



Spring 1 Newsletter

Message from the Principal

Dear Parent / Carer

As we come to the end of another half term, can I thank you for your ongoing support of the Academy. The last half term, was disrupted by both staff and student absence due to Covid-19 which at times felt more impactful than during periods of school closure. Throughout this period both staff and students rose to the challenge in order to keep things as normal as possible and keep our focus on Learning.

With this in mind can I say a huge well done to both students in Year 6 and Year 10 who have sat Mock Assessments which they took extremely seriously, and we look forward to sharing the outcomes of these with you as they are released. Two further celebrations go to our Year 2 and Year 10 BTEC Sport and Exercise staff and students.

Firstly to Year 2 who sat their Phonics assessment just before we broke for Christmas. We are very proud to say that 90% of students passed, making us the highest performing Academy in Oasis.

Secondly to our BTEC Sport and Exercise group who marked a significant step in our Academy's journey as they sat their first formal GCSE qualification.

After the break we enter a very busy term as students focus on preparing for their SATs and end of year assessments and we prepare for our final phase of growth. We are looking forward to welcoming new families to the Academy with both our Reception classes and Year 7 for September 2022 already looking to be over subscribed. We also are now entering a significant period of recruitment as we appoint the last group of teachers as we move into next year for the first time with Year 11.

I know we all hope that though the rest of the academic year we continue to move to a more normal way of working, as always, we will keep you regularly updated with our COVID-19 restrictions and how we are operating as an Academy to keep everyone safe.

Enjoy the half term holiday

Mr Pape.

Attendance & Punctuality

A huge thank you to all our families for your support with attendance over this half term! Despite the ongoing disruption caused by Covid-19 more than half of our students have achieved 100% attendance since our return after the Christmas break. As we move into the spring term we hope that we can further improve our overall attendance and move towards our academy target of 97%.



Don't forget we are only half way through the term, keep up the good work to celebrate in April!

Remember every half term is an opportunity to improve your attendance. Is your attendance percentage going to be higher than last half term?

KS3 Indoor Athletics

On Wednesday 2nd February Mrs Kelley took a team of 4 boys and 4 girls from years 7, 8 and 9 over to the EIS to complete in an athletics competition against 6 other schools from across the city. Although the event was a team competition, we had some outstanding individual performances:

Muhammad Javed winning the Y9 boys 600m event and coming equal first in the High Jump.

Sheriff Cheetham also coming equal first in the Y9 boys high jump.

Rehan Waqar winning the Y7 boys javelin competition.

Zak Ullah finishing second in the Y8 boys javelin event.

Anita NG and Jameela Ellahi-Kamara coming equal fourth in the Y9 girls javelin.

Although none of our teams finished in the top 3, all those who competed gave their absolute best and it was a pleasure to see them representing the Academy at a city wide competition.



We also had 4 Y10 girls who came to help out as sports leaders and they did an amazing job of setting up, organising events and recording results which all resulted in a well ran event.



Students have been learning to cook this half term and Y9 cooked Lentil shepherds pie and Miss Ladher said that they did brilliant!

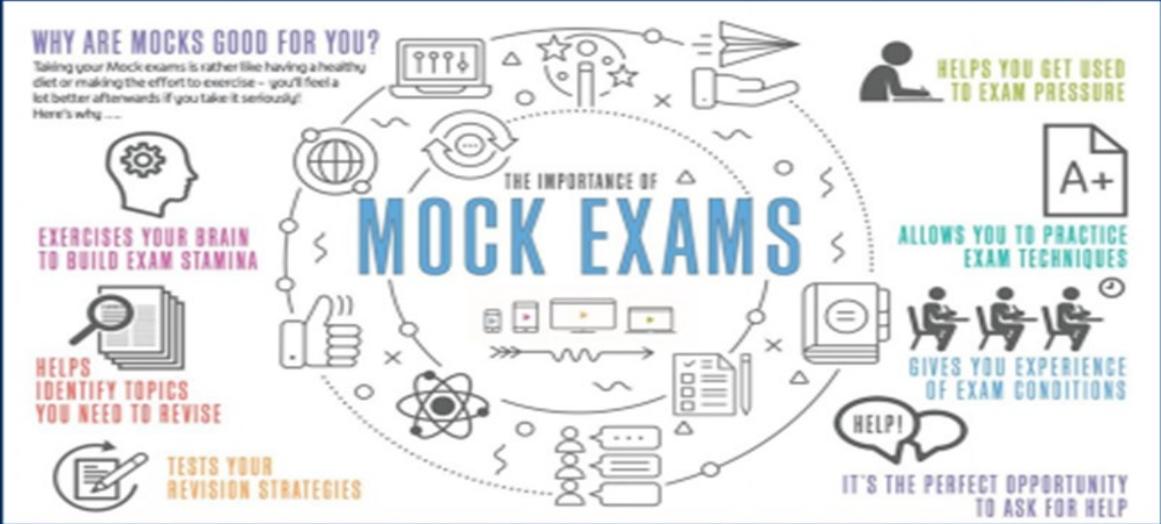


WELL DONE!

