



Oak Lodge Newsletter

29th January 2021

Dear Parents and carers

We hope that you are all staying safe in what continues to be a difficult time for us all. This week has been a challenging week for the school community as we experienced positive COVID-19 cases in our 6th form bubble. Despite illness of one member of staff – the 6th form staff team have continued to do an amazing job of ensuring your children received a full week of remote learning.

If you need any help with mobile data and are struggling to maintain a good connection during home learning, please contact school as we may be able to help. We have already had donations of old and unused laptops and tablets from governors and staff.

We want to let you know that we are also extremely grateful to every parent and carer for all their support in helping their child/ren complete their daily school work. We know how stressful things are at the moment but you are doing a superb job so we would just like to say a big THANK YOU to you all!!

In fact, we couldn't do our jobs fully without your help and support. Hopefully it won't be too long before we're all back in school together again but, in the meantime, please keep doing what you are doing.

Thank you.

Keep safe and have a happy weekend.

Caroline Rowlandson – Headteacher



Dates for your Diary:

Inset day for staff (school closed): Fri, 12th Feb 2021

Half term (school closed): Mon, 15th – Fri, 19th Feb 2021

Notes / Reminders

Parents evening will now be postponed to the summer term.

Sign of the Week: Exercises

<https://vimeo.com/480342535/f1d7f8ae64>

The BSL team have created a BSL clip for the sign of the week. To watch it, please download a free QR Reader app and then hold your camera over the code and a video will appear. We hope you enjoy the sign of the week and we look forward to creating more. *This week's Sign of the Week is now also on the website (along with the previous 'Signs of the Week' and can be found under the tab: Parents)*

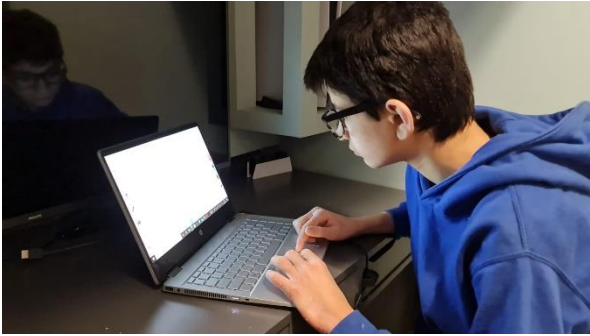
The latest Families Magazine is now online. click here to view the online version:

