



Olive AP Academy Suffolk - Newsletter

Spring Term 2021-22

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Headteacher's Update

Dear Families

Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter. This has been a long half term and I want to thank pupils, parents, and our staff team for all their efforts over the last seven weeks.

We are continuing to work hard to improve all aspects of academy life and provide increasing opportunities to support our pupils in their learning and development. I continue to be impressed by our pupils practical and creative skills. Some exceptional food has been created by our budding chefs, we have young builders and decorators learning their trade and we have all been reading and learning about The Tempest this term.

The academy has continued to work closely with Suffolk County Council and will be developing our therapeutic services over the next term. I am also pleased to introduce new staff members to our team who are all making significant contributions to our work with your children.

On February 17th we were visited by Ofsted for our first monitoring visit, and I am very proud of the way in which the children presented themselves and spoke of their academy during that inspection. I hope to write to you soon with more information. I very much appreciate the many families that were able to leave valuable feedback which informed the process.

We have a short break now until we return on 28th February when we will continue our relentless effort to develop our academy and support your children. As ever, Mrs Watson and myself are open to meeting with families if you have any concerns or if there is more we can do to help you.

I hope all pupils have an enjoyable half term and we look forward to seeing them again for the remainder of the Spring Term.

Alastair Burnett
Headteacher

Key Dates for Your Diary

Spring Half-Term Break

Monday 21st - Friday 25th February 2022

Pupils Return: Monday 28th February

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Easter Break

Monday 11th - Friday 22nd April 2022

Pupils Return: Monday 25th April 2022

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Early May Bank Holiday

Monday 2nd May 2022

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Summer Half-Term Break

Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June 2022

Pupils Return: Monday 6th June 2022

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Staff Training Day

Friday 24th June 2022

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End of Term:

Wednesday 20th July 2022

Additional Holiday for Queens Platinum

Jubilee - Thursday 21st July

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welcome!

Welcome to our New Staff

We welcome the following additional new staff who have joined the academy over this half-term :

Mrs Chubb - Key Stage 2/3 Teacher

Mrs Pullen - Interim Safeguarding Support

Mrs Taylor - Key Stage 3 Teacher

THE TEMPEST

An exciting term has seen some superb work from our pupils.

Across the academy we have all been studying The Tempest. This has resulted in a range of wonderful learning activities – from performance of short plays to some wonderful creative writing.

Some of our pupils, who are gearing up for their English exams, have produced some breathtaking work. One such task was to write a response to the following image:



Pupil 1:

Tonight's the night.
The night of the blood-curdling banshees.
You can see them soaring the sky, looking
for the next unlucky person. Their next
victim. Their prey.
Looking for them to fall upon their violent
end. Their violent and bloody end.
If you hear their ear-splitting shriek, run.
Run as fast as you have every run.
Run home. Run as if your life depended
upon it.
Because it does.
The air smells of death; you can taste their
hunger for blood. You can sense their evil.
Unbridled evil.
Wherever they go they bring darkness. A
waft of murky darkness.
A covering of pure, unadulterated evil.
The darkness of death follows them
through the night.

Pupil 2:

Swooping from cloud to cloud; having
gushes of wind slap me in the face.
Fervently, I flap my wings – all the
slimy latex runs, dripping off of my
back.
The wind was howling.
Green, dark, gloomy clouds hovering
over me.
Looking around, seeing nothing but
high buildings.
Smashed, cracked, crooked buildings.
Windows covered in slime.
Sun shining, shimmering, all gloomy
on one side of the earth.
On the other hand, the other half of
the world is miserable and dark.

In the human eyes, I am a monster.
Do you think this is?

Another pupil, who is preparing for the spoken presentation aspect of his functional skills exam, wrote an amazing piece based on the troubles in Afghanistan.

The following is an extract from his work:

The Taliban

In the year 1979 the Soviet Union invaded Afghanistan. It was late in the year, December in fact. The Soviet Union invaded in order to support the Afghan communist government. They wanted to help to deal with the anti-communist Muslim guerilla fighters (supported by the US government). The US wanted to help the Mujahideen (the Muslim guerilla fighters) resist the threat from USSR.

The word Mujahideen literally means 'engaged in jihad'. 'Jihad' means 'holy war'.

The onset of these events took tensions of the Cold War to another level altogether. There were fears that this could escalate to something involving many more countries.

I hope that you agree that the caliber of the work is truly outstanding.

Mr Staples
Teacher of English

Vaccinations for 12-15-year olds during Spring Half-term

The school immunisation team have provided us with information about the vaccine centres available in our area where your child can receive a vaccine if they fall within the eligibility criteria. The JCVI published updated guidance on 29th November 2021 advising that all children and young people aged 12-15 years old should be offered a second dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech (30 micrograms) COVID-19 vaccine at a minimum of 12 weeks from the first dose.

