:30-17:00	◇ Food Pantry 2.45 till 3.30	◇ Nursery: Stay&Read	◇ Y4 Class Assembly 8:55-9:15	◇ Library Tots 8:45-9:30
◇ Club: Dance	◇ Club: Girls Football	◇ Club: Gymnastics	◇ Y5 Young voices trip 9:30-00:00	◇ Club: Drama
◇ Sunset Explores	◇ Club: Boys Football	◇ Sunset Explores	◇ Club: Tag Rugby	◇ Sunset Explores
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			◇ Community Library 15:10-15:45:	
			◇ Sunset Explores	