

Bright Times

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Like many schools in in the UK, Oasis Academy Brightstowe was forced to close for two days due to the snow..... Yes we were all devastated to swap our books for sledges and snowmen.

Thanks to Mrs Miller and Mrs Hawkins we can all see what the fuss was about!



Interview with Miss Whitham, our new e- learning manager.

Miss Whitham comes to us from another Oasis Academy. She is an experienced teacher of ICT and is in charge of all our e- learning. She is currently working hard on setting up the Academy's VLE (Virtual Learning Environment).

Q. What are the extra curricular activities can you offer?

A. Lots of ICT related things. At the moment I am focusing on helping year 11 to get their OCR National level 2 qualifications. We are doing some really interesting work on digital animation as part of this.

Q. Where do you see yourself in five years time?

A. I would like to be an Assistant Principal and driving a really nice motorbike.

Q. What are your strong points and your bad points?

A. My weak point is food and my strong point is that I am able to calm someone down quickly if they are angry or upset.

Interview by Dan Ward (year 11)

Guitar hero has been in our school now for over three weeks.

On Mondays-year sevens
On Tuesdays-year eight
On Wednesdays-year nine
On Thursdays-year ten
On Fridays-year eleven

The school competition will start on 2nd March to the Easter holidays.

The names of the songs will be getting pulled out of a hat.

Easy-normal points
Medium-double points
Hard-triple points
Expert-quarto points

Quotes

Tom the technician "It's a good game."

Jordan "It is a really cool game."

Mrs Prior "Everyone shares, because it is going well we will be keeping it going for much longer."

We are now trying to get Rock Band.

There are 10 places for each year group.

There are spot prize for showing off.

Staff are also taking part.

By Daniel Kelly and Macauley Moseley.



Outside the box

Welcome to the latest instalment of outside the box, I've got some new stuff to talk about today (especially the snow, wooooooooooo.). Now did anyone listen to the radio in the hope that the school would be closed only to be disappointed by the fact that only two schools were open? Well I did and I wept with anger at hearing Oasis Academy Bristol was, with my hopes dashed I trod off to school. But a good snowball fight should cheer me up, but no the powdery snow could only be thrown as far as your arm and then blew back in your face.

Here is the new sports segment. Tom Talks (tennis) Balls. Rafael Nadal won the Australian open and the runner up, Roger Federer, cried like a sissy girl. And the amazing Lance Armstrong is getting back on the saddle, after suffering from cancer he won the Tour de France. Man he is amazing.

Hopefully you have read this and you will now know the stuff that I said. I just remembered to thank whoever did this little logo thing of mine I think it's weird but who am I to say what's what. Because this has got nothing to do with anything I hope you enjoy it.

By Tom Burgess (year 10)



Oasis academy :brightstowe Bully Counsellors

This is just a reminder about the bully counsellors. We are usually in the meeting room on the main corridor but we are sometimes in B2, if the meeting room is being used. We meet on a Tuesday and Thursday lunch times, so if you are being bullied DON'T KEEP QUIET.



Valentines Day Love

Love is
Love is doves gliding past your window on Christmas morning
Love is carol singers knocking on your door for all your praise
Love is when dusk becomes dawn
Love is authors who love books
Love is artists who draw from their imagination
Love is

Peace is
Peace is the sign of doves
Peace is praying before you go to bed
Peace is romantic books before you go to bed
Peace is when your baby brother finally goes to sleep
Peace is

Hate is
Hate is war
Hate is when you talk about people behind their backs
Hate is when you have arguments with your parents
Hate is when people get in the middle of gang wars
Hate is like racism
Hate is

Happiness is
Happiness is when your birthday finally comes
Happiness is when you finally win the lottery
Happiness is when you get what for Christmas
Happiness is

Sadness is
Sadness is when someone you know dies
Sadness is when someone in your family gets rushed into hospital
Sadness is

By Luke Zac Jones (Yr9)

Visit to the Lunch Club

On Tuesday 13th January, a group of Year 8 pupils including myself, Micaiah Jones and Dan Ward went to visit the Lunch Club at the Penpole Community Rooms in Shirehampton.

We were helping volunteers named Sandra, Rudi and Marie with the dinner service. We all served the old people their lunch and helped clear the dishes away afterwards.

