

The Oldham LORIC

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Welcome to the sixth edition of the Oldham LORIC, our newsletter that celebrates all our students and staff have achieved.

In this festive edition of the LORIC, we explore the range of events and activities that have been offered to our students this term, from a host of extra-curricular activities and sports events to tailored programmes designed to help build confidence and raise aspirations - there has been so much going on at Oasis Academy Oldham!

Alongside taking part in a range of events to get in the festive spirit, the last half term has also been a time for us all to reflect on

the importance of kindness, compassion and friendship. Also, the value of speaking and listening to one another as we took part in World Mental Health Day and Anti-Bullying Week.

Looking forward to the Christmas break, we would like to wish you all a restful and enjoyable festive period with your loved ones and thank you for your ongoing support throughout the year.

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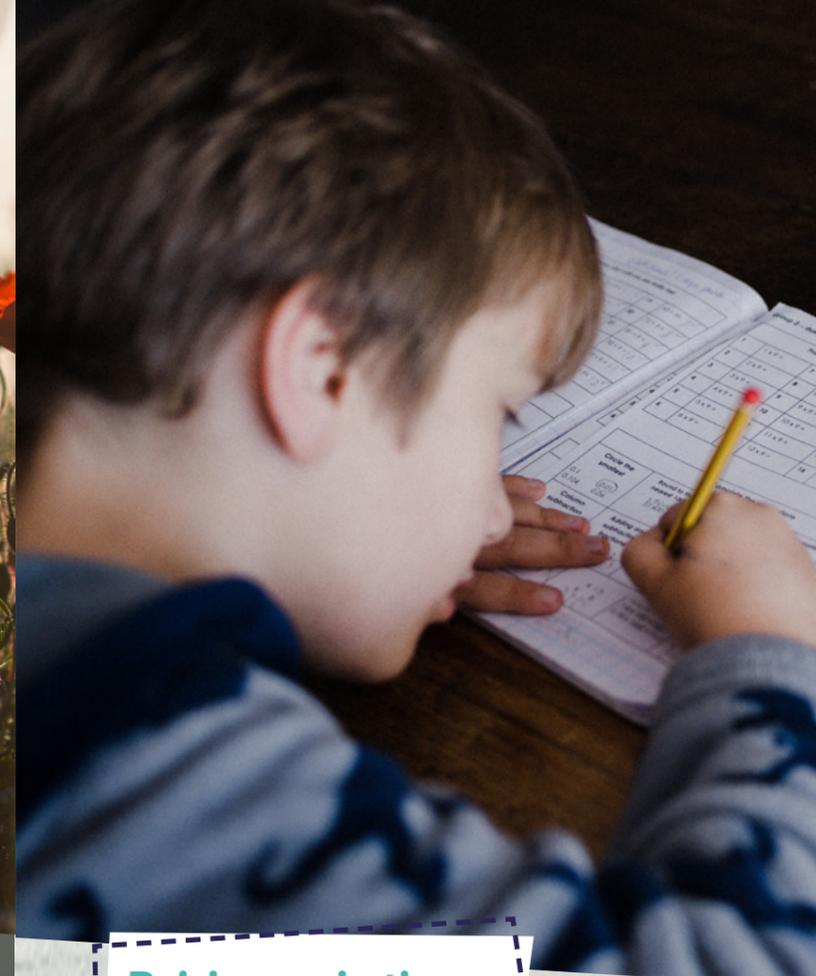


Remembering the Fallen

As November marked the important time of Remembrance, students across every year group took part in a special week of assemblies at Oasis Academy Oldham. This was our way of commemorating the fallen soldiers and making sure their memories live on within our students.

The whole school also took part in a two minute silence on Armistice Day. During this time the students could reflect on what they had learnt throughout the week about the brave service men and women who sacrificed their lives in order for us to have our future.

As we discussed the significance of Remembrance within our British history and culture, both the students and staff felt inspired to fundraise for the cause and many of the students chose to wear poppies as a sign of respect for the soldiers.



