

Autumn 2 Newsletter

Message from the Principal



Dear Parents and Carers

I wanted to start with a sincere thank you to you and your Children. The challenges presented by COVID-19 across the country has made this year a disrupted one, but your support and the positive attitude of all of our children and students has made this easier for everyone.

Since our last newsletter we have managed to hand out over 750 iPads to staff, children and students it has been fantastic to see how quickly these have been adopted into our pedagogy and how excited staff, students and children have been to use them. Due to the impact of COVID-19 over this half term we have had some of our children, students and staff working remotely from home. We have had teachers and support staff delivering live online lessons and children and students accessing these in order to ensure that their learning never stops. The Horizons project has had a fantastic impact in supporting everyone to achieve great things in this new way of working. Due to the hard work of our children, students and staff not only with remote learning but also with how well they have adopted the iPads into our practice we were asked to share our work across the network of 54 Oasis at the most recent trust inset day.

Outside of the pandemic the life of the Academy continues, we have received our initial allocations for the next academic year, in reception it already looks as if we will be over subscribed for our 60 places with numbers being higher than the same time last year, which is testament to the reputation of our EYFS phase and the hard work they put in to supporting Children. We have also been blown away by the number of allocations for next year's Year 7 with over 250 applications for 120 places. Even with the disruption and the difficulties this year we will be doing all we can to support these new children and families as they join the OADV family.

As I have taken time to visit lessons this half term, I would like to celebrate the learning that I have seen going on, as I said in the last newsletter in many ways it has been as if we never closed. However, we are constantly working hard to ensure that any lost learning is quickly caught up. The attitude and aspirations of our children I believe is a credit to the Academy family. As we enter the run up to the Christmas break, we are looking forward to a range of exciting activities, which we will share with you all in the best way we can.

Please be assured that we are doing everything we can to keep all of our children and students on site and all the precautions we are taking (Bubbles, social distancing, face coverings and visors, additional hand washing, staggered start and finish times etc.) means we can remain safe.

We can only continue to keep everyone on site if all of our families follow this advice and are extra vigilant when considering their child's health. Please only bring your child to the Academy if they and everyone in your household are well, have no symptoms and have not tested positive for COVID-19

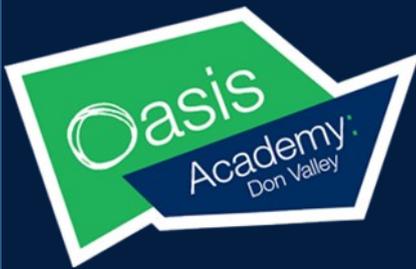
I am proud of the way that everyone at OADV has pulled together during this strange and difficult time, in order to ensure that all of our children whether they are learning onsite or remotely from home all receive an 'Exceptional Education at the Heart of our Community'.

Yours sincerely

Mr James Pape



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Attendance & Punctuality



Whole Academy attendance is **91.8%**

Following our last newsletter our attendance has increased across the Academy. Our whole Academy attendance is now 91.8%, an increase of 1.5% (Secondary has increased by 0.9% to 91.9% and Primary has increased by 2.2% to 91.7%).

This is a definite step in the right direction but there is still lots to do as we work towards our Academy target of 97%.

Primary Home Learning Engagement



Year 4 Class Blyton	97%	Foundation subject MS Teams
Year 3 Class Morpurgo	79%	English MS Teams
Year 5 Class Rowling	97%	Maths & English MS Teams
Reception	70%	MS Teams sessions
Year 1 Class Ross	55%	English MS Teams
Year 2	78%	Maths & English MS Teams

We are extremely pleased to say that almost all of our children and students have their iPads as part of the Horizons project, this is an amazing opportunity to transform and enhance the learning for all in an innovative way. They will be using their iPads in lessons and at home. These iPads will be invaluable in ensuring that our children never miss a moment of learning even if they unfortunately have to isolate at home. The expectation is that all children will use their iPad at home to join live lessons, complete learning and homework. We have had some very strong engagement over this last period of isolation and we are working hard to ensure that we achieve our target of **100%**.

Primary Artwork

Y5 Remembrance Artwork



Nursery



Fire fire

I am a fireman,
dressed in red,
with my fire hat on my head.
I can drive the fire truck,
fight fire too,
and make things safe for me
and you.





