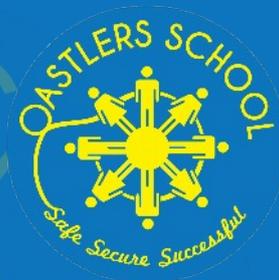


# OASTLERS NEWSLETTER



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## MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

Welcome to our summer newsletter!

It has been such an eventful term with numerous trips and residential experiences that have all been fabulously successful. I am pleased to announce and welcome the variety of after school clubs taking place most evenings with such a selection of activities. If you are not already signed up for one, you should be! I do not underestimate the value of such clubs and I am grateful to school staff for making themselves available for this valuable offer. We are almost at the end of term and I must say time does seem to have flown by. The weather is glorious and I just hope you all enjoy a safe, peaceful and

relaxing summer break. School will finish on Tuesday 26 July at 12.45pm and re-open Tuesday 6 September.

As a quick reminder - full school uniform is required, including plain black footwear, your cooperation in this matter is vital to maintaining the high standards of your school. I have noted a dip in standards and I am sure this is something you would not wish to see.



Enjoy reading the newsletter!

Lyndsey Brown

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

We have started 7 after school clubs of which are football, arts and crafts, table tennis, pool, dance and there will be trampoline/archery starting September. 30 to 40 learners are attending these clubs every week.



Sean Regan

Break up

26<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Back to school

6<sup>th</sup> September 2022

### SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

Second hand uniforms in good condition and free.  
Please contact Joanne Taylor on 01274 307456

### PARENT/CARER WORKSHOP

Please check the school website for upcoming parent/ carer workshops

GCSE Results

Thursday  
25<sup>th</sup> August 2022

GCSE  
Results Day

Please check the school website for activities in the local area over the Summer

#HAF2022  
Summer of Fun...  
Holiday Activities and Food

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# NEWS FROM OASTLERS

## FAIR TRADE @ OASTLERS

For the newsletter the STEM Club Admiral himself (that Mr Chris Davies) is doing some work around the humble banana. He will be looking at how fair-trade bananas are more beneficial for the farmers and workers involved in the farming, transportation and sales of bananas world wide. Mr Davies will be delving in the history of all things banana, telling the story of how in 327 BC, when Alexander the Great and his army invaded India. They discovered the banana crop in the Indian Valleys, where after tasting this unusual yet scrumptiously delicious fruit he brought it back to the western world. Then fast forwarding through time to the banana farms of today and how science has created this mono-banana culture. Explaining how the banana goes from a seed to in your lunch box. This activity will get your potassium levels bubbling.



Don't slip up, make sure your bananas are fair trade! Better for you, better for the farmer, better for the planet.



Oastlers is proud to celebrate fair trade, by raising awareness with learners of fair trade with talks on coffee, chocolate and bananas. If you see the fair trade sign then you know you're doing a small bit of good and helping out a farmer. That delicious, wholesome and nutritious banana will taste all the sweeter been fair trade.



Bananas are my favourite fruit in my grocery basket. Fairtrade works with banana farmers, to create more value for producers and ensure people get a decent price and decent pay for the hard labour that goes into growing this crop. We win, they win we all win. My report *Fairer Fruit* looks at the impact that the Fairtrade system makes, and what more can be done to deepen that impact. Pop into DT to find out more.



## FAIR TRADE @ OASTLERS

Recently we had a retired chef, John, visit to inspire our year 11 learners and support them with their coursework. He was blown away by the enthusiasm and maturity in the class and said some of the dishes created would be suitable to serve in a restaurant. In fact, the roast potatoes were the best he had ever tasted! Among other things Thai chicken soup and bread were a big success and skills were learnt in butchering and also reducing food waste.



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## SPORTS MEDALS

As has become tradition, the GCSE DT learners have designed and made the medals for school sports day. In all, 60 medals were created, each one designed to represent the event they will be awarded for. This year they have also produced a trophy for the relay event. It is hoped that this trophy will be used annually - the winning class keeping it for a whole year. Learners involved this year were the year 11 learners, Mason and Nathan, well done to them!!



Chris Davis

## NATIVE AMERICAN ART WORK

We painted animal spirits on large discs and beadwork and small creatures on the small discs. We also did some practice on wood carving - using chisels and mallets. The idea of respecting nature and our place within it. The work is now permanently displayed at the entrance to the forest school and a montage of the work is outside the DT room.

