



Oak Lodge Newsletter

29 April 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Oak Lodge School Update regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19)

I hope that you are all keeping well and coping with the many challenges that we all are facing. Thank you all for your support and understanding during this difficult time. I am writing to keep you informed about the current position in school.

Please look at our website for latest news, twitter and updates and activities that pupils and staff have been doing during this extraordinary time. We are all learning new skills in developing online learning and communication across our school community.

As you will be aware the advice remains that wherever possible people should be staying at home - this includes school pupils. Oak Lodge School is currently open for a small group of children including key worker parent requests and to provide sessions for families who are in the vulnerable category or are need of support on request; we are operating with limited staffing but we are supporting wherever possible with the safety of pupils and staff as the highest priority.

You will have begun to receive regular contact from your child's pastoral teachers and they will continue to check in with you during this period of school closure.

Home Learning: It has been lovely to see the photos and videos that our pupils have been sending in about the activities they are doing at home. Some pupils have been very pleased to have school work to get on with at home, for some others it has been more challenging. Please continue to encourage your child to engage with learning activities. Your child's subject teachers will continue to use See Saw for providing learning activities and send out work pack home. Please contact school if you would like more work/activities for home, or if you do feel that you need some support and help.

We have begun to develop online learning through Zoom and if you have not completed / returned the online learning agreement, please can you do so either by email, text or WhatsApp. Please look at our Website for information and a copy of the agreement. Please encourage your child to have a go at the activities

EHCPs; We are continuing to do Annual Reviews of Education Health Care Plans by phone or video conferencing during this school closure period. We will be in touch to remind parents of the dates to arrange a review.

Free School Meals: For those pupils who access Free School Meals you should have received an email containing the voucher code. I am aware that there have been some issues and Wandsworth LA are working hard to resolve this. We have fed this back and been informed that although there have been some issues with the National system - the vouchers should have been distributed. Please inform us if this is not the case.

We do not know how long we will be in this position. We will keep you informed as soon as we have any clarity about when schools may reopen. In the meantime we will continue to do our best to support you and your child while they are at home. Please do not hesitate to contact me, or any of the teachers if you have any questions or comments.

Kind Regards

Caroline Rowlandson



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 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

Rainbow Challenge

Mr Bedford has come up with a fantastic challenge to thank the NHS for all their hard work, we would love some of the pupils at home to take part. See the following link <https://vimeo.com/412479322/d830bc2471>

You need to wear one bright colour and take two photographs. A serious one... And one fun one! Photograph with a plain background. Make sure the light is behind you.

Please email pictures to Darryl Bedford on dbedford@oaklodge.wandsworth.sch.uk.

Sign of the Week – Hello



<https://vimeo.com/413150105/a68dde16a4>

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

Some of our favourite children's books given a make-over:

<https://twitter.com/royaldeaf>



Online Learning:



Zoom sessions will start to take place next week for the parents / carers who have given permission.

Please check the website under COVID 19 Online learning to find the timetable for the week ahead.

Residential News:

We have 5 students in Residential this week and we have been enjoying doing activities with staff. One evening Bobby & Hephzibah learned to make a dough and then used their own creativity to make their own pizzas, and one garlic bread. They all tasted really good – watch this space there will be more pizzas coming out of the Residential kitchen!



ASDAN/Pre Voc News:

For Year 11 and 6th Form students the Wandsworth Weekly Opportunities newsletter providing information on college courses, apprenticeships and employability is found on our website under Careers.

https://oaklodge.eschools.co.uk/web/careers_programme_information/442894

Some news from The Jack Pechey Foundation:



We hope you are keeping safe and well. Earlier this month we sent out a special edition newsletter packed with resources for young people, those who work with young people and parents. They are specifically tailored for people staying at home.

Read the newsletter by going to: <http://createsend.com/t/r-58B4C527E45064B12540EF23F30FEDED>

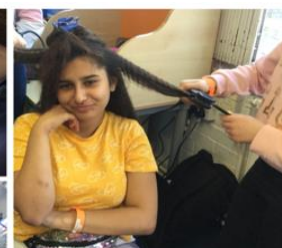
Our gallery of activities during COVID-19



Staff have posted hundreds of activities on Seesaw.



Ceramics



Hair and Beauty



Science



Catering



DT



Sport



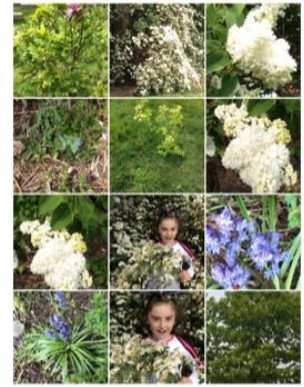
Textiles



Bicycle Mechanics



Maths



Science in action



Robotics



Music



English



What we love about spring!



Science



Catering

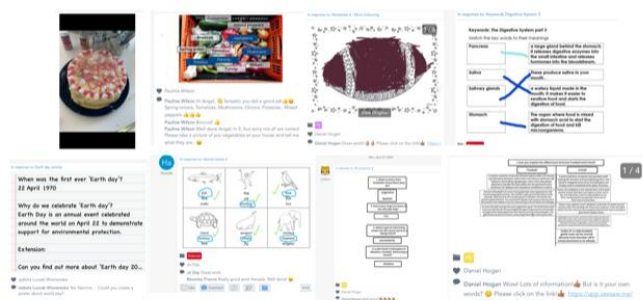


Researching



Gardening

Students' have finished hundreds of Seesaw activities.



We are making a video to thank the NHS. You can get involved in our Rainbow challenge!



Painting



Animating



Performing



Editing



Filming



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.