



Olive AP Academy Suffolk - Newsletter

Autumn Term 2022/23

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Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Families,

Welcome to our first Newsletter of the year. It has been a long half-term for pupils and I am very pleased with the way they have settled into new routines, expectations and learning in the 'Olive Way', and also how smart pupils look this year.

We have really focused this year on supporting pupils through our new curriculum. We have added Forest School and exciting Outdoor Education activities to the many practical things we do. We are offering new courses and ensuring all of our pupils get the support they need for their personal development.

We start and end each week with reflective and celebratory assemblies which have been a real pleasure and remind us of our values. Themes for the week have included Equality and Black History Month, what makes us unique through Jeans for Genes Day, being reflective whilst looking at the theme of homelessness and bravery through 'the dot' artwork.

We have continued to improve the facilities and resources at our academy. Our Culture Room and Library is almost completed and every phase of the academy has its own regulation space. We have re-purposed what was formerly the East building to become the 'Rainbow Bridge'. This building has now become our base for therapy, learning support and intervention.

We will undoubtedly grow as an academy over the next term and look forward to the visit of inspectors to check on how we are doing.

In the meantime, I wish all staff, pupils and families a well-deserved half-term break.

Alastair Burnett
Headteacher

Key Dates for Your Diary

Autumn Term 2022

Thursday 1 September to Friday 16 December 2022

INSET days - 1 & 2 September 2022 (academy closed to pupils)

First day of term for pupils - Monday 5 September 2022

Additional Bank Holiday Monday 19 September

Half term - Monday 24 October to Friday 28 October 2022

Spring Term 2023

Tuesday 3 January to Friday 31 March 2023

INSET days - 3 & 4 January 2023 (academy closed to pupils)

First day of term for pupils - Thursday 5 January 2023

Half term - Monday 13 February to Friday 17 February 2023

Easter holidays - Monday 3 April to Friday 14 April 2023

Summer Term 2023

Monday 17 April to Friday 21 July 2023

INSET day - Friday 23 June 2023

Half term - Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June 2023

welcome!

Welcome to our New Staff

We welcome the following new staff who have joined the academy over this year:

Ms Chandler - Specialist Administrator

Ms Pullen - Assistant Headteacher/SENDCo

Mr Rekitnicki - Facilities Assistant

Outdoor Education - Archery

As part of the Key Stage 4 Outdoor Education curriculum East Coast Adventures will be supporting our pupils to build resilience, confidence and fun in the great outdoors in a variety of activities. So far, they have been learning about Archery and Mountain Biking and each week, their confidence, both collectively and individually, improves.

One pupil said *"I never thought I'd ever ride a bike again after the first week, but thanks to the instructors working out what my needs were, and irritating teachers(!) encouraging me, I got back on the bike and now really enjoy biking"*

It's been a real success: both for the BTEC qualification they're working towards and for their personal development. We're all now looking forward to Hiking and Map Work after half term!

They all certainly took to archery like a bow to an arrow, on target with the Olive values!



Cost of Living

As part of Olive Way our Key Stage 2 pupils went to two supermarkets to get ingredients for their cooking and snacks. The pupils wrote a list and split into two groups to buy the same items from each store. One group went to Asda and the other to Lidl. On their return they compared the prices and found the difference between the two receipts.

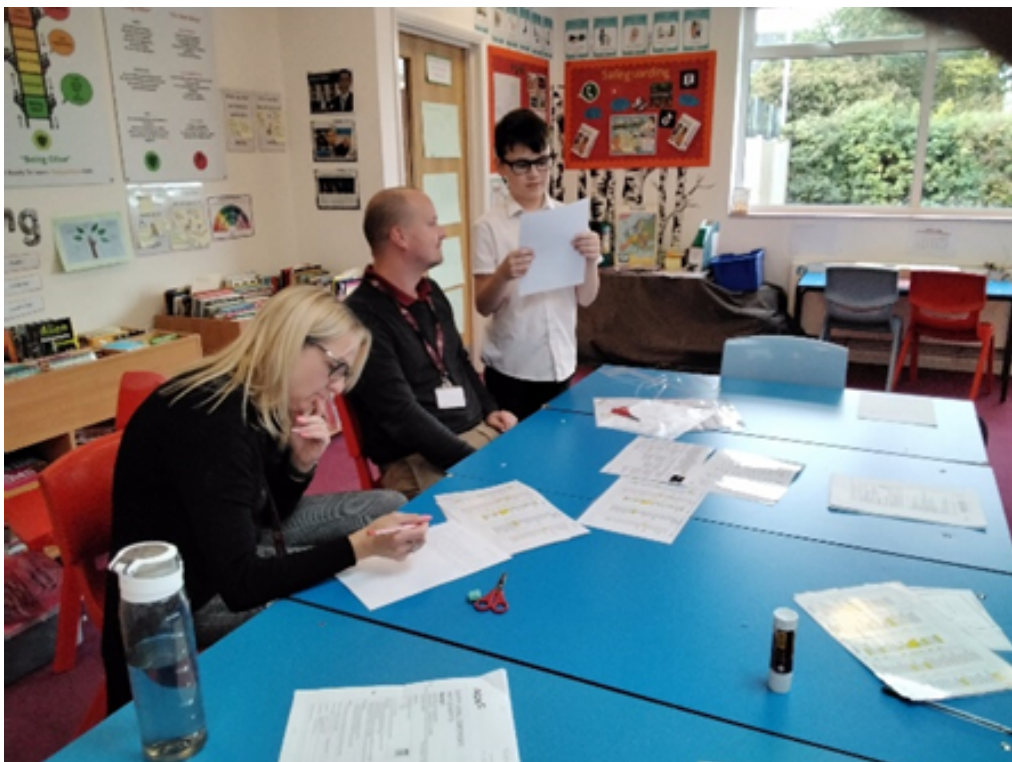
Asda turned out to be the cheapest!



