



WELCOME TO THE PARENTAL NEWSLETTER SPRING 2022



A LETTER FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we enter the final term of this academic year, we have a lot to celebrate from last term which will be outlined in this newsletter.

This term is extremely important for all students, none more so than our Year 11 who are now just weeks away from their first exam. It has been a challenging time for all students with the impact of the pandemic and this has been recognised with some adjustments to the exams in certain subjects. I cannot stress enough how important the next two months are for our year 11 students and how crucial it is for each of them to approach the exams with positivity and resilience. There will be ongoing intervention in the lead up to each exam and every student will also receive a personalised timetable which will outline their revision sessions.

Attendance continues to be a priority; excellent attendance at school is important to allow a young person to fulfil their potential. Essentially, if students miss school, they miss out. Our whole school assessment week begins on the 27th June; attendance is essential for all students in all subjects so that they are fully prepared for these assessments and achieve their potential.

Within this newsletter, you will find all our latest celebratory news – and there is a lot to celebrate!

A special mention must go to Mason Fahey; we are all very, very proud of him. Mason was shortlisted for the OAT Hero Award due to his tireless and charitable work in memory of his best friend, Alfie Humphreys. On page 16 you are able to read his nomination which details his accomplishments.

Our Year 9s, 10s and 11s took part in the national United Kingdom Maths Challenge. Sophie Pitt in Year 10 won a gold award and she is now moving through to the next round. More information about this and our silver and bronze award winners can be found on page 8.

You may have noticed some building work taking place near the front of the school in the old tennis courts; here there is a new Multi-Use-Games-Area being built to enhance our sports facilities; this project is due for completion in the summer term.

In addition to our new MUGA, during the summer holiday, there will be an extension built to our canteen to accommodate the growing numbers of students. Also an additional science lab will be built as well as brand new toilets. I am sure you are aware that the recent storm caused damage to our existing gym; the building repairs are well underway and we are looking forward to revealing a new look gym complete with a brand new floor!

We would like to thank all members of the community for your support in everything that we do to ensure that our students live out the OCA values of Originality, Community, Aspiration, Excellence and Respect on a daily basis.

Mrs Lowry-Johnson

LITERACY

READING IN FORM TIME.

Pupils in Years 7-10 are continuing to read class books with their form tutors. The books we have chosen are here along with a website link if you would like more information.

Year 7 - Bubble Boy

Illness/disability

<https://www.theguardian.com/books/2016/sep/16/the-bubble-boy-by-stewart-foster-review>

Year 8 – Wonder

Disability/bullying/inclusion

https://www.telegraph.co.uk/culture/books/children_sbookreviews/9099174/Wonder-by-R.J-Palacio-review.html

Year 9 - Ketchup Clouds

Betrayal/democracy/death row

https://www.telegraph.co.uk/culture/books/children_sbookreviews/9778282/Ketchup-Clouds-by-Annabel-Pitcher-review.html

Year 10 - Pigeon English

Immigration/inclusion

<https://www.theguardian.com/books/2011/mar/13/pigeon-english-stephen-kelman-review>

FAMILY TALKING POINTS – IT'S GOOD TO TALK!

What do you talk about at home? Try one of our Family Talking Points! Each week in form time, our pupils have a Family Talking Point that they discuss, talk about the topic at home and then feedback the next week, ready for another Talking Point. Some of our previous and upcoming ideas are below and overleaf!



FAMILY TALKING POINTS – IT'S GOOD TO TALK!



WEEK BEGINNING: 7TH MARCH

FAMILY TALKING POINT:
WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE BOOK AND WHY?



WEEK BEGINNING: 14TH MARCH

FAMILY TALKING POINT:
WHAT IS ONE THING YOU COULD HAVE DONE BETTER TOAY?



It's Good To 'Talk' It's Good To 'Talk' It's Good To 'Talk' It's Good To 'Talk'

WEEK BEGINNING: 28TH MARCH
FAMILY TALKING POINT:
WHO IS ONE PERSON IN YOUR LIFE YOU ARE THANKFUL FOR AND WHY?



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WEEK BEGINNING: 25TH APRIL
FAMILY TALKING POINT:
WHAT IS SOMETHING YOU WANT TO LEARN HOW TO DO AND WHY?



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WEEK BEGINNING: 18TH APRIL
FAMILY TALKING POINT:
WHO IS YOUR BEST FRIEND AND WHY?



