

A Message From Our Principal



Dear families and friends of OBA,

Last Thursday was one of my favourite events in the OBA calendar, namely our Open Evening. Our students and staff get to show off the Academy with a great sense of pride and achievement. A record number of 227 families attended the evening, eclipsing last year's previous record of 146! This is a real reflection of the fantastic relationships we have with our community, the high standards that our students display and the outstanding results that our youngsters achieve in their examinations.

One particularly popular highlight of the evening included our Animal Care room filled with a menagerie of lizards, snakes, rabbits, rats, cats and dogs – and even a ferret! The English Faculty were dressed as Harry Potter characters and led exciting treasure-hunt style activities, whereas in Science, a series of experiments resulted in fizzes, bangs and colourful explosions. The Drama Department's theatrical make-up demonstrations were a huge hit too, leaving lots of youngsters with some truly horrific looking fake injuries!

The event highlighted the great support we have from you and our community.

This will drive OBA to reach even higher heights!

Best wishes

Mr. M Wyss - Academy Principal



OBA Sponsored Brookvale U8s

Look Forward To New Season



OBA has been very proud to sponsor Brookvale Athletic Under 8s Football Club in their first season in the Halton District Junior Football League. The team currently has 9 players and is based on Woodside playing fields in Palacefields. The team, which formed last July started off as a group called 'Kool Kicks' which was run by coaches from Brookvale United Football Club. The team play in a non-competitive league in order to encourage learning and development.

Phil Slavin, team manager said: "We hold regular fundraising events to help towards the cost of equipment, our last event was a sponsored climb up Mount Snowdon and we plan on doing 13

consecutive half marathons before Christmas and next Easter and we are planning a 140 mile walk which will take between 5-7 days.

Our first season was a learning curve for both the team and myself. Each team member has their own individual skill base and they show great passion and commitment, they are a joy to teach and to watch, it's an honour to be a part of such a great family based club, these kids are the future of the sport."



Introducing Miss Zhao - OBA's New Chinese Language Assistant

My name is Zhao Siqin, my English name is Vicky. I am the new Chinese Language assistant at OBA of this year and I will be working here until June 2016. I come from the North of China, Henan province, which is famous for the ShaoLin Temple.

After I graduated from university, I went to Thailand where I volunteered as a Chinese teacher and taught Chinese there for two years. During that time, I found that I loved teaching and I really enjoy teaching Chinese, so that's when I decided to come to the UK.

As a Chinese teacher, my main task is to teach the students how to speak Chinese, however, I think the students will learn far more than a language itself. The students will learn topics such as Chinese daily life, Chinese classical dancing, traditional games, calligraphy and many more. I believe that the students will get a view of a colourful Chinese Culture during the whole year's lesson with me.

Last year Miss Xin ran a Chinese enrichment after school which I will also do this year. It will take place every Thursday from 3-4pm and students from all year groups are welcomed to join in. The enrichment will contain learning Mandarin Chinese and Chinese Culture. I am looking forward to working with all the students at OBA over the year I am here.

Miss Zhao



E-Safety What is my child doing online? - Gaming

The internet has changed the way that young people play games. Games can be played against anyone in the world, at any time and for as long as you want.

In the past, computer games were something you played against the computer, or friends that came round to your house. They were also something that you 'completed' and then moved onto the next one.

Online, you can adventure in complex worlds, create characters, and meet and make friends to fight battles and go on journeys together...

Almost anything that connects to the internet will allow you to play these games – desktop computers, laptops, consoles, like Playstation or Xbox, or even mobile phones.

Gaming is great fun, but just as with anything online, there are **risks you should help your child navigate** visit www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Secondary/Risks.



It's important that you're involved in your child's experiences, even if it feels like a different world!

Visit www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Secondary/What-are-they-doing/Gaming/ for some simple ways to help your child game safely.

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