

Oak Lodge Newsletter

7th May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all continuing to stay well. I continue to be really impressed by the work being uploaded onto Seesaw and have showcased some of our pupils work this week. Well done on all that is being done and how you are managing to juggle the demands of home and school at the moment. A gold star from all of us here at Oak Lodge!

I know that we all eagerly await some further government guidance on what will be happening with regards to schools opening. I have started to make some provisional plans but obviously that could all change depending on the news we receive. However, the one thing that won't change are the principles that we will have in terms of opening which will include:

- Open and clear communication to all stakeholders, particularly parents/carers.
- The emotional well-being of pupils and staff as a priority.
- Adhering to guidance from the DfE.
- Fair deployment of staff and transparent decision making

We will see what the next week brings ...

As you will all know Friday is a bank holiday and so I have asked teachers not to set work for that day but to put a VE day linked idea up on the website that you can choose to do with your child if you wish. I have also based my idea for the week on this. The weather is looking lovely for Friday so we also totally appreciate it if you want to have the day off and I have suggested to staff that they do the same!

Take care all—I am sending this newsletter with my very best wishes.

Caroline Rowlandson

Here is a link to the video clip all about VE day :

<https://player.vimeo.com/video/415183240>



Dates for your Diary:

Summer Term 2020

Inset Training (School Closed for pupils) Monday 20th April 2020

Tuesday 21st April 2020 1st day of term for Pupils

Spring Bank Holiday (school Closed) Friday 8th May 2020

Half Term: Monday 25 to Friday 29 May 2020

Last day of term for pupils in year 11 & pre vocational Friday 26th June 2020

Last day of term for ASDAN 6th Form pupils Friday 10th July 2020

Last day of term whole school: pupils in year 7-10 Tuesday 21 July 2020 (School ends for pupils at 1.00 pm)

https://oaklodge.eschools.co.uk/web/term_dates/443100

Sign of the Week - Like



<https://vimeo.com/415430444/052b45b0ff>

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



It's Deaf Awareness week this week and this fantastic poster was created by Hannah Muriel, one of our great art teachers in aid of Deaf Awareness Week 2020.

Residential News:

It has been another good week in Residential with students carrying out their own hobbies, including Hephzibah becoming our own Dessert chef making desserts on his own for us every evening. His chocolate cookies are lovely!

The students are enjoying football more often this week because all of the staff are taking part and our games on the court have become more competitive and enjoyable.



ASDAN/Pre Voc News:



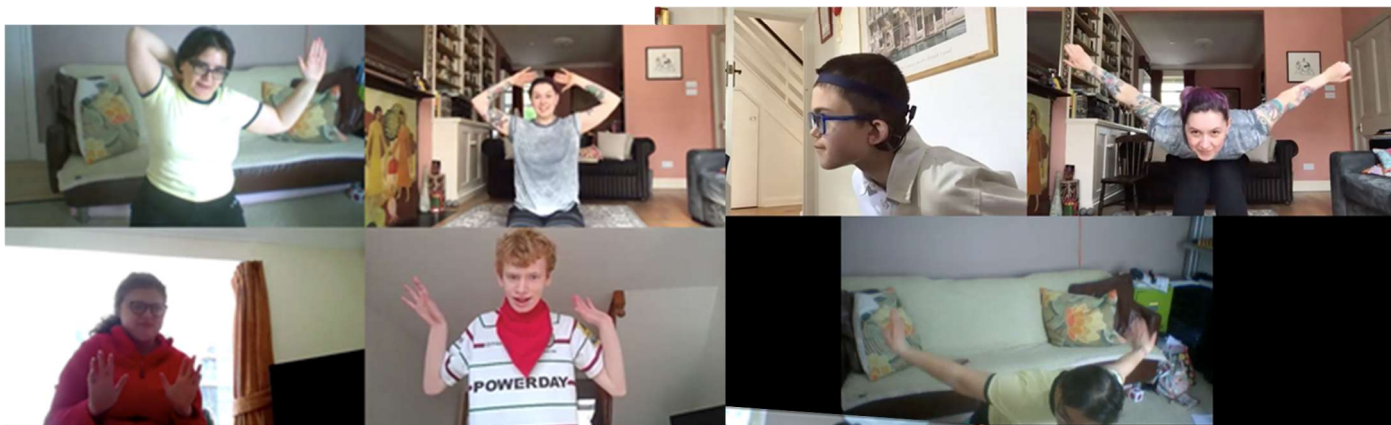
Zahin created this beautiful rainbow using fresh flowers.

working at the Tom's Farm

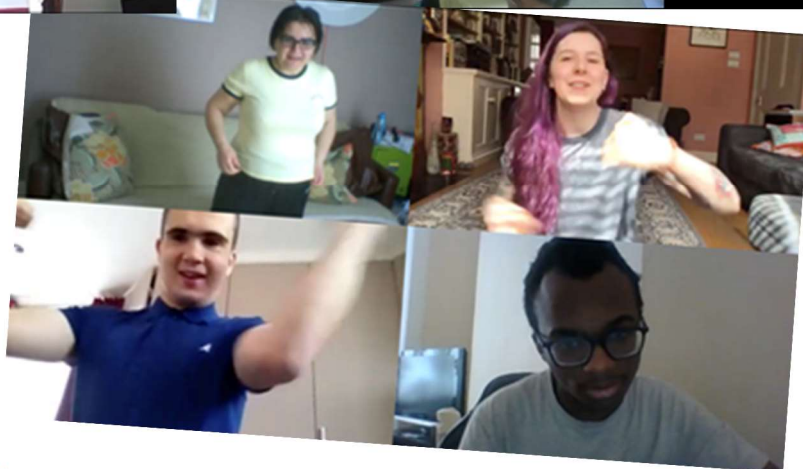
And some photos from Ryan



Zoom Physio!



6th Form students had an amazing Zoom physio session with Lydia & Ramona.



100 Reps challenge for Captain Tom

Last week was Captain Tom Moore's 100th Birthday. There is a video on Instagram and Twitter where students and staff collectively did 100 exercise reps to honour the amazing fundraising work done by Captain Tom Moore who raised over £30 million for the NHS. *Please follow Oak Lodge on our social media channels:*

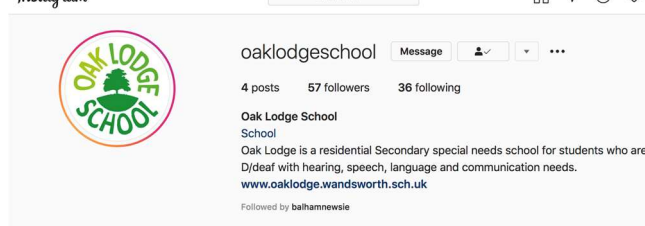


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IMPORTANT Safeguarding Contacts: Our school's child protection officers (DSL) are:
DSL Oak Lodge: Caroline Rowlandson; DDSL Karen Duggan-Stevens, Rachel Rust, Jess Doyle.
Safeguarding Governor: Stephen Cave.
PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE for all safeguarding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