

OASTLERS NEWSLETTER



Training Day
23rd January 2023

**TEACHER
TRAINING**

Year 11 Mock exams this
term

**MOCK
EXAMS**



SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

Second hand uniforms in
good condition and free.
Please contact Joanne
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PARENT/CARER WORKSHOP

Please check the school
website for upcoming
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MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

Welcome back! I hope you had a relaxing and peaceful Christmas break but it is back to business as usual and with the success of the outdoor education and London residential now behind us, we can now look forward to planning even more events like this in the New Year. I believe in the importance of our learners exploring the world beyond their communities, experiencing something radically different because these valuable experiences become happy long term memories! So much can be learned in different places, pushing children beyond their comfort zones and developing new skills. I am so very pleased here at Oastlers we can offer such experiences. Our after school clubs are a resounding success! I do wish we had school funds that could pay for transport for those children who cannot be collected later in the school day, but we simply do not have such money

available to us. That said, we have a large group who regularly attend our clubs; currently offering football, archery, table tennis, trampolining, snooker with other options continually being added to encourage as many as possible to take part. I do hope you have all been medically well over the break, there was indeed quite a bit of various viruses about before the end of term but fingers crossed, you are all well and raring to go into the spring term! I hope I am not tempting fate! Please enjoy browsing through our Newsletter, providing you with a flavour of some of things we have been doing during the autumn term. We all look forward to working with you this term and beyond – don't forget if you need any food support, you only need get in touch.



Lyndsey Brown

RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL

Both staff and learners continue to work in school to promote children's rights, Anti-Bullying week was a success and some excellent discussions and activities took place in all subjects throughout the week. Our Anti-Bullying poster competition was bigger than ever this year with many entries from KS3 and KS4, winners were chosen by a school voting system and they were awarded with a voucher of their choice. Preparation is now underway to gather evidence and prepare for our Silver Accreditation visit. We are excited to show how our school promotes and supports children's rights within our school and welcome parents/carers to have discussions at home to support our learning.

Sabrina Shariff



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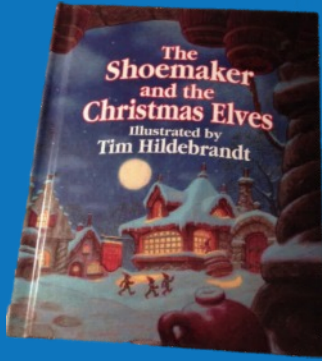
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NEWS FROM OASTLERS

OASTLERS REPAIR SHOP

My love of “cobbling” started “when I was a young lad in Newcassel”, I loved hearing how the elves were able to sculpt the wonderful shoes out of offcuts of old leather. I would dream of been able to make things with my hands and the joy of putting a smile on peoples face. Growing up in the 1970s we learned the value of making a little go a long way, such as the go kart I made out of an old tin bath and a set of pram wheels.



a festive shine. The ethos of re-use, reduce and recycle is very close to my heart and it is great that this is promoted within Oastlers. I take great pride in running the Oastlers repair shop, I have serviced many a happy customer with my leather apron, giving new life to their old belongings. I like to think that I can stick anything with my motto being “a little dab will do”.

I began the Oastlers repair shop due to the high demand from staff needing their shoes repaired. I've fixed a shoe from every trend including Platform heels, boots, the tassels on a loafer and flip flops. I take particular pride in repairing the hand made brogues of the SLT. Repairing quality leather always puts a smile on my face.

Its not only shoes, I've turned my hand to the delicate task repairing and altering belts for those members of staff who have seen their waist line move in either direction. Watch straps and batteries have also been a popular service, I enjoy the increased challenge of dexterity needed when working with small tools.



Repair and maintenance aren't just a great way to save money and lessen your environmental impact. Just the act of fixing things up, however big or small a project, may also be good for your mental well being. I'm always at my happiest when I'm wielding the beating hammer on the leather. We're attracted by the latest gadgets, and we tend to see old, worn objects as diminished, broken, and undesirable. But we don't always know what's best for us. The act of maintenance itself can calm you, give a sense of achievement, and save you money for more important things.

