

THE OAKS NEWS

A newspaper by the pupils, for the pupils



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End of Term Trips to Take Place for the First Time Since 2019!

Students and staff are excited to go on rewards trips on Tuesday 19th or Wednesday, 20th July for the first time since 2019. The Covid-19 pandemic meant that trips were not able to go ahead. While the staff organised other exciting activities, students are thrilled to choose from a trip off-site. They can choose from the cinema, bowling or the beach and swimming. We look forward to seeing lots of pictures of the activities and will report during the final week of term.

A New Feathered Friend

We are thrilled to announce that there is a new addition to our school allotment. Miss Nixon has kindly donated one of her hens to the school. Enid is a Cream Legbar hen that lays pastel blue/green eggs. Thank you to Miss Nixon for the kind donation.



Pictured left —
Enid the hen.



The Oaks is excited to welcome

Year 6 pupils to our school for transition days on 7th and 14th of July. The year 6 pupils will become our new Year 7 cohort in September. Pupils will get the opportunity to meet their teachers, peers and get to know what life at The Oaks is like. Head of Key Stage 3, Mrs Farrow said "We're very excited to meet our new year 7 pupils and know our current year 7 will be excellent role models to them."

Year 9 Options Evening

Year 9 pupils and their parents are invited to the Oaks on Wednesday, 18th May at 3.50pm to meet their teachers and find out more about choosing their year 9 options. Pupils and parents will find out more about the options available and what qualifications pupils will achieve during Key Stage 4. We look forward to seeing all of Year 9 then.

11W Use Grant for Good

11W have been chosen by the Spennymoor Area Action Partnership (APP) to receive a £500 grant. Pupils and staff in 11W have decided to spend the grant on something that will benefit the whole school. They have ordered custom built planters and plants to enhance the school's sensory garden. The planters are designed so that pupils in wheelchairs can access them with ease. Mrs Spooner, one of 11W's teachers said "The staff and pupils in 11W are extremely pleased to have received the grant and we can't wait to see the impact this will have on the whole school."



Pictured above —11W pupils in the sensory garden.

Aladdin Wows Staff and Pupils

Year 7 pupils wowed pupils and staff across the school last week, performing their entertaining rendition of "Aladdin." Pupils were impressive as they delivered their lines with clarity, expression and enthusiasm. Costumes, set, music and sound effects added to the experience, meaning all who saw it thoroughly enjoyed it. The pupils who took part have worked tirelessly alongside their teacher, Ms Harwood, during enrichment activities on a Friday afternoon. Their hard work definitely paid off, with everyone leaving with a smile on their face and high praise for the professional, finished product. It is the first time Year 7 pupils have taken part without older pupils so a huge well done to the pupils who took part.

Leading Parent Partnership Award

We are pleased to announce that we have achieved the Leading Parent Partnership award for the third

time. Thank you to all the families who responded to our recent questionnaire and to the lovely parents, staff and governors who spoke to the assessor on the day. For more information and to read the full report, please visit the blog on our website: www.theoaksschool.co.uk



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Jubilee Celebrations

The whole school are gearing up for an unforgettable day to celebrate the Queen's platinum jubilee on Friday, 27th May. Staff and students wanted to mark the impressive occasion of 70 years of service by preparing and holding outdoor street parties in honour of her majesty.

Pupils will spend the morning preparing food (building on independent living skills) then spend the afternoon socialising with their peers outdoors, enjoying their creations.

Some pupils have been invited to another school in our Federation, Croft, on Thursday, 26th May to take part in their celebrations too.