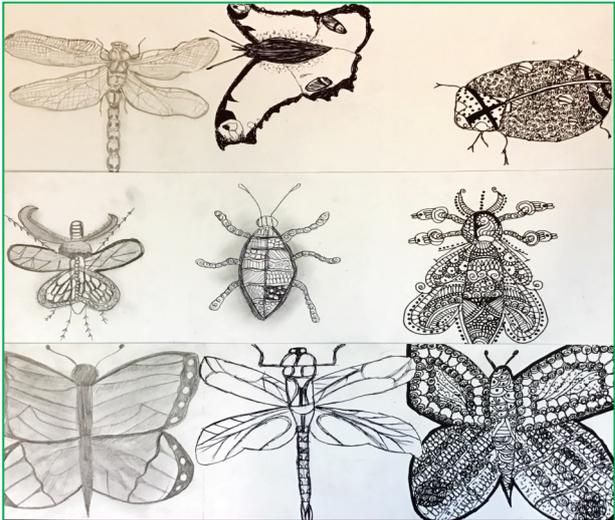
We celebrated remembrance day with many activities here are some of our favourites. We made poppy biscuits, playdough

Our current topic is 'Celebrating differences we have been looking at different job roles. Many of our children say they would like to be a firefighter. We then created our own poem called 'fire, fire'.



Secondary Artwork

Y9 - Insect drawings using pencil, pen and fine liner.



Y8 - Robin Mead Watercolour landscape studies



HEPPFEST

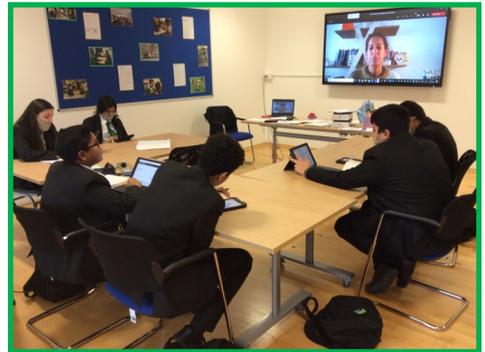


HEPPFEST is a virtual festival for student, parents, carers and Academy staff which provides information about higher education and beyond. You can book on to the sessions through the website <https://www.hepp.ac.uk/festival/>

Sessions include "Careers in the Curriculum" which provide information about the skills and range of jobs available from studying specific subjects. There is also the opportunity to find out more about Higher Education: What is it? Why would it benefit you? What does it cost? What are my choices?



Y9 Career Interviews



Monday 16th November saw our first set of Careers Interviews take place for Year 9's. In small groups they took part in virtual interviews with Sara from Sheffield Futures. They gained knowledge of where to look for information on routes in to specific careers, and the skills required for those careers. They also made use of their iPad! Every Year 9 student in the Academy will take part in one of these group interviews.

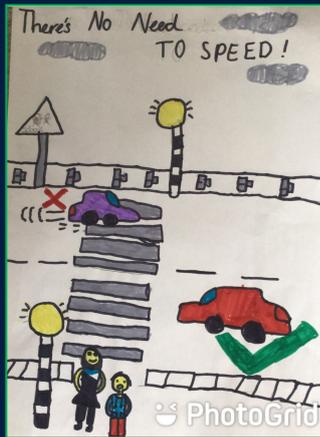
Reception Diwali Celebration



We learnt the story of Rama and Sita and a Purple Mash 2Do was set to design a Diya. We also made some Diyas in class and had some calm time whilst the candles were lit, and we decorated some hands with henna.



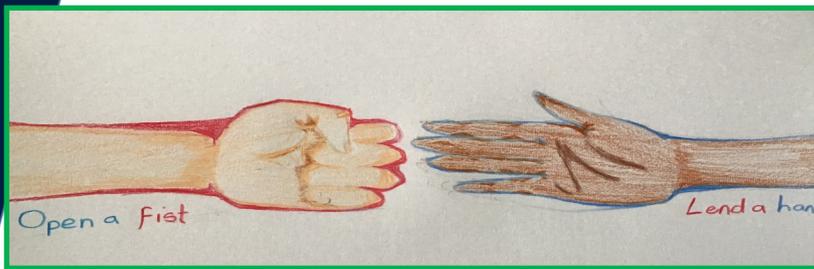
Road Safety Competition



Anti Bullying Week



In classes and during virtual assemblies, the students learnt about how to show respect and kindness towards others no matter who they are, where they come from or what they look like. As part of our drive to celebrate and respect our differences, we wore odd socks to raise the profile of accepting and respecting differences.



Contact numbers



Can we please remind you to make sure that our records reflect your most up to date contact number. In the current circumstances it is vital that we have correct phone numbers for all of our parents and carers.

Academy Staff are working hard to keep in touch with all of our families , so please help my making sue we have the right details.

Thank you

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