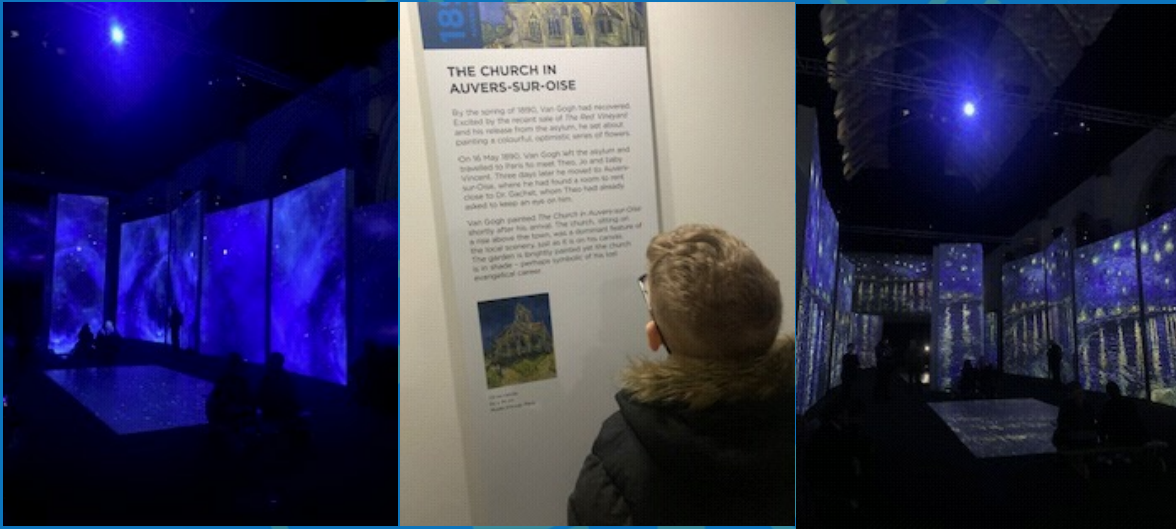


This ethos is also seen at Oastlers school. I'm currently working on the crisp packet recycle scheme. We are converting used crisp packets into sleeping bags for the homeless. Where as 44 packets are needed to make a blanket. This a great way to use old throw away items and turn them into something that is potentially life saving. The moral of the story is to try this Christmas to be more environmentally friendly. Try to use recycled wrapping paper and maybe try to look for “as new” gifts which could support local charities.

Ed Sherratt and Jonny Shakleton

VAN GOGH EXHIBITION

Year 7 had the wonderful opportunity to immerse themselves in the hypnotic Van Gogh exhibition at Regency Hall. After the visit learners created some wonderful pieces of artwork based on Van Gogh's Starry Night.



SALTAIRE TRIP

Year 7 have enjoyed a trip to Saltaire to learn about local Victorian history. Learners looked at the old Victorian buildings and the Salts Mill. Learners also enjoyed an afternoon at Roberts park.



Jen Blackwell

PLUMBER DRUMMER

Key stage 3 had a visit from the plumber drummer which the learners all thoroughly enjoyed. His homemade drum pipe kit is completely unique. He played different songs that the learners thoroughly enjoyed.



Lucy Harper

KS3 HALLOWEEN

Key Stage 3 decorated their areas for Halloween and took part in lots of exciting Halloween activities in school. This included carving pumpkins and craft activities in class. Some learners wrote spooky stories and Halloween poems which were read out in our Key Stage 3 assemblies. We have celebrated different festivals in assembly including Diwali, bonfire night and world science day.



Lucy Harper

MAGNA TRIP

Year 8 visited Magna in Sheffield this half term. Magna Science Adventure Centre is an educational visitor attraction, located in a disused steel mill in Sheffield. The learners had a hands-on experience with different interactive exhibits. They explored the different wonders of science and technology in the four pavilions of air, earth, fire and water. The learners watched the Big melt which explained the story of steel making. We also took part in a rocket workshop which the learners thoroughly enjoyed. This was a fantastic trip.

Lucy Harper

NAVY

On Wednesday 30th November George and Mike from The Royal Navy came to run a 'ready steady cook' style competition with the Keystage 4 options learners. We also had a guest appearance from two year 8 learners, who are proving themselves time and again in lessons to want new challenges. They were in teams to making fishcakes and a swiss roll from scratch in 90 mins, which is a difficult! They surpassed all expectations and did themselves and the school proud. It was a close call in the judging, but 1st place went to Arran, Jack and Isaac, well done guys!

