



OAKDALE POST



E A S T E R E D I T I O N

Shakespeare's

Macbeth:

Shakespeare and Company were invited along to present their fantastic Shakespeare experience "Macbeth" as an introduction to the Year 7 English module. This incredibly energetic one man performance involved many of the year group as they were pulled from the audience and dressed as King Duncan, Lord and Lady Macbeth and the witches. A special mention must go to Shannon Kilminster for her convincing role as Lady Macbeth.

CONGRATULATIONS!

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the book fair, we received £400 worth of free books to enhance class libraries!!!!

Paul Stevens:

Once again Year 7 saw a PSHCE input from Paul Stevens, the play enhanced their curriculum learning on "risk." The focus was alcohol and the main character in the play "AL Kohol," progressed from age 8 to adulthood showing his involvement with alcohol and how it affected his life and relationships. Whilst the input was "humorously" presented the message was hard hitting with many key messages. It was followed by a workshop where the pupils consciences and feelings about alcohol were explored and questions answered.

Welcome to the "Oakdale Post"—keeping you up to date with recent events, successes and news! Thank you to all parents/carers for their continued support this term and the school wishes all families a well deserved and restful Easter break. Please remember 15th April 2013 is a staff training day—pupils return to school on Tuesday 16th April 2013.

I hope that in this issue of the Oakdale Post you will see that the school continues to be dynamic in providing a range of educational experiences for pupils both within the school day and out of hours. The vision for the future of Oakdale is to further develop the extra curricular activities on offer to all year groups. Sport, music, languages and the arts are some areas where children can always benefit from extra time on site and at other venues. The visit to the Lighthouse Theatre a few weeks ago to see the Moscow City Ballet was an exceptional experience for both children and adults alike. I was particularly proud of the maturity of those children that watched with awe and wonder at the athleticism of the professionals. We were all inspired.

As Oakdale continues to prepare for the Age of Transfer, parent/carer partnership is crucially important. These are exciting times for all our children. Our approach to teaching and learning is ever more thoughtful, complex and becoming extremely well organised. Therefore, the development of the whole child remains uppermost. This next term brings us some challenges as the building works commence. There will need to be some flexibility in some parts of the school so that the necessary consequential improvements can take place. For example: the library will be temporarily relocated to the main entrance, enabling children continued use for the remainder of the summer term. Everyone's patience during these changes will be greatly appreciated.

Finally, recognition should be given to the collaboration between the Friends of Oakdale and the school over the past six months. An immense amount of hard work, creativity and dedication has been given to a range of activities for the children. On behalf of the children, staff and parents/carers, I would like to say a very big "thank you" to those members of the committee that have given tirelessly.



FUN FOR COMIC RELIEF!

On Friday 15th March the whole school took part in Comic Relief by dressing up in red and taking part in various fund raising activities. These included a cake sale,

a raffle, guess how many sweets in the jar and guess the weight of the cake. We raised an impressive £583 pounds for the charity which is fantastic. A thank you to all who donated and got involved.

GRIP—"Gaining Respect In People." The police arrived at 10.00 to meet with the Year 7 pupils - there were four workshops to attend. All provided many opportunities to ask questions and to join in discussions about: Community, Diversity, Gangs and Weapons. The officers shared honest information about the pupils taking responsibility for their own behaviour and how to keep themselves safe!



HOUSE ACTIVITIES:

On Friday 22nd March all pupils participated in a huge array of activities to earn points for their house. They enjoyed fun activities ranging from a film quiz, Easter egg art, biscuit making, creating bonnets, Spring photography—despite the typical English weather and exciting Science experiments, to name just a few!

The afternoon was fun for all and the pupils demonstrated excellent creativity, cooperation and collaboration.

The winning house is still a secret but a well to all pupils!



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Community Links:

On Tuesday 26th March 5BE went to Stanley Green Park in Christopher Crescent to plant some shrubs. Even though it was cold it was really fun. We were given gardening gloves, shovels and spades! We got to plant thyme, lavender and lots of other plants. We did it to help the community and help provide a new park. Quotes from other pupils included:

“It was a great time and I loved getting muddy!”

“We did a great job and transformed bare soil into a beautiful area.”