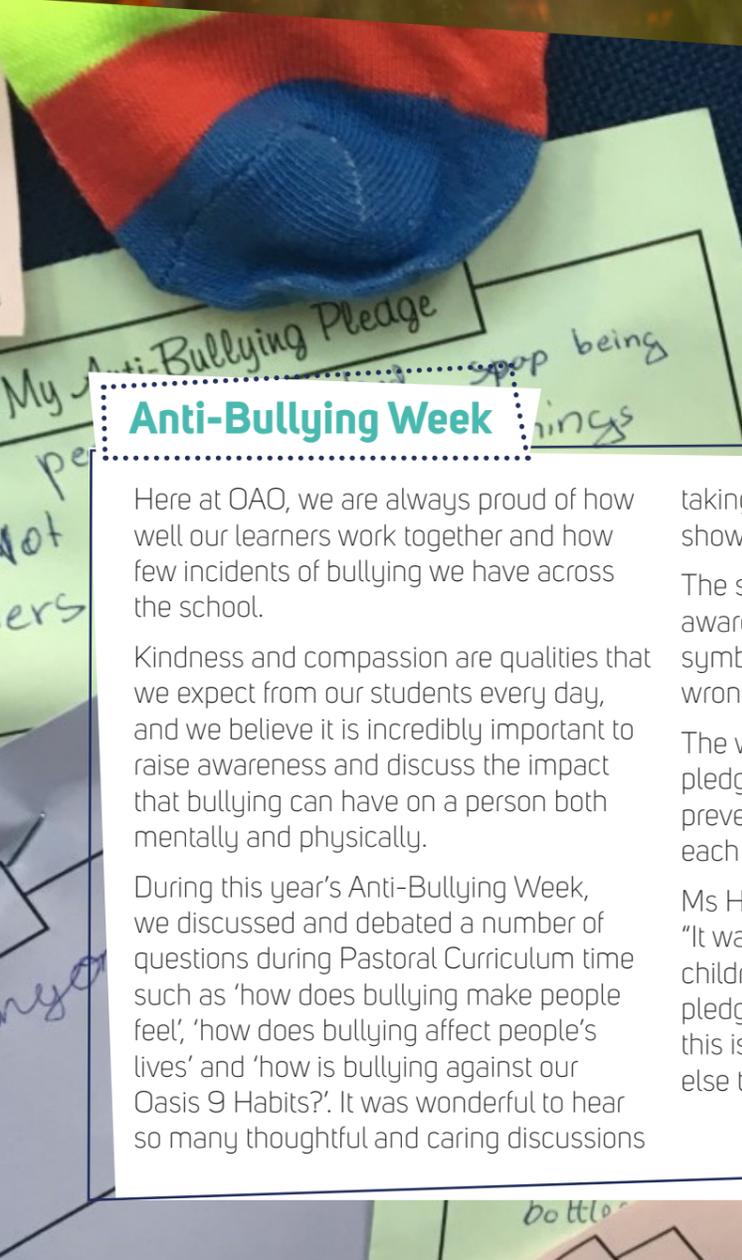
OAO Mathematical Society is launched

We are delighted to announce that the Oasis Oldham Mathematical Society has just been launched.

During the first meeting, 20 Year 7 students had the chance to build and launch their very own rockets, using their Maths knowledge to create a masterpiece.

The Mathematical Society aims to show how Maths can be used and applied to different everyday challenges and, that it is fun to explore the use of Maths outside the classroom too.

This is just the first of many events to come for the club, so if you think your son or daughter may be interested in taking part please do encourage them to talk to their form tutor.



Anti-Bullying Week

Here at OAO, we are always proud of how well our learners work together and how few incidents of bullying we have across the school.

Kindness and compassion are qualities that we expect from our students every day, and we believe it is incredibly important to raise awareness and discuss the impact that bullying can have on a person both mentally and physically.