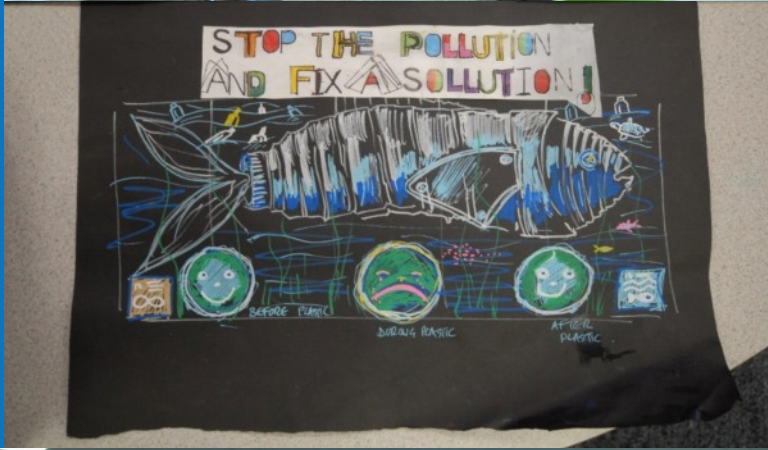
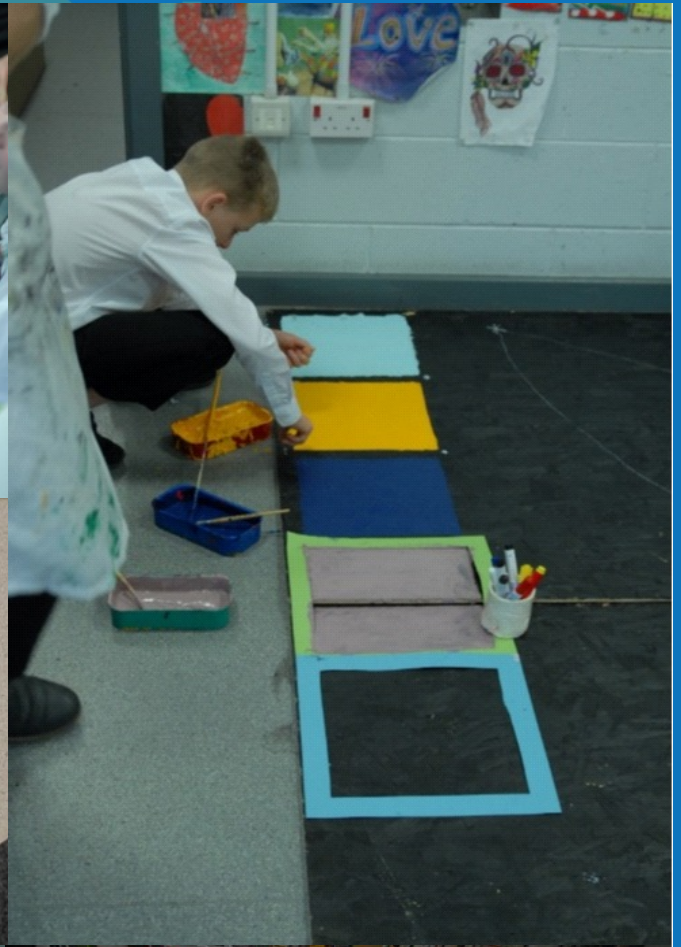
Nicola Flack



FISH PROJECT

"I met Rob at the WYCA SEND toolkit launch a few months back at Ponderosa Zoo, and we connected immediately with a shared passion for helping young people access all the opportunities available to them. Around the same time of the launch of BMW, the General Manager, Chris Jones from Orean's sister company based in Hobart, Indiana commissioned a mural in the canteen of the new USA factory, created and painted by a local artist in the community. The amazing work done by the learners at Oastlers on the Melrose Interiors graffiti designs seemed to align with the concept of a mural for the new rebrand of Orean, and the idea of showcasing the learners ideas, designs and artwork on a real portfolio displayed on the side of Orean UK's building. The learners have had complete autonomy to create a mural based upon the sustainability brief and Oastler's rights respecting and the piece is looking incredible. I feel very lucky to be a part of this project with Oastlers and see this is the start of a really amazing partnership between the school and the business."

Katy Trewartha



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OASTLERS @ KEIGHLEY NEWS

Year 11's took part in a two-day work experience at the Devonshire Arms Hotel and Spa on the Bolton Abbey Estate. This included shadowing the customer service teams, and serving members of the public in a variety of roles within the hotel. Feedback from the hotel was excellent and our learners really enjoyed the opportunity to showcase their skills.



We love a good event at Keighley, one of the highlights is our Children in Need fund raiser. This year with the support of parents and carers we raised £171. Learners supported in the café collecting donations, ensuring all our customers were looked after. Bingo was as competitive as ever with prizes handed out on a range of stalls.



Our Christmas Fayre has been another great event with lots of stalls, the staff cake competition was judged by Lou and Brian our friends from Mansfield Pollard, the winner came from the kitchen staff... a huge relief for everyone!



Rob Fairbairn

STAINFORTH RESIDENTIAL

What a wonderful experience our learners had in October when we stayed for our residential at Stainforth in the Yorkshire Dales for some of our year 8s, 9s and 10 learners. We had 3 full days of activities which involved walking on the 3 peaks (Pen-y-Ghent), caving, climbing and mountain biking. Our learners were so overwhelmed and excited to be involved in this fun adventure packed residential and we would like to thank each and everyone of them for working hard for each other and supporting the staff as well as having lots of fun too.