We were extra polite and the old people said 'please' and 'thank-you' back to us. It was good to ask the old people questions about themselves and we made sure we asked if there was anything else that they wanted.

When they had their pudding they let me and Micaiah have some too, but Dan did not have any because he was waiting until we got back to school. Near the end, he helped out with the tickets and all the old people played bingo.

Mrs Beeton said she would take us back and I can't wait to go because it was great fun.

Written by Jo Iles (year 8)



Some of our students with looking at the new books kindly donated by Mr Pullman. (photo by Dan Ward, Year 11).

NEW BOOKS FOR OUR LEARNING RESOURCES CENTRE

Sadie Pullman's Father, Don Pullman donated over 200 books to the Academy at the beginning of 2009. The books include some excellent art and history books along with a wide range of fiction. This raises the number of books added to the Resource Centre since September 2008 to almost 400 and this does not include new books still on order.

Book loans to students have increased since September 2008 to over 500, which is a 100% increase on last years figure. Students are regularly borrowing books to read at home in conjunction with reading programmes during English lessons. Many of the new books were selected by students when the publishers were on site, ensuring that the new books match more closely to what pupils want to read.

At the beginning of term 4 we will have a volunteer available to help with individual and small group reading in the Resource Centre and we hope to recruit more volunteers in the coming months.



Our year 11 coaches with some of the younger participants. (photo Dan Ward, Yr 11)

Trampolining

Well trampolining is a team sport for all ages and is very good exercise. Trampolining can be a competitive sport. The club is called Axis and is run by Olly Monro and Andy Brooks.

When it does it happen?

It takes part on Wednesday's after school 3:00 till 6:00pm (you don't have to do all 3 hours). Each hour has its own price.

How much?

The cost of trampolining is depending on how many hours you do.

1 hour is about £1.50

2 hours is about 3.00

3 hours is 5.00

The Coaches

The coaches are Olly Monro and Andy Brooks. Assistant Coaches are Matthew Ackerman, John Goulding and Laruen Morris (Aka Ginge). The coaches are really friendly and help you with anything you need. They don't bite and are really nice people. Olly and Andy are really easy to get along with and will not force you to do any move your not sure about, they will boost your confidence to a higher level and help you succeed in trampolining. Assistant coaches will be on each trampoline and are also there to help you with a move or to answer any questions about trampolining. Some people are more advanced and can also help you with any move your stuck with all you need to do is ask. Matthew Ackerman is more advanced at trampolining and he is happy to help you with anything. If you see Matthew Ackerman in the corridors feel free to ask him any questions that you have and he will be more than happy to answer.

What shall I wear?

You could wear joggers and a t-shirt. No jeans because there hard to bounce in. You may see other trampolinists wearing Milano shorts or Whites or Blues! Sometimes the other trampolinists will wear their leotards for comfort training for competitions.

Competitions!

Competitions: you will not be entered into a competition unless the coaches think your ready and you will not be forced to do one. The competitions are South west Schools , Zonal (Aka Semi-finals) Grading and many more.

By Katie Ackerman (year 8)

Oasis Academy Brightstowe Netball Team begin where the old school team left off!

Expectations were very high for the year eleven netball team, on the 17th of December 2008, as they were currently the Bristol school champions and were not willing to give their title up. The trip to LA in June had strengthened the team's bond and relationships with each other. They were confident but nervous.

The finals commenced at Coombe Dingle Leisure Centre and the opposition they faced were Cotham – their arch rivals, who they had already beaten in the finals the previous year. Cotham is always a close game so the girls knew they were going to have to work their hardest.

It was a tight game but in the final quarter Oasis Academy Brightstowe broke away and defeated Cotham 18 - 10. This made us Bristol Schools' Champions for the second successive year!

The Squad:

Zoe Bailey

Katie Andrews

Jodie Jukes Longford

Siobhan White

Ellie Tomkins

Jade Harvey

Ellen Dark

Lauren Hooper

Jodie Cross



By Katie Andrews and Ellie Tomkins (Year 11)

Coming soon!

FREE Saturday morning sports course for parents/carers and children (7-11 years)

Saturday mornings

10am—11.30am

Starting Saturday 28th February

For 5 weeks

At Oasis Academy Brightstowe

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