By Ella Selby 5BE

STREETWISE:

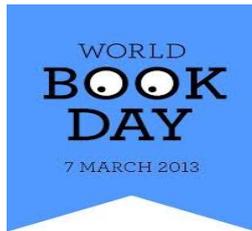
On 27th February my class 5BE went to Streetwise—the aim is to make children aware of small and big hazards that could appear in their future. The different topics we studied were: police station; trains; fires and hazards in the home; bike hazards, beach and park vandalism. We all had a wonderful day and really appreciated it. Here are some quotes:

“I thought it was education but fun and I learnt a lot about safety.”

“I thought it was really exciting and it felt like it was really happening.”

By Jessica Gadbury 5BE

WORLD BOOK DAY 2013:



Once again there was a lot of excitement in the week running up to WBD 2013. Who would be crowned as the literary geniuses of 2013? Who knew their Harry Potter from their Beatrix Potter? Well the crown once again went to Baytor – Congratulations

to Jordan Brodie, Charlotte Brushwood, Evie Foster, Daniel Maple, Imogen Sturgeon, Ruby Richardson, Paris Oliver-House and Florence West. Well done to Nyah Boston-Shears for the support she showed her team as reserve. Thank you to all the children who took the time to go to the library at lunchtimes to complete their year quiz for a chance to represent their House. It was a job well done by the children who thought up quiz questions to be used for the quizzes.

OFSTED said: “Attainment is high and they make consistently good progress because they are taught well.”



Oceanarium Trip:

In February Year 7 visited the Bournemouth Oceanarium. The trip was in conjunction with their Biology topic which included learning linked to food chains and webs, interdependence and adaptations. There were many species to find out about and our tour guide had plenty of interesting snippets of information to aid the pupils with their learning including the life cycle of the otter family. Our children found out about marine ecosystems and enjoyed the experiences of the “tunnel!” Here, they were surrounded by sharks and felt as though they could reach out and touch these amazing animals!

On 12th March, Bob and his planetarium visited our school. We went in a little dome and learnt about space. The space dome was in the hall and it was actually very roomy. It was so fun, I loved it! Bob showed us all the different shapes of the stars in the sky because we were learning about space in Science. The best bit was crawling through the dark tunnel to get into the space dome.

By Daisy May Turner 5BE

Musical Talent in Year 4



In year 4 we have been learning to play the Recorder in music. For some people it is the first time but for others it is just practise. The first notes we learnt were B, A, G after that we moved onto one more note called E. At lunch time there is a club for people that would like to play the recorder and to learn more about it so

they can take part in playing at school or to be with friends! Sometimes in Music we watch videos of other people that like to play the Recorder or we learn the different beats and rhythms. On Wednesday (27.03.13) we are doing an Easter performance of Hot Cross Buns!

by Alya Murray





What's in the Teachers Closet?

Mr Gamlin is known to be a man of many talents when it comes to troubleshooting and maintaining the ICT network. Unbeknown to some he is also talented in

other ways! When the sun is shining or the moon is out he can be seen balancing on one wheel along Sterte Esplanade on his unicycle. He is still a bit of a rookie as he only took up unicycling about three months ago to accompany his son with his new hobby.

Despite his age he is still flexible enough to balance and together they manage to cover a fair distance. Occasionally if you look closely, you may see a flickering light in the dark as they practice away from the public eye. Who knows what will happen next... perhaps he will join a circus and then what will happen to ICT at school!

LEESON HOUSE

The Leeson House visitor was great. He came on the 4th and 5th March. We got to touch loads of things like dinosaur poo! There was also fossils and gems, like amethysts. Quotes included:

"I thought it was amazing. I know 10 times more about rocks now"

"It was lots of fun I loved looking at the rocks."

"I liked touching

Sports News—At Oakdale South Road Middle School we value our competitive nature and fair sportsmanship:

Since September nearly 150 children across Years 4, 5, 6 and 7 have represented Oakdale against other schools in Gymnastics, Swimming, Football, Netball, Tag Rugby, Cross Country and Athletics. Well done to all these children as well as those children who have taken an interest in and attended the many sporting clubs that are offered.

FOOTBALL:

Year 7 football boys and Nicola Cattano reached the semi finals of the Dorset County Cup but lost to Ferndown.

Year 6 and 7 football girls reached the semi-finals of the County Cup after beating The Grange, Christchurch 5-2 and St. Joseph's, Poole 1-0. Despite a valiant effort in biting cold and wind, the girls were unable to win against Branksome Heath Middle. They, however should be very proud of themselves for their gutsy performance and their determination to try to the very end.

Year 4 and 5 boys have played two matches against Baden Powell. The second matches for both teams saw an improvement in play and valuable experience was gained. The Year 4's won their second match with several goals being scored.