Below are details of the 8 nearest sites to the academy which are offering vaccination to 12-15-year olds during the school break.



Aqua Pharmacy IP3 0AQ
IPSWICH HOSPITAL IP4 5PD
Gainsborough Sports Centre IP3 0SP
Martlesham Pharmacy IP5 3SL
Colchester Football Club CO4 5UP
Paddock Road Surgery IP20 9AR
COLCHESTER GENERAL HOSPITAL CO4 5JL
Pharmacy2u - Rosebury House CB8 7PN

EXPLORING CHINESE NEW YEAR - ELM CLASS

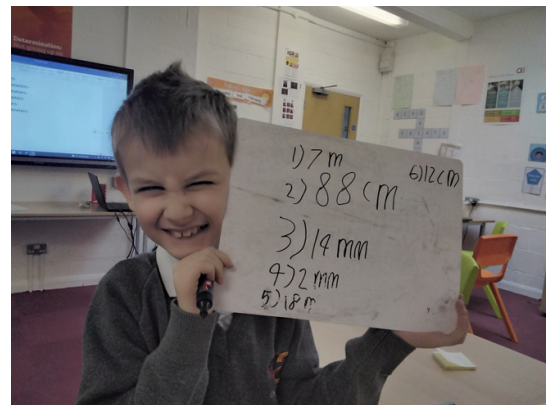
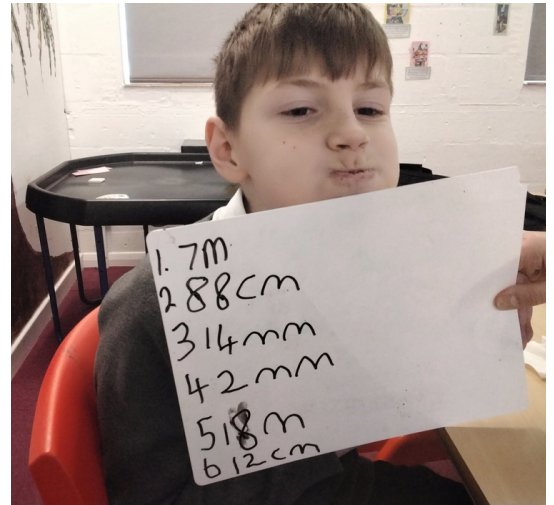
Elm Class have been exploring Chinese New Year this half-term. We have created Tiger artwork, followed a recipe for Prawn Chow Mein and learned how the Luner New Year is celebrated.

We have continued work on measurement, measuring different things around the school including ourselves.

The Tempest has been a great source of discussion. Writing diary entries and finding out about different characters.

In Humanities, we have been looking at the weather and comparing it to different regions around the world. Hurricanes and tsunami's have created a great deal of interest amongst the class, we have used out 'Zones of Regulation' to decide how we'd feel if we were in one!

The class have worked hard this term and should be proud of their effort. We have had some great discussions.



Choosing a Vocational Route for Success

In light of the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the labour market, vocational qualifications have become even more essential in supporting young people identify career aspirations and ultimately their entry into employment.

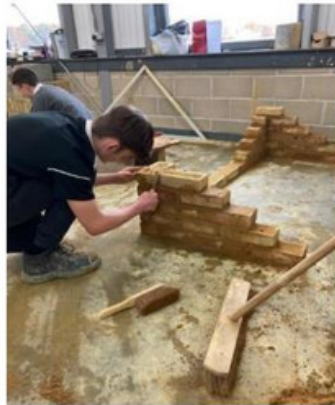
We have chosen to work with OCN London to offer a range of flexible multi-pathway qualifications that are designed to equip learners with key learning and employability skills, alongside knowledge from a wide array of vocational areas. The vocational courses are perfectly designed to dovetail neatly into post 16 study programmes should a learner wish to pursue a particular area. Additionally, these qualifications provide a springboard for learners to gain essential skills, knowledge and most importantly, attitudes for work.

The majority of our learners have chosen an Apprenticeship as their favoured post 16 route. The key being financial rewards and national qualifications that will recognise the foundations they will have already completed whilst at Olive AP Academy – Suffolk. All have also applied to colleges to provide a Plan B, should the employment market not bear fruit.