Julian Radcliffe



## CONISTON 2022

Our year 8s were given the opportunity to stay at our annual residential in Coniston and it was certainly one of the most entertaining and fun packed events that we have experienced. Our learners had the chance to experience mountain biking, climbing, archery, mountain walks, gorge scrambling and finishing with a boat trip. The weather was fantastic and the kids absolutely enjoyed every minute of the lake district experience.



Sean Regan

## CONISTON - KEIGHTLEY

Our first residential was in the last week of June. A fantastic trip where everyone took part in a range of exciting activities including mountain biking, gorge scrambling and abseiling. The backdrop to this trip was the stunning landscape of Coniston. Learners were also able to swim in the lake and spend quality time as a group, enjoying each other's company and make this a brilliant event for everyone.



Rob Fairbairn

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# FOOTBALL

Another successful season for our football team and more trophies were won as the team were invited to the regional finals in Brighouse and we won the final after going unbeaten throughout the competition. We were then invited to the national finals at St Georges Park (The home of the England football team) in which there were 12 teams invited across the country to compete for the coveted Engage Cup. Our team stayed overnight at the Hilton Hotel at St Georges Park so that we could prepare and be ready for the competition on the next day.

On the morning of the competition our team were given a big surprise when the England manager (Gareth Southgate) nipped into see the team and have some photos taken along with a question and answer session. This certainly inspired the lads as they went on to finish runners up and only lost 1 game out of 11. The team did themselves and the school proud and we hope to live this experience again next year.



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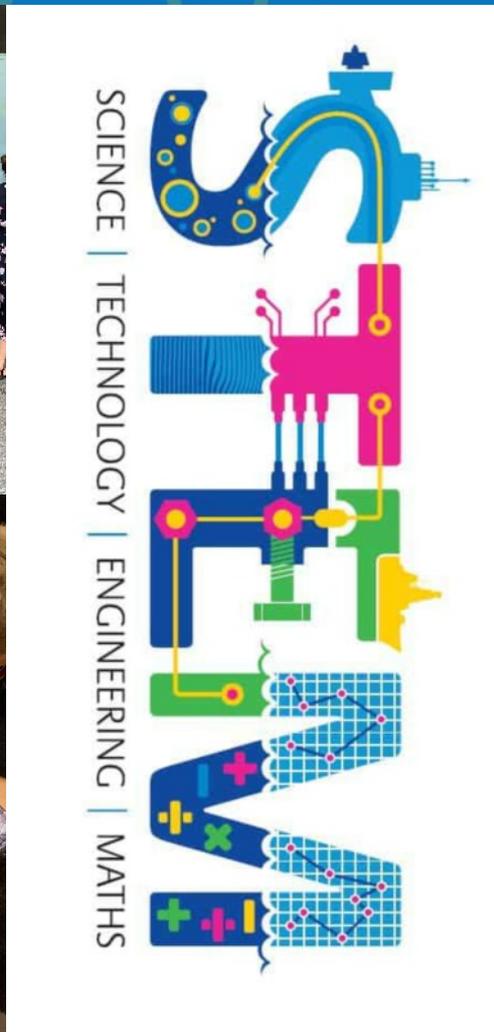
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# STEM @ OASTLERS

We had a visit from Robert Langon to do a tetrahedron project with KS3 which the learners really enjoyed this encompassed STEM and the gave the learners an opportunity to build their own structure. They loved the tam building pressure in the sunshine.

We also had a visit from a chocolate workshop for KS3. The learners learnt all about where chocolate is found and made, and they had their own opportunity to make their own chocolate treats.

Key stage 3 and Keighley had a visit from a comic artist and learners all had the chance to create their own comic for Oastlers. This was a fantastic workshop and learners have taken the Oastlers comic home with them.



## STEM @ OASTLERS

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July our Keighley Oastlers learners visited The Great Yorkshire Show. The show celebrates agriculture, food, farming and the countryside, with traditional competitions and favourites such as sheep shearing, the best in breed animals and a huge selection of stalls. Our learners were amazed at how many different breeds of sheep there are and particularly enjoyed the pygmy goats! The tasting in the food hall was popular, especially the strawberries and ice cream. In the military area learners could explore the armoured vehicles and talk to army personnel. A great day had by all!



Rob Fairbairn