

A Message From Our Principal



Dear families and friends of OBA,

We have had an emotional time at the Academy this week as we bade farewell to our superstar Year 11 students. They leave us in the knowledge that they have given their all and can be proud of their journey here with us. We shared some great memories at a special leavers' assembly and they were treated to an incredible version of the 'Uptown Funk' video featuring our staff!

We look forward to Year 11 Prom and wish them all the very best of luck for the future, be that back at our Sixth Form or further afield at new destinations.

You will read about some exciting trips that have taken place, as well as further sporting excellence. We have also had our two Summer Showcase music shows this week, of which there will be reports in next week's newsletter and once again they have been a wonderful celebration of our musical talent. A real highlight of these evenings has been the cream tea service provided by our Sixth Form catering students – a real service with a smile!

Best wishes and thank you for your continued support.

Mr. M Wyss - Academy Principal



OBA Gain Inclusion Quality Mark



To confirm its commitment to inclusion OBA has recently undergone re-assessment for the Inclusion Quality Mark. We are pleased to be able to inform you that the Academy fully meets the standards required and that we have been re-awarded the Inclusion Quality Mark. OBA intends to become a Centre of Excellence for inclusion and be seen as an Academy where people's lives are transformed and where every individual child really does matter.

The assessment process entailed completing an in-depth self-evaluation report and then evidencing the work undertaken by OBA through a rigorous two day visit from an assessor. During the visit the assessor was able to see the school at work and was able to experience its unique culture and ethos.

The assessor was very complimentary about the Academy and commented that his first impressions on arriving at the school were of confident and enthusiastic students and caring staff in a richly-resourced, well-organised learning environment, where every child is valued. He highlighted our transition programmes, between all key stages, as being outstanding and also commented on how hard staff work to ensure that every individual is helped to succeed.

OBA - Achievements of the Week



Congratulations to everyone involved with the O2 Awards, our very own Attendance Team won 'The Make A Difference Award' and two of our students were selected for the following awards:

Sarah Taylor – Highly commended for “Be More Champion”

Niamh Allanson – Highly commended for “Pupil of the Year”



Ormiston Bolingbroke Academy's very own Dragon Boat Racing Team came first place in the Merseyside completion, beating all other Merseyside and Cheshire Schools.

Word Of The Week—INFINITE



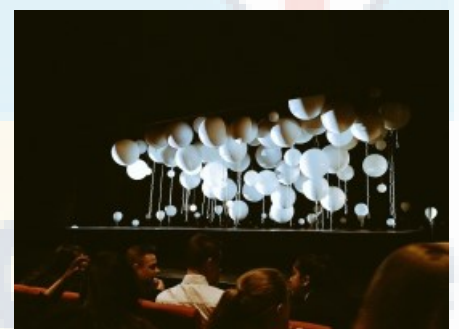
Infinite (Infinity)

Noun: Having no boundaries or limits. Immeasurably great or large; boundless. Limitless or endless in space, extent, or size; impossible to measure or calculate. A space or quantity that is infinite.

SENTENCE: "beyond the infinite, the space traveller is transformed"

SENTENCE: "the infinite mercy of God"

Year 10 Pupils Visit The Lowry Theatre



On Wednesday 10th June Miss Mc Kevitt and Miss Jackson took a group of 30 Drama students from Years 9, 10, 11 and Sixth Form to The Lowry Theatre, Salford Quays. Manchester.

There they watched the critically acclaimed performance “Constellations”.

The students thoroughly enjoyed the performance and were amazed by the interesting set and staging.

Their behaviour was exceptional and commended. It will provide the Year 10's, who attended, lots to write about as part of their GCSE Drama coursework. Get writing Year 10!

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| Year 8 Parents' Evening 2nd July —School closes at 2:30pm | Year 6 Transition Day/s—6th & 7th July |
| Sports Day—2nd July | Summer Fete—10th July |
| Year 7 Parents' Evening 8th July —School closes at 2:30pm | |

Around The World Project Visit Welsh Mountain Zoo

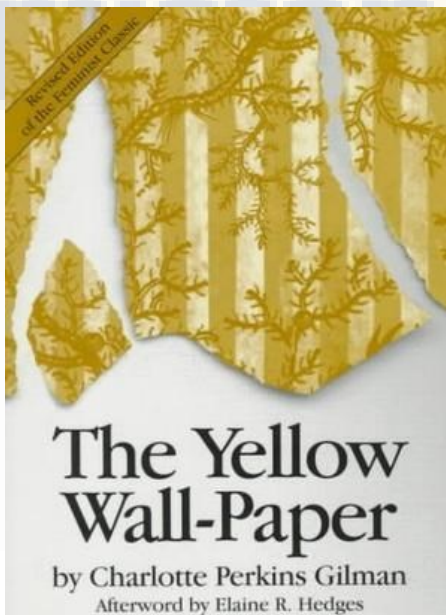
On Saturday 13th June our renowned Around The World Project took 40 Year 6 pupils on a trip to the Welsh Mountain Zoo in Colwyn Bay. The group had a fantastic day looking at an array of different creatures from across the globe including; meerkats, monkeys and tigers. They also had the opportunity to get up close and personal with the lemurs in their enclosure, as well as watch the penguins running across the centre of the zoo and see the sea lions having their lunch. A fantastic day was had by all pupils who have been attending the project since October last year. Each of them are very excited about joining the Academy in September.



The Yellow Wallpaper- Book Review by Ellie Mogg

OBA Book Review

The Yellow Wallpaper is a moderately short story about a woman (the narrator) who has rented a new home and is captivated by the yellow wallpaper in the room she stays in. The book is a feminist story about how women were treated, as the woman in the story is not given any decisions about the room she sleeps in or even what times she eats or sleeps. Whilst being this it also portrays the treatment of people with mental health problems as it is implied that the woman has post-natal depression due to the mention of a child that is never



in the story or near the woman. You can also infer that the woman has mental issues as she thinks she sees figures, and eventually a woman, behind the wallpaper who she wants to help 'escape the wallpaper'.

I really enjoyed this story as it has an ambiguous opening meaning it takes a lot of understanding to fully appreciate the story. I also enjoy how what you perceive in the beginning of the story is not what you determine at the end of the story. For example, how the wallpaper and the figure behind the wallpaper is symbolic to her and her own feelings of entrapment. Additionally, how damage to the room she stays in, what she believes to be created by the earlier residents, has been created by her, due to her unstable mental state.

Overall, it is a captivating story that successfully educates and widens the knowledge of the treatment and vulnerability of people with mental illness and women in the late 1800's.