A huge thank you to all our Y10 students for their hard work and conduct during the recent mock exam week.

We were so proud of how lots of you approached your revision and the amazing knowledge that was on display.

GOOD LUCK
with
YOUR EXAM RESULTS



WHY ARE MOCKS GOOD FOR YOU?
Taking your Mock exams is rather like having a healthy diet or making the effort to exercise - you'll feel a lot better afterwards if you take it seriously! Here's why....

- EXERCISES YOUR BRAIN TO BUILD EXAM STAMINA
- HELPS IDENTIFY TOPICS YOU NEED TO REVISE
- TESTS YOUR REVISION STRATEGIES
- HELPS YOU GET USED TO EXAM PRESSURE
- ALLOWS YOU TO PRACTICE EXAM TECHNIQUES
- GIVES YOU EXPERIENCE OF EXAM CONDITIONS
- IT'S THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY TO ASK FOR HELP



At Oasis Academy Don Valley, we know that completing home learning is essential to long term academic success.

It allows our students to extend their learning, deepen their knowledge and to reinforce what has been learnt in class.

Home learning expectations

Every day, pupils will be expected to study for around one hour and a half Home learning will be in three parts:

1. Knowledge Organisers and quizzing – 20 minutes
2. Reading for Pleasure – 30 minutes
3. Online Platform Learning (e.g., Quizlet/GCSEPod/Seneca /Hegarty/PiXL) and assigned tasks – 40 minutes
4. Controlled assessment / portfolio / classwork – as directed



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Y10



Knights and Princesses

Our topic in reception has been Knights and Princesses. The topic began with a visit from Knight Smith. It was exciting to meet a knight and ask them lots of questions.



One of our home learning challenges was to make a castle – here are some of the ones shared with us in the Academy. Can you spot the arrow slits? Moat? Strong door?



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Reception

We have learnt about Chinese New Year and Valentine's Day. We compared these celebrations to things that we might celebrate with our families. It was fun to try to write some of the Chinese symbols and to use chopsticks to pick up noodles!



Y4 Multiplication Challenge



On Tuesday, 6 Year 4 students went to Prince Edwards to take part in a multiplication competition. They had to press their buzzer as quick as they could and answer the multiplication question.

Our Year 4's were fantastic and a credit to the Academy. Mr Fallon, Mrs Ryan, Miss Naylor and Miss Hussain were very proud of their efforts! We will be competing against High Hazels on the

Dinosaur Family Visit



On Monday morning we had a visit from the Dinosaur Family! The students took part in an assembly where they met the dinosaurs and then classes took part in digging for fossils.



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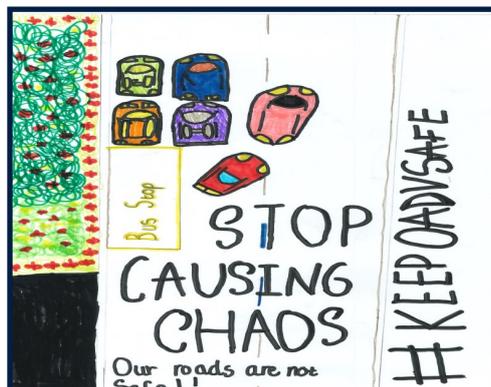
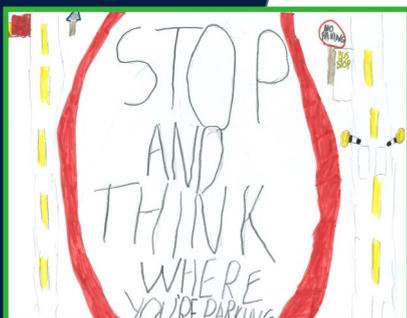
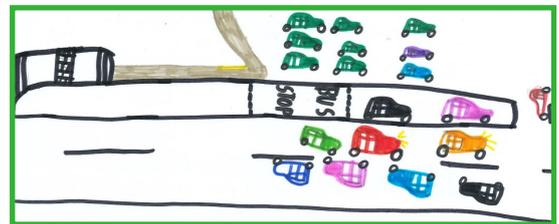
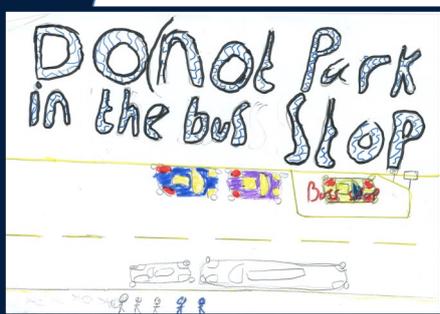