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WEEK BEGINNING: 2ND MAY
WHAT TWO ITEMS WOULD YOU GRAB IF YOUR HOUSE WAS ON FIRE?



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WEEK BEGINNING: 9TH MAY
IF YOU COULD GO BACK IN TME, WHERE WOULD YOU GO?



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WEEK BEGINNING: 16TH MAY
WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU RULED THE WORLD?



It's Good To 'Talk' It's Good To 'Talk'

LITERACY

DATE A BOOK – LOVE IS IN THE AIR!

During the month of February, all students who visited the library were able to go on a mystery date!

All our blind date books were wrapped in paper; students selected a book based on the description.

Students took the book home, got acquainted and then they were given the opportunity to 'Rate their Date.'

Each slip returned meant that students were entered into a prize draw!

Congratulations to Sophie Pitt in Year 10 who won our grand prize of a £50 Amazon gift voucher!

And a huge thank you to Mrs Percival for decorating the library and running the competition!

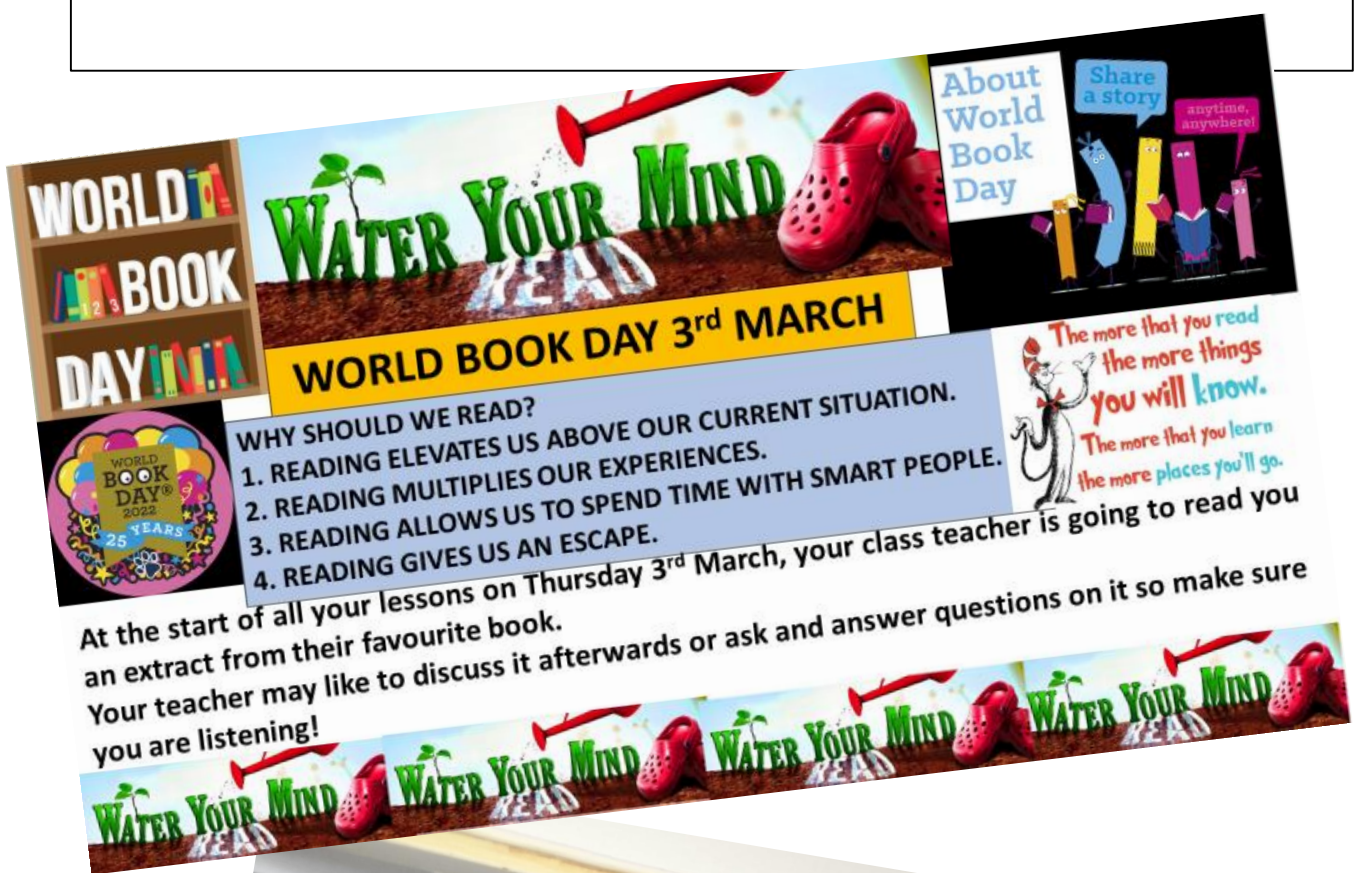


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WORLD BOOK DAY

On the 3rd March, we celebrated World Book Day! As we weren't able to celebrate it in person since March 2020, we did it in style! All lessons began with a discussion and staff read an extract from their favourite book and the library was transformed into Willy Wonka's chocolate factory! Year 7s were nominated by their English teachers to receive golden tickets, as a result of their excellent attitude to learning, and enjoy all the treats inside the chocolate factory.

A big thank you to Mrs Percival, Ms Fitzsimon and Mrs Molyneux for their outstanding organizational skills! And of course, thank you to all the staff who dressed up as characters from books and fully embraced the celebration of World book Day!



At the start of all your lessons on Thursday 3rd March, your class teacher is going to read you an extract from their favourite book. Your teacher may like to discuss it afterwards or ask and answer questions on it so make sure you are listening!



LITERACY

WORLD BOOK DAY



MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

