

NEWS ROUND UP

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Class ERA



Although the sunshine seems to have disappeared for now the children's desire to learn and love of the great outdoors is as visible as ever. Our garden area has taken off and is in danger of taking over. Our sunflowers are growing tall and strong, and our tomato plants are beginning to ripen. The children are coming into school each day and picking their own strawberries which is such a lovely start to the school day.

Our microhabitat that we designed hasn't attracted any reptiles yet but has become a drinking station for bees and a haven for ladybirds and different kinds of beetles.

Last Friday we went on a class trip to Middleton Common Farm Butterfly Gardens. What an amazing day we all had. The children behaved brilliantly and once we all got used to the humid environment, we all just went butterfly mad. We were able to observe these beautiful creatures and their habitat closely and although we were not allowed to touch the butterflies there was nothing to stop them landing on us and they did! It was such a wonderful experience for us all.

It seemed that even the butterflies didn't want the day to end as one tried to enter the minibus (caught by Mark and swiftly returned) one made its way back to school and two (one of which was a very large and blue) followed me all the way home. All were returned safely with the help of carers, neighbours and laundry baskets.

As the term draws to a close, we would like to thank you for all your support and encouragement this year. What a year it has been. We hope you all have a lovely summer break and we look forward to catching up with everyone again in September.

Take care of one another.
Liz, Mark and Caroline



KS4 Class



In KS4 we enjoyed a fantastic trip up to London's Leicester Square. After a train journey adventure we had a delicious lunch at TGI Fridays, ordering ourselves a feast from the very friendly staff. We also explored the exciting streets around the square, where we saw the street performers, human statues and other oddities. We popped into M&M world and had a browse before we wandered over to Chinatown to take in all the interesting sights and smells.



We have also enjoyed some lovely walks and nature experiences, having journeyed to Cuckmere Haven, with its windy white cliffs, and welcoming surroundings and with others in the works yet still for the finale of the term.

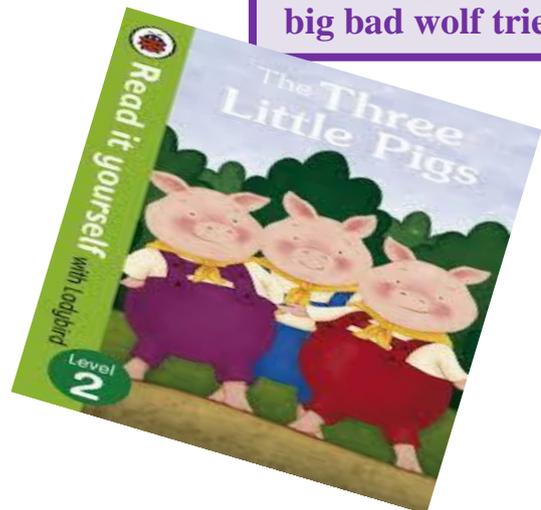


The Link Oakfield

In the Link this term we have been exploring different fairy tales such as Jack in the Beanstalk which has given the students a chance to have a go at growing some plants themselves. The students have been able to research what they need to grow plants and have then gone to a garden centre and bought it. Some of the Post 16 students even came over to lend a helping hand and help support our students in the Link.



Continuing on from looking at fairy tales we have also been reading The Three Little Pigs tale and the students have had a go at creating their own houses out of different materials to see if they can stay standing after the big bad wolf tries to



News From The Farm



Us humans and animals love Term 6. The weather is (mostly) lovely, the grass is growing and we have plenty of vegetables ready for eating.

Students at Crouch have been working hard demolishing the old duck enclosure and building its replacement whilst the chickens observe. The chickens have also been checking out the new building works. We think they approve.

Forest school has mostly involved working hard on the 'stinger patch' and creating new things to cook with all the vegetables we have grown. We harvested our first batch of potatoes and have more onions, spinach, kale and peas than we know what to do with!

Students have also enjoyed trips to the beach and to local woods where they have collected

resources for creative projects but most importantly explored and enjoyed our beautiful local area.

The goats have had a nail trim this week and the sheep have been tasked with the important job of lawn mowing. Chloe the cat has been mostly found sunbathing. The ponies are on a bit of a diet which they're not overly happy about.

They seem to just look at the grass and put on weight at the moment!

Good job students are keeping them fit leading them round, lunging and jumping.

At Oakfield, the goats have a brand new shelter so they can get out of the sun and the rain. The ducks and chickens are providing staff and students with plenty of eggs and students are loving playing with and grooming the guinea pigs. The Link have been developing their outdoor area and planting lots of plants.