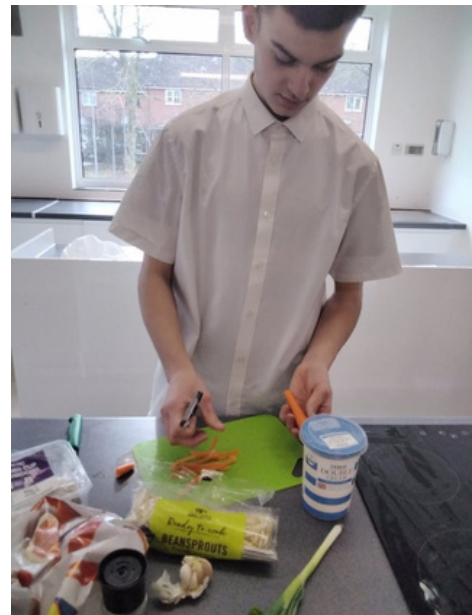
Our learners are completing the OCN London Level 1 Certificate in Vocational Studies (Ofqual No: 601/8933/2) . This fantastic qualification suite recognises a range of vocational areas, including; Construction, Hospitality & Catering, Sport and Art to name a few. The programmes of study involve 4 hours per week of practical skills development and approximately 1.5 hours of theory and portfolio building. The evidence required to meet the assessment criterion for each unit are flexible and include; Teacher Observation Reports, Written Questions, Verbal Questions, Photographic, Video, Audio and Practical Demonstration.

Our learners have been busy, getting hands on, demonstrating real work skills and preparing for their futures as skilled employees. They will leave Olive AP Academy – Suffolk having completed at least 32 Credits (and up to 50 Credits) of this flexible and rewarding qualification, a full Certificate at Level 1 and access onto full Level 2 at college or Apprenticeship.





More Tasty Creations from our Budding Chefs!



MAPLE NEWS

A fantastic start to the new year discussing dreams and goals in PSHE.

In English this half term we have also been learning about 'The Tempest'. This is a tale of wizards, magic, murder and monsters which was set long ago on an island with no name in the middle of a great sea.

The class have been engaged creating Islands either in Minecraft or by drawing one. They have written about the setting and the storm that takes place in the story and even created spells to cause a storm just like the main character, Prospero.



Winter Olympics

As part of learning about the Winter Olympics we made snow boards, bobsleighs and even medals. There were just a few crashes!



ELSA Trained Staff

We are pleased to update you that we now have two members of staff, Mrs Spencer and Mrs Bland, who are ELSA trained.

What Is ELSA?

ELSAs are Emotional Literacy Support Assistants working in schools. They:

- help children recognise, understand and manage emotions to increase success
- plan and deliver individual (and small group) support programmes
- receive training and supervision from Educational Psychologists

Different Areas An ELSA Can Support?

- Emotional literacy in schools / recognising emotions
- Self-esteem / active listening and communication skills
- Anger management / working therapeutically
- Social skills / autistic spectrum difficulties and social narratives
- Friendship skills / writing therapeutic stories
- Loss and bereavement / programme planning

The Benefits Of Focusing On Emotional Literacy

- Children learn more effectively when they feel OK
- If we help children to manage their emotions more effectively and therefore learn better, then we will help to raise standards
- When children feel better they get more enjoyment out of their learning
- Developing children's ability to manage their emotions more effectively reduces their stress levels



SAFETY MESSAGE - TRESPASS ON RAILWAY LINES

Due to the very high level of trespassing on the tracks by young people in the local area, Network Rail in partnership with Learn Live are working to help raise awareness to pupils across the UK educating them about the dangers of the train tracks through interactive digital delivery.

Please see the links below which you can access with your child at home. The session is less than 15 minutes and explains why it is important to stay safe near the tracks.

Over 14 million pupils, parents and teachers from across the UK have watched these videos which has led to a significant decrease in the number of trespasses in their area through watching the latest rail safety videos.

Remember 15 mins can help save lives and provide important safety information to young people and their parents.

We have made things easier for you to watch the free safety videos by just entering the email **railsafety@learnliveuk.com** into the 'I am registered field' when you first watch the videos.

Please click on the link below to view the relevant safety video:

Primary school version: Age 7- 11

<https://learnliveuk.com/network-rail-primary-school-safety-talk/>

<https://learnliveuk.com/i-am-train-safe/>

Secondary school version: Age 11-16

<https://learnliveuk.com/network-rail-secondary-school-safety-talk/>

<https://learnliveuk.com/i-am-train-safe/>





FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2022 FAMILY PARK COOKING

FOR CHILDREN AGED 8+
(younger siblings are welcome)

MONDAY 21ST - SUNDAY 27TH FEBRUARY

An outdoor activity day for
the whole family to enjoy!
Additional Activities Include:

- Campfire Cooking
- Woodland Activities
- Fire Lighting
- Bird Box Making

FREE



*FREE FOR CHILDREN WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR FREE
SCHOOL MEALS OR MEET OUR ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA.

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