SPANISH BREAKFAST

On Thursday 17th March, Year 9 students who have displayed exceptional attitude to learning, enjoyed a Spanish breakfast with churros con chocolate. We don't have pictures of the actual churros because they disappeared very quickly!



CHINESE WORKSHOP

On Monday 7th February, some of our Year 7, 8 and 9 students had the fantastic opportunity to immerse themselves in the Chinese language and culture.

The staff from the Manchester Confucius Institute delivered workshops on the Chinese New Year's celebrations and taught our students how to greet people and count in Chinese.

We embarked on a journey around China's geography and traditions. Students were very enthusiastic and really impressed the teachers with their ability to remember key facts and words.

Last but not least, we ended up mastering how to use chopsticks! It was not easy at all, but our students showed great determination, and some won the challenge of picking up as many paper balls as possible within just one minute!

Photographs from the fantastic event are overleaf!

MATHS

The following Year 9 team of students took part in the highly acclaimed and competitive OAT Maths Olympic Challenge.

The team had to make a maths board game and present it to the panel of judges. They won the regional round and they are now through to the national round very shortly!

A very well done to the following pupils:

Aidan Lamb
Tom Ryan
Jess Molyneux
Megan McDonnell
Olivia Darlington



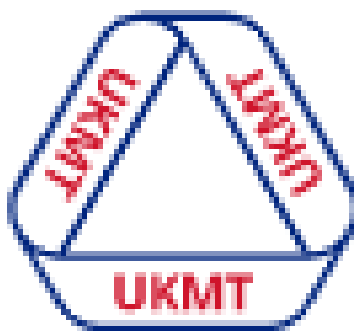
Our Year 9s, 10s and 11s took part in the national The United Kingdom Maths Challenge. Sophie Pitt in Year 10 won a gold award and she is now moving through to the next round!

Well done also to the following students on receiving the silver award:

Jack Darlington
James Gault
Grace Goodridge.

And a very well done to the following students on receiving a bronze award:

Samuel Allison
Jessica Birch
Henry Bolland
Mia-Rae Gumbley
Harry Hughes
Maddison Mackinnon
Vyara Mihova
Harrison Morris
Grace Rhead
Vincent Rowlands
Erin Sullivan
Effie Harrington
Daniel Hunt
Olivia Kirwan
Liam Higgins
Jesse Lindsay
Tyler Baker
Michael Edwardson
Sophie Jones
Jessica Molyneux
Molly Stevenson
Ellie Mahoney
Quan Do
Megan Rawlinson.



