



OPALG

NEWSLETTER



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Friday 15th May 2020

Safe and Well

We hope you are all well and still smiling!
We are working with the detailed guidance from the government on how best to operate once open again, rest assured that we will continue to have the highest regard to your child's health and safety. In the meantime, we are working to develop the most sensible solutions. We all have lots of questions at the moment and not enough answers and we thank you for your cooperation, patience and continued support. Take care and look after each, Miss Cleasby ☺

SATs Week

As we come to the end of what should have been the Y6 SATs week, we want to acknowledge all the hard work and efforts made by all our Y6 children. We are incredibly proud of all your achievements this year.

To 6D and 6H,

As SATs week arrives it is not quite the same,
The tests that were printed this year never came,
The displays are still up; walls full of Maths 'rules',
But Year 6 is very different, at present, in schools.

For some of you, happiness, lots of relief,
For others a sigh of pure disbelief,
That you worked really hard in advance of this week,
Expected and Greater Depth marks you did seek.

Algebra, fractions, the times table drills,
Inference, retrieval, in-depth reading skills,
Past, present, progressive...and all the other SPaG,
You've practised and mastered them – you had it in the bag!

Fear not though, the SATs, yes, they won't happen this term,
But remember tests don't measure everything you learn,
Primary subjects are varied; you've always tried your best,
And many of those skills that you've gained can't be defined by a test.

So here at Lofthouse Gate, you've made us so proud,
We sit here with pride and we shout this out loud...
Year 6 you amaze us, you've come incredibly far...
And we don't need a test to see how amazing you are!

From all the staff at Lofthouse Gate ☺

Outwood Radio

Have you listened to Outwood Radio yet? The station features a range of Trust staff hosting their own shows and podcasts to inform, educate and entertain their listeners. Join in and give it a listen here:

<https://www.radioking.com/radio/outwood-radio>

For more information, follow the link:

<https://www.outwood.com/ogat-news/2020/4/20/outwood-radio-goes-live>



Mental Health & Wellbeing

Reminder: the green button is available on our website if you require external services or support.

The Anti-Bullying Alliance has developed some lessons on restorative thinking and positive relationships. During this lockdown period there may be times when we feel worried or stressed and this can lead to family tension, arguments and conflict. Follow the link below to find a few techniques on how to manage emotions, stay calm and encourage positive communication.

<https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/tools-information/advice-parents/restorative-thinking-and-positive-relationship-preventing-and>



OPA Lofthouse Gate Praised by Ofsted

We are so proud of our children and staff and of the continuous support from our families and local academy members. Please click here to read the full story.

<https://www.outwood.com/ogat-news/2020/5/13/outwood-primary-academy-lofthouse-gate-praised-by-ofsted>

Questions and Queries

The school office is closed for the time being. If you have any questions or queries, please contact school via the enquiries email address:

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