

# NEWS ROUND UP

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## KS4

This term KS4 have been working hard to complete part of their BTEC Art and Design course. The current unit has seen them working in three dimensions, researching ceramic artists, designing and making a pot from clay using the pinch-pot technique. The theme of Ugly Fruit has let the group use their imaginations to create some great fruit designs. All the students have put in a fantastic effort and have really developed their sketching and shading skills.



## Careers Update

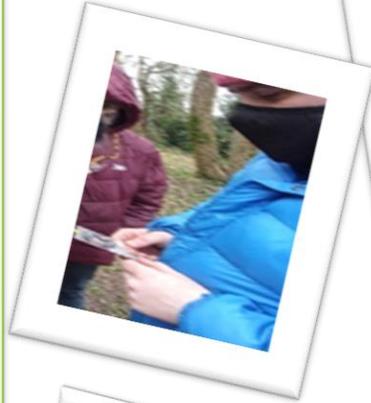
Gatsby Benchmark 8 - Every student should have opportunities for guidance interviews with a Careers Adviser.

At the beginning of this week, students from Post 16 were able to access external careers advice from CXK adviser Bridgid Parr. She spent 30 mins with each student online, discussing individual pathways, further education opportunities and future job prospects. Each student has been provided with feedback and an action plan. Bridgid will be working with the KS4 students in the first week after Easter.



## The Link Oakfield

Students this term during topic have been using directional language and compass directions. On some off-site visits students have had the opportunity to navigate throughout Friston Forest and parks, by using a compass. Students have been able to identify directions walked and the purpose of a compass.



As part of students BTEC they have been taking part in regular exercise and sporting activities. Students with support have been able to recognise importance of staying fit and healthy and have built these activities into their school day, such as yoga, basketball, and healthy walks



In science students have been identifying how plants grow. They have appeared to enjoy practical sessions, drawing and locating the seeds within a range of different fruits.



## CSP/RWA



### Solids, Liquids and Gases



KS3 have been looking at solids, liquids and gases in science and have conducted experiments to see if salt will dissolve more quickly in warm water than in cold water. They found that warm water does dissolve salt more quickly. In art, we have looked at Maya culture and at masks in particular. The Maya used masks for ceremonies, fighting amongst other things. Here are some examples of masks the class started recently

## News From The Farm



The sun is back! The animals are enjoying the warmer weather and the new grass which they are converting into energy – lots of fun for all! The ponies are losing their winter coats and needing lots of grooming. We enjoy seeing the birds collecting the hair for their nests.

We went to collect some quail last week to add to our poultry collection. Their tiny eggs have been very popular already.

The chickens have been laying lots of eggs – chicken, duck and quail eggs are available from Carol in reception – first come first served!

The pigs get quite warm in this weather and enjoy wallowing in the mud to keep cool. The sheep and alpacas are due for shearing soon which is always a fun day. They should feel much more comfortable once they are not carrying all that fluff around!

Bring on the summer 😊

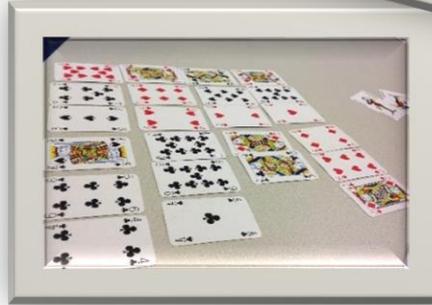


## Class ERA

Class ERA have been working hard in maths continuing with fractions and using our love of card games to reinforce our number bonds to 20. We are still enjoying Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and have used the text to create some wonderful character descriptions. We are really enjoying our Maya topic and have created our own Maya Gods, Maya Masks and explored the Maya number system. In science we have been investigating substances that dissolve in water and designing our own way to record our results. The class have been working incredibly hard at landbased clearing wood from around the site, creating a new duck pond area and have begun working on creating a Guinea Pig Palace.

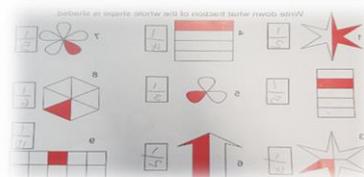
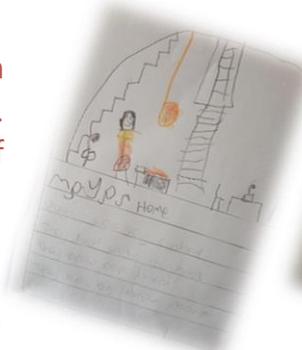


The class have certainly deserved a well-earned rest. We wish you all a lovely Easter and hope that you will have the opportunity to catch up with some of your loved ones. Happy Easter to you all and stay safe from Liz, Mark and Caroline.



## JMC Class

In JMC class the children have been learning about the Mayans in topic. They have been writing accounts of Mayan history as well as designing Mayan masks. In English, the children have continued to engage in activities around Charlie and The Chocolate Factory including using words to describe Willy Wonka and writing character descriptions of all of the characters in the story.



# Congratulations!

## P16 Oakfield



Louie and James both achieved grade 5s for their GCSE Art last year and are now working towards AS Art. The students' achievements are something that we are very proud of, and their commitment to their studies is commendable.

WELL DONE! James and Louie.



A.S. ARTWORK BY LOUIE LOOKING AT HOW ART CAN BE TACTILE BY MEANS OF TEXTURE, FUNCTION AND FORM

Wood that has been shaped and burnt to form an abstract and sculptural shape in response to Barbara Hepworth and David Nash.

EXAMPLES OF STUDENTS WORK FROM OAKFIELD REFLECTING INDIVIDUAL CREATIVE WORK USING A VARIETY OF DIFFERENT MEDIA

Paint on canvas using brush, roller and sponge to illustrate an impression of a seascape.



A paper textured background, painted with brush, roller and sponge to allow for an impression of a beach with stones, sand and sea.



Paint on large canvas using brush to form a self-portrait. Exaggerated colours and texture add to the power of the painting.

Clay models sculptured in response to Giacometti's work. Figures exaggerated and placed in unusual ways then photographed.



Large brush and roller used to create a striking visual interpretation of the 'Scream' with wet paint dripped from the top using a sponge.

## On The Farm At Oakfield

The Ducklings have been enjoying some time outside, they are getting bigger and will be ready to go outside in the big pen soon!



The Guinea Pigs have been enjoying the sun and some fresh grass.





## Message from Maria and Ross

Dear Parents/Carers

Spring has arrived as you can see from our glorious photos and news.

Learning across the curriculum has been impressive, with lots of fun too along the way. It has been a busy term with mock examinations, activities, and trips. The older students have spent time with an independent Careers Advisor discussing career pathways and routes to achieve potentials. We have been blown away with the BTEC and AS level Art work that has been produced. The talent is just incredible.

As we near the end of another busy term, it has been great to see Spring arrive and enjoy the lighter evenings. In fact, this week has highlighted that Summer is not too far away. As a school we raised an impressive £40.00 for Red Nose Day. Glimpses of red capes, hair and hats were all seen and superheroes, in the form of both children and staff. Thank you as ever for your continued support with our fundraising.

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to two amazing teachers today, Chris Fry and Lee Wells. Both Chris and Lee will be very much missed. Thank you both for all that you contributed to Headstart School, we wish you all the very best in your new ventures. Most importantly stay in touch and come back to visit us.

Everyone is now ready for a rest and we hope that you all get the opportunity to relax and re-charge over the Easter break as we ease out of lockdown. Please note that Term 5 starts on Monday 19th April.

Take care and stay safe

With very best wishes

Maria and Ross