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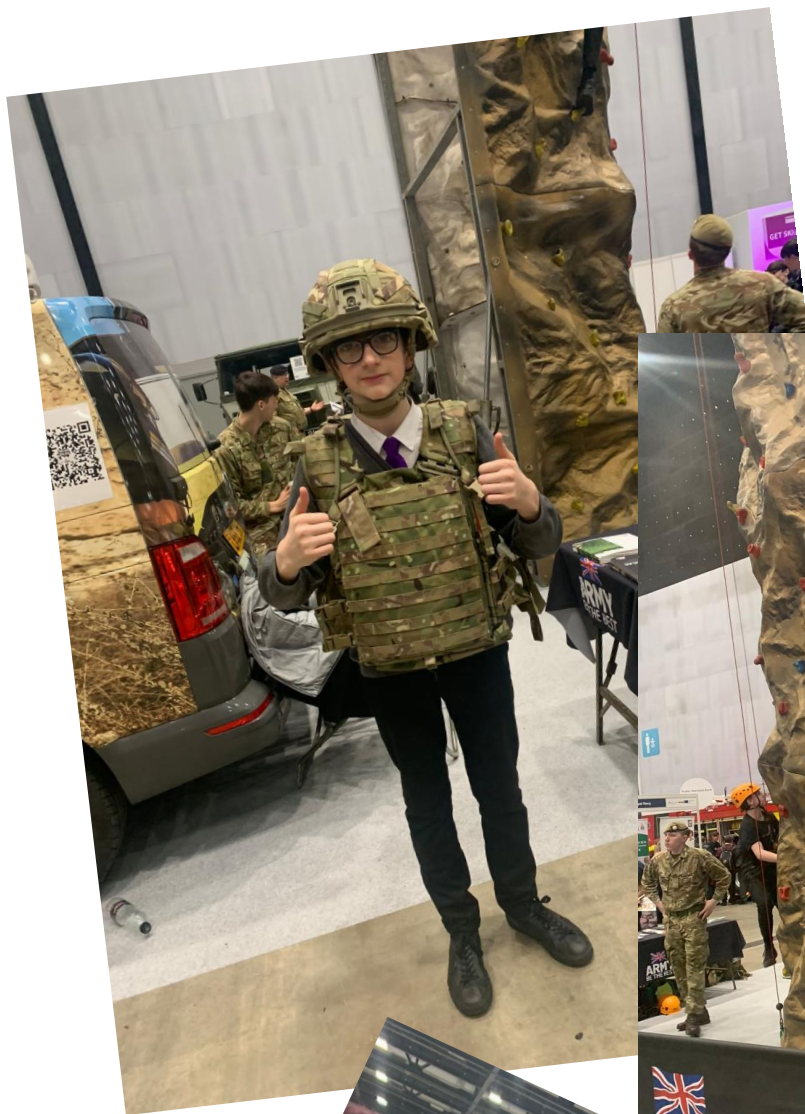
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CAREERS

A selection of Year 10s took part in the Liverpool City Skills Show with Miss Killigrew. They had a brilliant day and we managed to capture some excellent moments from the day on camera!



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Attendance Easter Rewards

Day 1 – Not for sharing Easter Eggs

Day 2 – Scrumptious Chocolate Bombs

Day 3 – Box of Cadbury Crème Eggs

Day 4 – Delicious Ditton Deli Breakfast

Day 5 – Chocolate Fountain to Share

Day 6 – Mini Movie with Friends

Day 7 – Easter Sweets & Chocolate Treats

Day 8 – A Surprising Chicken Feast

Day 9 – Hop 2 The Movies

Day 10 – Easter Friday Night Take-Away



OCA are continuing to work hard to improve attendance this year with students. The attendance team continue to implement a new strategy to work alongside parents in improving student attendance through early intervention and supportive process; this will hopefully help students to overcome any barriers.

Rewards are plentiful to encourage and promote excellent attendance alongside those students working hard to improve it.

Below are the details of our Easter eggtravanganza!

Attendance Easter Rewards

Do you have 100% Attendance and Perfect Punctuality?

Are you the Attendance Star of the week nominated by your form teacher?

Does your form have the highest attendance?

Then you could be in with the chance of winning some Egg-ceptional Rewards!



Our sizzling summer rewards programme is going to be launched very soon!

OCA IN THE WIDER COMMUNITY



OAT HUMANITARIAN FUNDRAISER FOR UKRAINE ON 23rd MARCH

OAT's National Student Voice had and still has growing concern regarding the events taking place in Ukraine. They decided the best way to support the devastating situation in Ukraine was through youth social action, joining together as one family for an "Ormiston Humanitarian Fundraiser" in support of the people affected by the conflict in Ukraine. All monies raised will go towards the pupils' charity of choice, the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. The DRIVE committee have raised over £200 for the OAT Humanitarian fundraiser so far and it is still increasing! OCA held bake sales, the sale of raffle tickets to be in with a chance to win a sunflower garland hand crocheted by Megan Rawlinson in Year 11 and a staff dodgeball competition as well as raising awareness of the crisis.