Eleven Year 5 pupils and four Year 6's participated in a football festival at the end of February which was thoroughly enjoyed by all and I hope it was enough to inspire and encourage the girls to continue playing next year.

TAG RUGBY:

Tag rugby should come with a mud warning—at least that is what the parents think!!! The children who have taken part, both at the winter games qualifier and at the Poole Rugby Club tournament thoroughly enjoyed the mud!!!!!! At Poole High the children were in the top two in their pool and progressed forward to the cup competition. They played their hearts out against the three schools including Haymoor and Branksome Heath and although tries were scored it was not enough to see them through.

INDOOR ATHLETICS:

The Year 6 boys and girls and the Year 5 girls participated in an indoor athletic league during January and February, competing in different running, throwing and jumping races. After three meetings they ended up third so a huge well done!

NETBALL:

Due to the slippery state of our courts the Year 6 tournament was held at Broadstone Middle School. Six schools attended, the top two teams were to go forward to the County finals—Oakdale came second and joined St Marys for the play offs at Canford School—congratulations!

The morning of the winter games arrived along with the cold and rain. The opening ceremony was great fun including inspirational speeches from Liz Yelling, a dance troupe and B Sharp—a group of young people playing their bodies to produce music. After we all left to enter our competitions—about 700 athletes in total—unfortunately the heavens opened and stopped play.



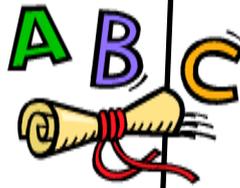
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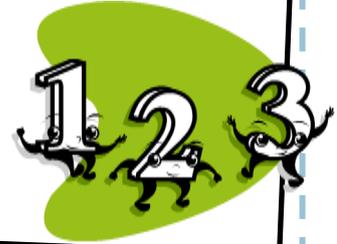
A well done to Callum Fender (4MI) who participated in his first fencing competition on Sunday 24th March. Despite being the youngest there he scored points in all fights and won three overall.



If you have any suggestions for items to be included in future publications or your child has achieved an award outside of school in gymnastics, football, judo, brownies, painting — the list is endless—please email the school office for my attention and I will endeavour to include it.

Thank you for your continued support

Miss Horlock



Swimming:

Our Year 4, 5 and 6 swimmers have already competed in their galas. Following their fantastic performances Owen Stockley, Liam Openshaw, Guy Selwood and the Year 5 boys freestyle relay team go forward to the County finals on 29th June. A big thank you to: Jordan Brodie, Nyah Boston Shears, Mia Woodfield and Jessica Mack who helped with the running of these events.

Mr George thanks all those children and parents who have asked about his racing. Unfortunately, the snow last weekend stopped racing at Brands Hatch, so he hopes those who said they were going to watch, weren't disappointed. Two weeks earlier C&G Racing completed a successful day of testing at Lydden Circuit in Kent. Mr George is not available for the April race so will be next racing in Anglesey in May.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 15th April—Staff Training Day—School closed to pupils

Tuesday 16th April—Start of Summer Term for the pupils

16th April: Year 7 Swimming Gala

17th April: Volleyball tournament

25th April: Year 4 netball tournament

May: Fashion Night (date TBC)

Week commencing 13th May: Year 6 SATS

Week commencing 20th May: Year 4/5 testing

27th—31st May: Half term

Monday 3rd June: Additional Staff Training Day

Tuesday 4th—Friday 7th: Year 6 Science week/ Year 7 testing

5th June: New Intake Meeting

Year 2: 6.30pm Year 3: 7.30pm

12th June: Year 6 and 7 class/ group and sport photographs

13th June: Poole Town Sports

14th June: Sports Morning for Year 4 Sept 2013

Week commencing 17th June: Year 4 Moors Valley trip

21st June: Sports Morning for Year 3 Sept 2013

22nd June: Community Day (reserve date 29th June)

24th—28th June: Year 5 Carey Camp residential and activities week

25th June: Year 7 Life Saving Day

Week beginning 1st July: Year 7 testing

2nd July: Sports Day

4th/ 5th July: Transfer Days

Week commencing 8th July: Year 7 Activities Week

15th July: End of Year report to parents

17th July: Leavers Party Years 6 and 7/ Disco

19th July: "End of a Middle School Era" celebration

Wednesday 24th July:

9.00: Year 7 Leavers assembly

11.00: Year 6 Leavers assembly

Wednesday 24th July: End of term