<https://bit.ly/subscribetoFSW>





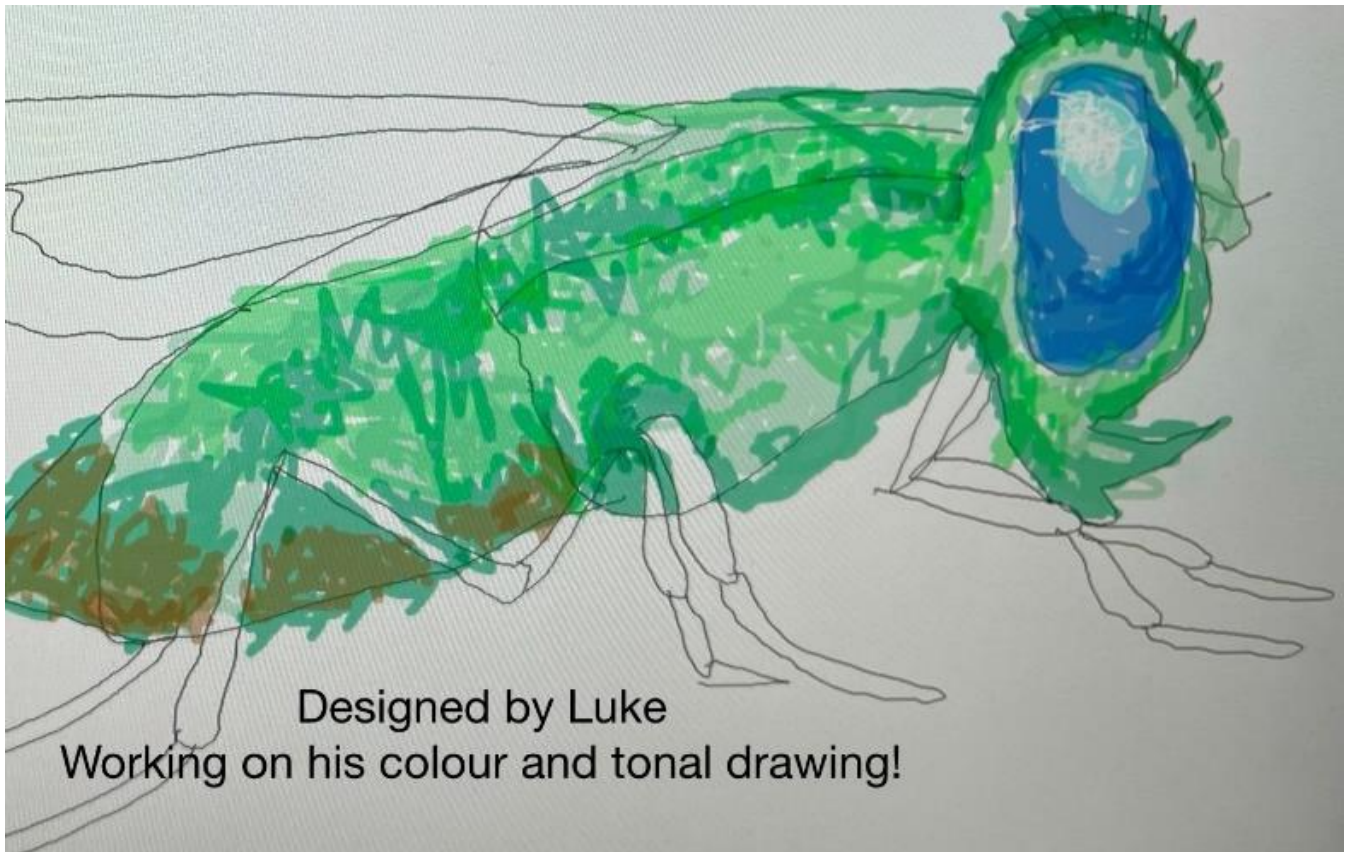
OF THE WEEK



Well done to Amit and Million. You have been working really hard at home. Keep up the good work!



Iffat and her Artwork



Above – Luke’s beautiful fly

In the picture on the left Francesco has been on zoom learning about different timbers, trees and the importance of trees for the environment and all life. This is the homework Francesco produced after the lesson.



On Zoom using their skills to make cards

OAK LODGE WELCOMES ...

Oak Lodge are delighted to welcome our first ever student undergraduate interpreter from the University of Wolverhampton: Miles Harris.



Miles is BSL level 6 equivalent and in his final year of the interpreting 3-year program. He will soon hold his NRCPD trainee interpreter badge.

He will be joining the BSL and the interpreting team for two days every week for the next 9 weeks.

The University's work placement offers the student interpreter an opportunity to observe real-life interpreting (and in our case, the specialist setting of education) and to put into practice the theoretical learning that they have done for the last two and half years. Miles has always wanted to focus on educational interpreting since starting his degree, so we are pleased that we have been matched to give him a varied and unique placement. Miles will be mainly mentored/shadow Becky Fenton-Ree and Paul Pryce-Jones (who are both Registered Sign Language Interpreters) and will also shadow our team of CSWs.

Miles will be remotely joining in via zoom until an appropriate time where he can come down in person.

If you have any questions, feel free to send an email to rfentonree@oaklodge.wandsworth.sch.uk



This week Vision Teaching have launched an appeal in response to the alarming rate of disadvantaged children that are unable to learn at home because they have no access to a laptop, Kindle, iPad or another device. They are running a spare device recycling scheme to allow them to donate devices to schools and your pupils. They are using all of their networks and contacts to raise awareness and champion this great cause.



SAFEGUARDING NOTICE: Safeguarding is of the utmost importance to us. If you have any concerns that a child is being harmed or is at risk of harm, or if you receive a disclosure, you must inform a staff member immediately or call your local authority MASH team

IMPORTANT Safeguarding Contacts: Our school's child protection officers (DSL) are:
DSL Oak Lodge: Caroline Rowlandson; DDSL Karen Duggan-Stevens, Rachel Rust, Jess Doyle.
Safeguarding Governor: Stephen Cave.
PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE for all safeguarding information and contact details.







Twitter: @OakLodgeSchool



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COVID-19 (coronavirus) absence:

A quick guide for parents / carers

What to do if...	Action needed	Back to school...
 ...my child has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Child should get a test • Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result • Inform school immediately about test results 	...when child's test comes back negative and symptom free for 48 hours
 ...my child tests positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Child self-isolates for at least 10 days from when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) • Inform school immediately about test results • Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - even if someone tests negative during those 14 days 	...when child feels better, and has been without a fever for at least 48 hours They can return to school after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell / taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone.
 ...somebody in my household has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Household member with symptoms should get a test • Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result • Inform school immediately about test results 	...when household member test is negative, and child does not have COVID-19 symptoms*
 ...somebody in my household has tested positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - even if someone tests negative during those 14 days 	...when child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during the 14 days

A household includes everyone living in one home plus their support bubble (if you have one).

* Symptoms include at least one of a high temperature; a new continuous cough; a loss of or change to your sense of smell or taste.

See more at: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>