OAT have set up a "Just Giving" page – [click here](#) to donate.



OCA IN THE WIDER COMMUNITY

Ormiston
Humanitarian Fundraiser



HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY 27 JANUARY

Holocaust Memorial Day is commemorated on 27th January each year; this date mirrors the Soviet liberation of Auschwitz concentration camp in 1945.

On 26th January 2022, Year 9 joined schools across the country in a live webcast with a Holocaust survivor. Working with the Holocaust Educational Trust, Eva Clark shared the story of how she was born in a concentration camp and her and her mother managed to survive against the odds.

To hear these stories first hand is an extremely valuable experience and one which unfortunately will not be afforded to future generations. Year 9 heard how Eva's parents fell in love and how persecution under the Nazi regime grew from restrictive laws to concentration camps and gas chambers.

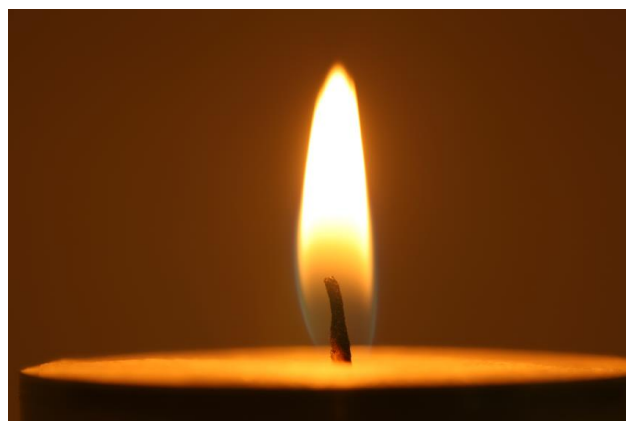
Unfortunately, many of Eva's family did not survive the Holocaust.

**NEVER
FORGET
NEVER
AGAIN**

Be the light in
the darkness



#STANDTOGETHER



THE HOLOCAUST AND GENOCIDE

Holocaust Memorial Day is the day for everyone to remember the millions of people murdered in the Holocaust, under Nazi Persecution, and in the genocides which followed in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia, and Darfur.

OAT AWARDS



The Ormiston Academies Trust (OAT) Annual Awards recognise and celebrate the staff and pupils at the academies that have made a significant contribution to their academy, the community or for themselves. This forms part of a year-round campaign to promote the work of the schools, pupils and staff. The following pupils were nominated by staff in the following categories and received a certificate detailing their nomination:

- Budding Linguist – Vyara Mihova
- Inspirational Learner – Scarlett Whittaker

Huge congratulations to both pupils!

Please see the next page for Mason Fahey's nomination.



OAT AWARDS

In addition, Mason Fahey was nominated and indeed shortlisted for the OAT Hero Award. Below is an excerpt from his nomination, written by his head of year, Mrs Barratt.



After the loss of Alfie Humphreys in 12 March 2021, Alfie's best friend since primary school, Mason has shown great courage, bravery and resilience in facing these challenging times. With the help of his mum, Mason decided to raise money for Alfie's mum via a raffle in order to buy her a present to help with her grief. Being the self-less young man, he also decided that he would help another family from his primary school who had lost their mum through breast cancer.



Mason started his fund raising with the idea of raising £100. After Mason's mum placed the idea on Facebook they couldn't imagine the impact they would have to help the families; over a £1000 was raised to help both families. Mason did not stop there in the plight to help his best friends' family. After continual contact with Alfie's mum, Mason again realised that they continued to struggle massively with their grief. He wanted to do more. This time he wanted to raise money for Alder Hey Children's Hospital, the children's hospital that tried to save Alfie's life. Mason. He decided to climb Mount Snowdon in Alfie's memory and to raise money. This amazing effort meant that 17 of his closest friends and family set out on this amazing challenge.

On the day of the climb the weather was atrocious, over 80+mph winds and low visibility. However, this did not deter Mason; his grit and determination meant he would do it despite the inclement weather. For their own safety, they had to turn back when they were only minutes away from the summit. However, this exceptional challenge meant that Mason had raised a further £1500 for Alder Hey. Mason is an exceptional young man and he has a heart of gold. His resilience and determination during these terrible times has been exceptional and he is an absolute credit to himself, his family and Ormiston Chadwick Academy. He has stayed strong throughout this whole time and been an amazing friend to all those that at the academy and in the community that miss Alfie very much.

Mason is a truly remarkable young man; many, many congratulations!