Sean Regan

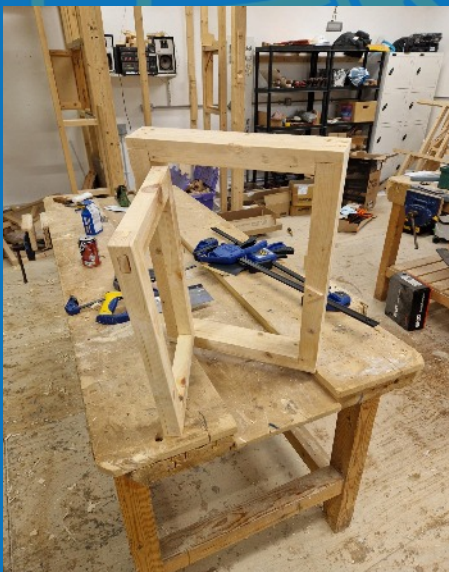
FOOTBALL

We were invited to William Henry school to compete in a 7 aside football game in which lots of our new football players who have been training hard for the game did Oastlers proud and we are invited to many more games in the future, which will give our learners a great opportunity to experience more competition before our tournaments starts early next year



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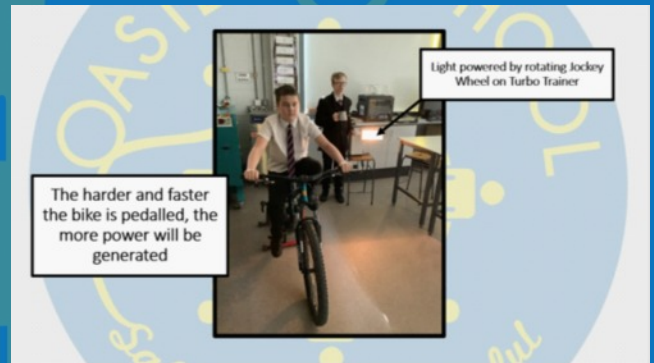
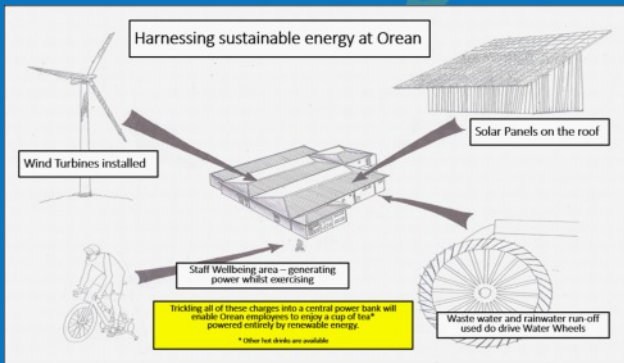
Yr 10's as part of their options have started their college pathway in Construction and Motor Vehicle studies. The learners are doing extremely well and are doing Oastler's proud. They will continue with their course over the two years gaining a Level 1 to allow them to make their next steps in Post 16 education.



Leanne Vo-Brown

BRADFORD MANUFACTURING WEEK

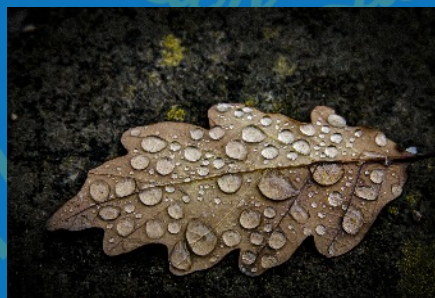
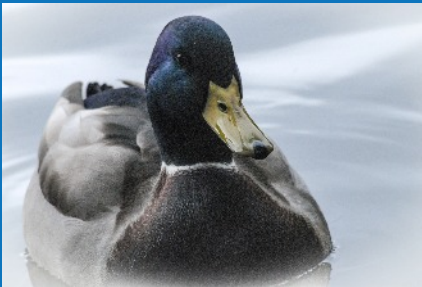
The DT Department's contribution to this year's Bradford Manufacturing Week competition was a little different to our usual 'design and make' activity. Paired up with Olean, one of the local companies we as a school work closely with, four of our Year 10 learners made an investigation into sustainable and renewable energies to see if it would be feasible to generate enough energy to boil a kettle for a hot drink. Our learners looked at; Hydro Electric, Friction, Wind and Water powered energies and devised a method of harnessing them. A proposal was submitted, we are yet to find out if we have been successful.



Chris Davis

PHOTOGRAPHY

The photography learners have been very busy this year taking some amazing photos. The learners have a clear understanding of how to take photos and what settings to capture a professional image. Below are some of the pictures the learners have been able to capture.



Ken Jones

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