Parking Issues

We have had many parents raise concerns about parking outside of the Academy and in the car park situated on Worksop Road. This car park is part of the OLP but we would ask that if you do use this to drop off and collect your children that you are mindful of students and considerate of others who also use it, to ensure that we all remain safe

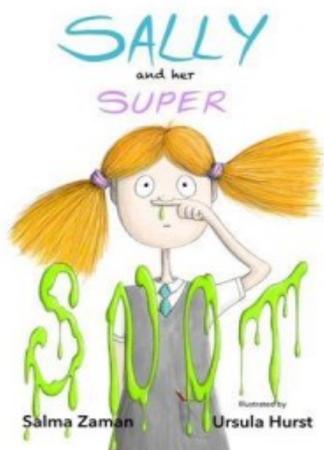
- Please do not park on pavements around the Academy as this is where children need to walk
- Please do not park in the disabled parking bays if you are not a blue badge holder
- Please supervise your children at all times when leaving the Academy and moving through the car park
- Please do not 'box' people in on the main road

The Parking Wardens are aware of the situation and will be stepping up patrols. We will continue to liaise with the council about this matter as many parents are frustrated and concerned.



Please find below details for activities during February Half Term, to sign up please scan the barcode on the posters below.

**Sally and Her Super Snot with award winning author Salma Zaman.
Join in with this online activity on Tuesday 15th February 2.00-3.00pm.**



Meet Award Winning Author Salma Zaman and hear her recite her latest Children's book 'Sally and her Super Snot'. Explore creative themes, illustrations, dance, music and make your own Slime! Get ready to get messy! This is going to be so much FUN! Don't miss out.

Sally feels her nose start to tickle. Everyone knows what this means.... Super snot! As the snot stretches all over the museum causing immense havoc, a whole host of historical characters, including Medieval kings, Egyptian mummies, and Victorian children, try to stop the snot. But the snot keeps getting away, hear the dinosaurs roar loudly at the snot. Will the children get out safely or will the super snot cover them from head to toe?

Book your place via Eventbrite using the QR code or visit www.eventbrite.co.uk



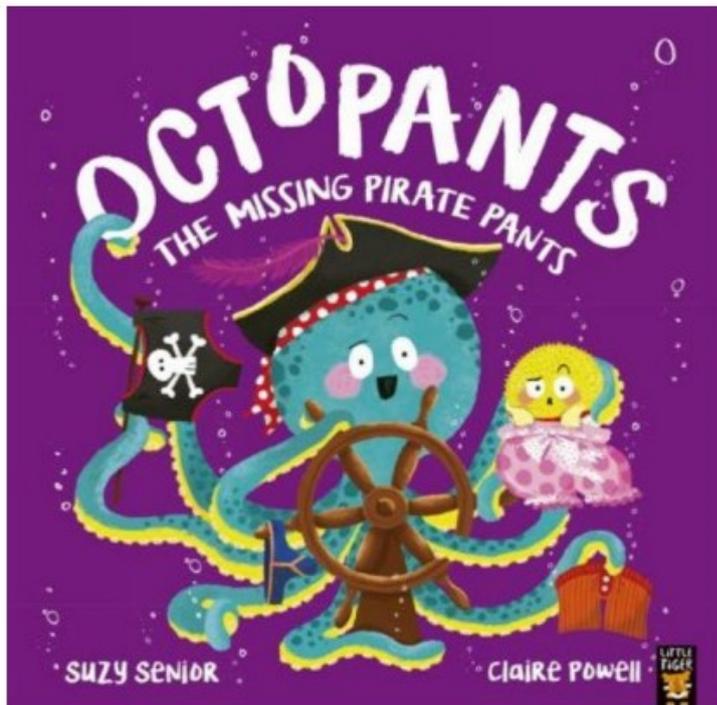
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Activities in February Half Term

**Octopants and the Missing Pirate Pants
with local Sheffield author Suzy Senior**
Join in with this online activity on Monday 14th February 10.30-
11.15am.
Suitable for children aged 3-7 years.



Come and join local Sheffield author Suzy Senior for a fantastic time with Octopants!! Suzy will be introducing her new book Octopants and the Missing Pirate Pants and sharing her much loved Octopants. There will be lots to join in with, pirate fancy dress optional!

Book your place via Eventbrite using the QR Code or visit www.eventbrite.co.uk



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