



NEWSLETTER

DATE 28th April 2023

UP COMING DATES

Monday 1st May - Bank Holiday

Thursday 4th May - Nursery closed to be used as a polling station

Monday 8th May - Bank Holiday for the King's Coronation

Tuesday 9th – Friday 12th May
Year 6 SATS

Friday 26th May - Break up for half term

Monday 5th June - Return to the academy

Please see the academy's website for all the upcoming term dates and closures, including next academic year.

<https://www.lofthousegate.outwood.com/term-dates-and-closures>

Drowning Prevention and Water Safety Week

This month, we have supported the **National Fire Chiefs Council (@NFCC_FireChiefs)** drowning prevention and water safety week. Please see the following important information to share with your child/children at home:

<https://nationalfirechiefs.org.uk/Be-Water-Aware>



BE WATER AWARE

Drowning prevention and water safety week

24th - 30th April 2023

#BeWaterAware

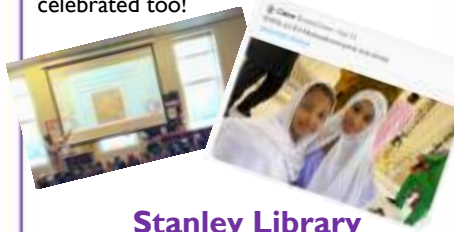
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Thank you and well done to everybody who completed the Read, Write Inc. phonics challenge over the half term. Our winners drawn at random from our raffle are: Kobei and Isaac. I hope you enjoy reading your new book!



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Following our Ramadan assembly last half term, Mrs Mahmood shared her family's Eid celebrations. The children were able to understand the importance of Eid-UL-Fitr for the Muslim community and show respect to different faiths/beliefs. We also loved hearing all about how our children celebrated too!



Stanley Library

We are very fortunate that our local library are able to offer book workshops and reading sessions to our Year 3 and Year 4 children. These will be taking place over the next term and we hope to continue visits into next academic year.

Jenson: I've enjoyed using the Lego and linking this to our plastic pollution topic which we're doing in geography.

Leila Mae: I've really enjoyed learning about all the different clubs and activities you can do at the library.

Toby: I've made a litter digger using the Lego. It's powered by the solar panel and it collects rubbish with the front of the car to try and help save the planet.

Finlay: We're making a happy world. It means people have recycled and the world is then a better place. There would be no plastic pollution.



Mental Health and Wellbeing

Thank you to everybody who joined us for our Future in Mind tea and talk morning this month. Please see the following website to access the wealth of resources and services available in our local area:

<https://www.wakefieldccg.nhs.uk/home/patient-in-wakefield/local-services/mental-health-and-wellbeing/children-and-young-people/future-in-mind>

If there are any specific services or support you would like to be available at OPA Lofthouse Gate, please let Miss Cleasby know and she will do her very best to organise.

We have regular assemblies and workshops in the diary to be delivered by our local CAMHS team (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services) and this month, Aidan hosted an assembly on promoting positive self-esteem, growth mindset and how to be mentally healthy.

Please see the resources for you to share with your child/children at home:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1srN0azhwplT_vfRWEjElaMtkcJlDvRAY/edit?usp=sharing&oid=115045398100468341459&rtpof=true&sd=true

There is a new emotional health and wellbeing service for children and young people in Wakefield District.

By texting BUZZ to 85258, you can access free, confidential support 24/7.

<https://bit.ly/EVWbservice>



Thank you to **School of Creative Arts Leeds City College (@CreativeArtsLCC)**

for including us in their most recent project to give away and share 20230 pieces of art by the end of this year. We are very grateful to receive these wonderful postcards and they have been handed out for your child/children to bring home!

We will also be using examples in our upcoming Art, Science and Diploma sessions.



It has been lovely to see and hear children discuss the art work given this month and share their opinions and observations.

Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Hewitt