During this year's Anti-Bullying Week, we discussed and debated a number of questions during Pastoral Curriculum time such as 'how does bullying make people feel', 'how does bullying affect people's lives' and 'how is bullying against our Oasis 9 Habits?'. It was wonderful to hear so many thoughtful and caring discussions

taking place and the level of maturity shown.

The staff also played a key role in raising awareness by wearing odd socks, to symbolise the fact that 'there's nothing wrong with being different'.

The week ended with our learners making pledges and committing their time to preventing bullying and watching out for each other when in school.

Ms Hale, Curriculum Leader of PSHE said: "It was really heartening to see how many children were so enthusiastic about making pledges to treat one another with respect, this is something that underpins everything else that we do here at Oasis."

Raising aspirations

A group of OAO students have had the chance to take part in an extra-curricular programme designed to raise aspirations and achievement.

Located at Oldham Athletic Club, Laticzone offers innovative and creative learning programmes to inspire students to aim high and achieve academically, personally and socially.

During each session, students work towards an AQA qualification and also focus on developing

character traits in line with the Oldham Pledge.

Building confidence, motivation, respectfulness and curiosity are just some of the priorities for the group who will also seek to complete a range of challenges as part of the Pledge.

Amy, Year 8 said: "Laticzone is fun and I love the friendship groups it creates."

Josh, Year 9 added: "I have more confidence within the small social group."



Black History Month

Black History Month is a time when we celebrate the heritage, culture and diversity of our communities and mark the achievements and contributions of black people throughout history.

This year, at OAO we showed our students some of the most inspirational black people from the last 150 years. Some of these amazing people included Linford Christie, who is the only

British male to have won a Gold medal in all four major sporting competitions and Oprah Winfrey, who was the first black American billionaire.

We also found out more about Hattie McDaniel, the first black woman to receive an Oscar and Robert H Lawrence, the first black man to become an astronaut.

During our discussions we

all agreed that being part of a diverse culture is something that makes us very proud and we should celebrate our differences because they are what makes everyone an individual.

The students also used this time to talk to each other about the importance of equality and diversity and to reflect on what they would like their legacy to be in 100 years' time.

ECO Offer inspires

Hundreds of students have already taken part in over 1,223 extra-curricular sessions this term.

From a university style freshers event for Year 7s to the launch of a host of brand new after school activities, there is something for everyone to take part in and enjoy.

Andrea Mitchell, Deputy Headteacher, said: "Our ECO offer gives our students the chance to take part in a range of after school activities based on their interests. It is also the perfect opportunity to make new friends, have fun and maybe even develop a unique skill.

"What has been particularly fantastic is seeing the students enjoying our new library space for their homework, board games and other exciting activities!"

Caring for animals

After a busy term finding out more about the different tasks and responsibilities involved in caring for animals, students who participate in OAO's Asdan programme had the fantastic opportunity to meet some unusual pets.

From spiders to snakes and other critters, students were guided through how to apply their knowledge of being responsible, to taking care of various amazing animals.

It was also an opportunity to find out some interesting facts about these exotic pets such as the temperature they prefer to be kept in and what food they enjoy the most.

Everyone who attended had a brilliant time and we are very grateful to Charlie Whittaker and his team of critters for making the session a memorable one.

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY



World Mental Health Day

The health and wellbeing of students and staff is one of our greatest priorities at Oasis Academy Oldham, so for this year's World Mental Health Day we decided to focus on removing the stigma surrounding mental health and promoting openness across the school community.

This included encouraging the students to take the day to think about mental health and how this can affect not only how you feel

but also how the people around you may be feeling.

We also took the chance to watch a video from Prince Harry and the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge who talked about their charity 'Heads Together'. This really spread the message that mental health is something everyone should be aware of and feel comfortable talking about in school.

Alongside promoting the national

organisations that are on hand to provide support, we also spoke to students about the range of services they can access within the school.

For example, at break time a stall was set up by the LGBTQ+ club for students who have worries or questions about their sexuality. There was also lots of information available about the role of Place2Be across Oasis Academy Oldham.