Equality in our Academy

As part of assessment week one of our pupils was asked to write a Gothic style story - he felt the Learning Support Assistants could write their own Gothic style story. During the lesson he allowed the LSA's a movement break and the time to check their work. He also had time to read their work and correct their capital letter for names and encouraged them to write some more. He gave them points for their behaviour and learning.

The pupil successfully demonstrated that everyone is equal in our class because we are all learners.



Forest School Programme - Food Museum

Key Stage 2 have had a busy half-term with new experiences and challenges along the way!

We embarked on our 6-week Forest School Program at the Food Museum in Stowmarket. This has been a great success and has presented Olive pupils with challenges and adventure. They have learned to build fires with steels, create dens, whittle sticks for marshmallow roasting, and created bonds with their peers that have strengthened friendships.

Highlights have been exploring the Food Museums grounds and meeting the animals.



Gothic Writing - KS3/4

This term we have been studying the gothic genre. The class read has been *Cirque du Freak* and we have read in every English lesson. The task was to create a gothic piece of writing that drew upon the inspiration of the gothic novels and extracts studied.

Two very different, but equally wonderful, pieces of work.

Mr Staples, English Teacher

Sweetooth

He was born of sweetness. Made by the woman in the house of sweets.

The sadness of Sweetooth's eyes were as sad as a human might have.

Caramel seeping out.

A much more watery caramel, tear-like in fact, dripped slowly down following every bite.

With Caramel Galaxy button eyes, at the heart of it, the caramel seeped.

Where the eye ended, that is where the caramel tears flowed from.

Candy-like teeth, filled his odd-shaped mouth. Shaped oddly from people biting into it.

His tongue resembled melted popping candy chocolate. Normal in size as he'd protected it from

ravenous beasts trying to devour him.

He deserved to be happy.

He deserved to grow back his full donut.

If only.

Poor Sweetooth.

Was that footsteps I heard?...

As I entered the gates of a dark, silence, misty factory I wondered what I was doing here. Here!

What was I thinking?

Screaming came from above. A nervous scream! That made me very nervous.

"Wait! Listen carefully! Wasn't that the footsteps from earlier?" Panicking, we swiftly sprinted away from the footsteps.

At this point, I was rethinking my life.

Why did we want to play football so badly?

Why!

Beyond the fog, we saw a white van that was full of rust yet made me and my mates scared. It was our school field what we the white van doing here?

Was he going to steal something?

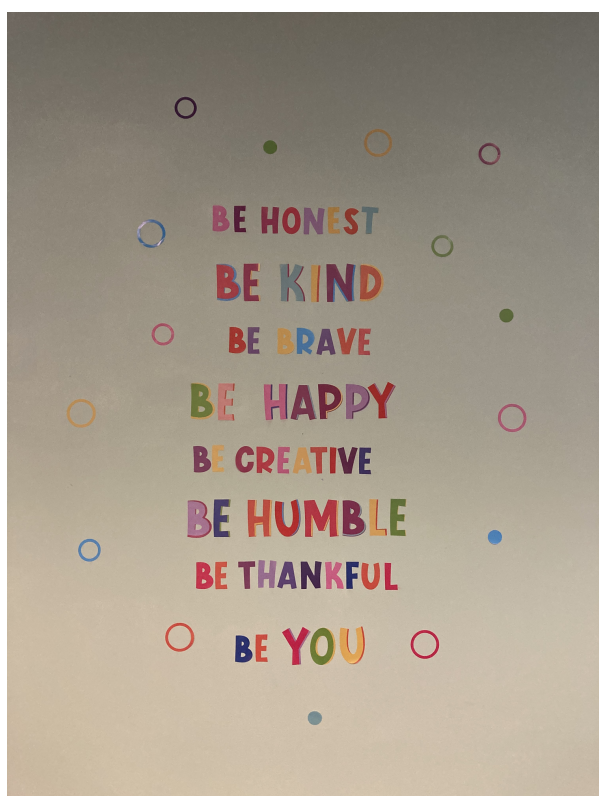
Was he up to no good?

LF KS4

Rainbow Bridge

This year we have repurposed the old East Building into the '**Rainbow Bridge**'. This building is focusing on pupils learning and pastoral needs. The pupils come to Rainbow Bridge to attend person centred interventions, such as counselling, reading support as well as other learning and therapeutic based support. These interventions are linked to pupil's Pathway Hypothesis plan and Sophie Pullen, our SENDCo, is looking forward to meeting with all families to discuss their child's Pathway after half term.

Another focus for the Rainbow Bridge will be our outreach work, this work has started with a few pupils, and we look forward to supporting their successful transition back to their mainstream.



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 - Geocaching
 - Pumpkin Carving
 - Fire Lighting
 - Shelter Building
 - Bottle Rockets
 - Team Games
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