Don't forget there are normally eggs for sale from reception at Crouch - including quails eggs! Have a lovely summer, see you in



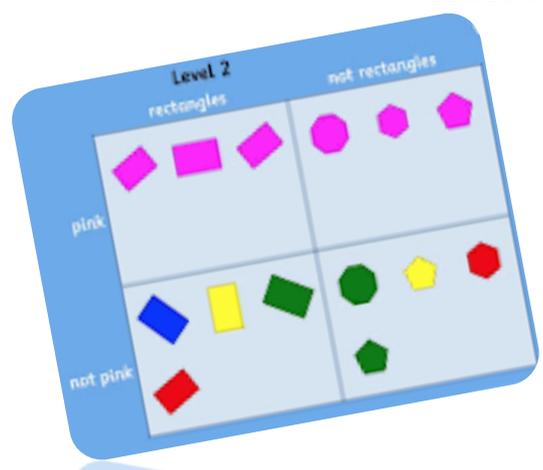
JMC Class

The children have been enjoying several enrichment trips to local woodland developing play and social skills.

We have also had several trips to the Sovereign Centre and learners are showing growing water confidence.

In maths the children have been having consolidation lessons on fractions as well as sorting 2d shapes with Carroll diagrams.

In Science, the children have been creating their own butterfly feeders linked to our unit on



OBO Class



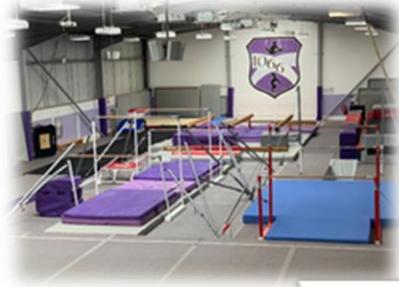
This term students from OBO class have been using their communication and interaction skills in public to purchase items to cook for Forest school activities.

This week students were able to purchase eggs, bacon and bread from the local shop which has helped to support local businesses.

The students were able to use the skills they have acquired from their other lessons to build and start a fire. From this, students made bacon and egg sandwiches from the products bought and enjoyed the end results.

Police visit

PC Vicky and PC Cathy made a visit last week to talk to the group about what they do. Their work in the community is essential and means they visit lots of school to work with young people. We have planned for them to be here once a term from September, to work with the students on the Vocational and Link Pathways.



1066
The students have enjoyed visiting 1066 in Bexhill this term. They have been working hard to improve their gym skills and overall body strength. It has been nice to observe the Post 16 students working with the Link students and supporting them to complete activities on the equipment.

A level Art
On Friday 9th the A Level art students visited Brighton to see the work of local artists, including the wonderful Poppy Faun (pictured). They toured the Lanes, visiting artists' galleries and also saw work by Peter Blake.



Final week
We have an exciting schedule planned for the final week, including our sponsored walk raising funds for Raystede, Go-Karting and fish and chips in Brighton, Post 16 luncheon and Sports Day Friday. Go Team Oakfield!!



And finally....
Catherine and Cupid the Oakfield goats are very happy in their new field. They have a new shelter and hay rack with plenty of enrichment activities to keep



The Link



This term the children have been working hard on traditional tales. They have taken part a wide range of activities off site including den building, looking at bridges and how they are made, and acting out the tales. One student has found his calling as a director this term! In the classroom we have looked at how the stories are sequenced and had a go at writing our own adapted versions of the tales. The children have also been busy planting their very own bean stalks and watching them grow making sure to measure them every week! Construction this term has been great building houses from the Three Little Pigs and trying to blow them down!

In cookery the children have been making features from the Tales and trying different foods.

Student Voice: Making my own stories was the best!



Sponsored Walk for Raystede



Our sponsored walk to raise money for Raystede took place in different forms.

Class ERA and JMC joined forces this week to walk. Staff and children were excited to support this amazing charity again.

Other classes opted to walk around the school grounds. Oakfield went on a woodland walk.

Thank you to everyone who sponsored us. The children were amazing. Please send in your sponsorship money as soon as possible all donations will be gratefully received to support the animals. Remember you can continue to support Raystede by visiting them over the summer and have a lovely day out at the same time. Just remember to book before you go.





Message from Maria and Ross

As we come to the end of the academic year, I would like to thank the whole community for the support you have shown throughout the past year. It has been challenging but also a very rewarding year.

It has been a lovely end to the academic year. There has been a buzz of activity across all the classes. End of term trips have been enjoyed, these have included go-karting, seaside walks, fish and chips, Knock hatch and Leicester Square.

Please continue taking part in home COVID-19 lateral flow testing twice weekly. Test kits have been sent home to cover the school summer holiday.

We missed you all at our Sports Day and Celebration Assembly, as always this is a memorable time of the year and we hope to see you all at these events in the future. We wish you a very happy and healthy summer and look forward to seeing you in September.