Students visit Pineapple Studios and London's West End

A group of 26 dance students have had the chance to make a festive trip to London in order to take part in two exclusive dance workshops at the prestigious Pineapple Dance Studios.

During the sessions each of the students learnt a range of new dance skills to help them perfect their performances.

There was also the opportunity to visit London's West End to watch two fantastic performances of the Lion King and Matilda.

Alex Cummins, Leader of Dance at OAO, said: "This was a wonderful opportunity for our students to experience dance sessions in the world-famous Pineapple Dance Studios. The trip was topped off by two fabulous musicals that have really inspired the students."



Winter Wonderland

Oasis Hub Oldham held their annual Winter celebration on Thursday 5th December where all members of the community could come together to celebrate this festive time of year.

The event was held at Oasis Academy Oldham and began with community members joining in a lantern parade from St. Chad's Centre, lighting the way with handmade paper lanterns created at family arts and crafts sessions held in the community.

The school agora was

transformed into a magical winter wonderland with handmade decorations made by pupils and community members, a Christmas tree, Santa's grotto, fairy lights and festive music!

Families were welcomed to the event with a range of refreshments and later enjoyed homemade cheese and onion pie, warming winter soup and mince pies prepared and served by volunteers from Oasis Community Kitchen. Manchester String Quartet also

played Christmas classics while families enjoyed their food, helping to create a lively festive atmosphere.

A popular attraction was our special guest, Santa himself, who wished children and their families a very Merry Christmas and provided each child with a free gift from his grotto. Children were also able to have their faces painted, take part in family arts and crafts and create a personalised memory bauble, sharing special memories together.



OAO Christmas Card Competition

Students from across Oasis Academy Oldham have taken part in a Christmas Card Competition, for the chance to win some copies of their creations as well as gift vouchers.

It was a tough competition this year and everyone who took part gave the judges a very difficult job. You all did brilliantly, but we are pleased to say the results are in and we have selected our top three.

In 3rd place we have Elizabeth from Form 9AT, with her mince pie inspired card and in 2nd place with her excellent snowmen creation is

Mirabel in Form 9TJI.

Finally, in 1st place we are delighted to announce the winner is, Samiyah from Form 9AT. This card was the judges' favourite. With the dark nights and houses lit up, it really reminded us of being at home over the holidays with our family and friends.

We would like to thank everyone who took part in the competition and hope you all had an enjoyable time decorating the cards. Merry Christmas to everyone and well done!

1st



2nd



3rd





Trampolining success

Congratulations to three of our Key Stage 3 students; Primrose, Maddsion and Skye, for attending Oasis Oldham's first ever trampolining competition.

All three of the girls entered the beginners, intermediate and elite sections, bringing home two Bronze medals.

The girls showed a great deal of resilience as they performed a routine learnt in only two hours. Fantastic work girls, everyone in the PE department is very proud of you.

Girls rugby

Girls rugby is becoming a popular sport at Oasis Academy Oldham.

This month saw the first competition of the year for the Year 7 girls, who had the chance to compete against Oasis Leesbrook, Newman RC College, Crompton House and Hathershaw.

Also, a mixed U15 team of girls has also had the chance to train with Oldham Rugby Union Club

to develop their knowledge and understanding of Rugby Union.

Although the girls had only attended one training session, they showed resilience and passion by entering their first Rugby Union Tournament held here at OAO.

Well done to everyone that took part!



A winning start to the football season

A special mention must go to the Year 9 boys football team who have had an explosive start to the season.

The boys won their league game 5-2 vs Newman and 5-2 vs Manchester Academy in the National Cup.

The Year 11 boys team also put in a brilliant performance to win 4-2 vs Ashton on Mersey in the National Cup.



Join us for Oasis Oldham's next Family Forum

- Find out the latest updates from across OAO
- Have your say on how we communicate with you
- Share your views on our future plans

For further information about the Family Forum please contact the school office.

The next
Family Forum
will take place **on**
Thursday 23rd January
From 5pm to 6pm

Everyone
welcome!

