

A Message From Our Principal



Dear families and friends of OBA,

I am delighted that you can read the full details of Stephanie Cullen's Dot-Art success in this newsletter. Good luck to Stephanie for the overall competition final!

We have also enjoyed real success with our sport teams; last week our Year 7 girls' rugby team beat one of my former schools, Sir Thomas Boteler from Warrington. This week our

Year 11 boys' footballers were victorious against another former school of mine, Wade Deacon in Widnes, winning the match 5-0! I am of course not one to gloat but I am very proud of our young sportspersons.

You can also enjoy a book review here by Chelsea Pemberton in Year 9, the first of a regular feature in our newsletters that will seek to inspire a real love of reading for pleasure.

Finally please keep supporting, encouraging and motivating our Year 11 and Sixth Form students as they continue their journey through the current examination season. Half-term is on the horizon and then the end is in sight. We all know you can do it – keep going!

Best wishes

Mr. M Wyss - Academy Principal

Year 7 Girls Rugby Team Triumph In First Home Game

The Yr7 girls' rugby team ended their first home game on a high on Thursday 7th May with a 5-1 victory over Sir Thomas Boteler High School from Warrington. Congratulations to the girls who will hopefully have much more success to come. Congratulations to;



- Taylor Braithwaite
- Georgia O'Sullivan
- Jessica Keggin
- Alicia Smith
- Anna Ng
- Jodie Pike
- Patrice Atkins



UPCOMING EVENTS

Year 9 Parents' Evening 20th May—School closes at 2:30pm

Year 6 Transition Day/s—6th & 7th July

Year 8 Parents' Evening 2nd July —School closes at 2:30pm

Sports Day—2nd July

Year 7 Parents' Evening 8th July —School closes at 2:30pm

Summer Fete—16th July

Steph's Artwork To Be Displayed In Liverpool Exhibition



Dot-Art Schools is an annual interactive online inter-school art competition. It is designed to nurture talent, raise ambition, and take art out of the classroom and into the real world. Dot-Art Schools offers a way of keeping young people engaged with the arts, allows them to seek a creative career path, and encourages them to attend exhibitions and engage with culture, outside of school.

The winners of this year's competition have been announced for all the schools with 1st, 2nd and 3rd choices. All students who have been awarded 1st place for their schools will be put forward to the grand exhibition and overall competition at St. George's Hall in Liverpool starting with a private viewing on Thursday 4th June. Work will be on show until 20th June.

We are very excited to announce that **Stephanie Cullen** has been awarded 1st place and will be representing us at the exhibition. Sarah Munro was awarded 2nd place and Laura Carney 3rd. Thank you to everyone who took the time to vote. Now it's in the lap of the judges for the overall prize. The winner will be

announced on the 4th June, good luck Steph!

Staff Undertake e-safety Training

On Wednesday 13th May a number of OBA staff attended an e-safety training session held by PC Jane Tetlow of Cheshire Police to increase our commitment to the safety of all of our pupils. Staff learned about different forms of social media and apps and the way these can be used, as well as gaming and cyberbullying and routes to take if they have any concerns about the online safety of pupils.

Parents and carers can also access information on these issues online at <http://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/?order=title#>



Year 9 Parents' Evening Wednesday 20th May 3:15pm—7:30pm

The event provides an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress in school with their subject teachers. We feel that it is important that you attend in order to receive an up-to-date view of your child's progress at this critical time near the end of Year 9.

Parents/carers are able to book their appointments using our online booking system or by contacting a member of the admin team on 01928 711643 to book the appointment for you.



OBA Futures Hair and Beauty Salon



NEW OPENING HOURS

Mon - Fri 3pm - 7pm

Sat - 9am - 3pm

Contact number for all appointments:

01928 755309



OBA School Enrichment



We're back with some fantastic news for Browne House this summer term so far with them stealing the show for enrichment!

However, numbers are dipping so I am calling upon everyone to really get behind their enrichments with their tutors and get those registers flying in! Here's how things stand at the minute with last week's attendance:

- In 1st place for a second week running we have **BROWNE HOUSE** with a fantastic 46 enrichments attended!
- 2nd place is **TAFARI** with 43 enrichments attended. And here's where it gets really close again fighting for the top 3 spot...
- 3rd place sees **NICKSON** with 39 attended with **WILSON** just in

the wings there in 4th place with 36 attended for the week.

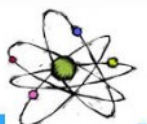
- In 5th place just taking it all in at the minute is our **COTTRELL-BOYCE** lot with 30 enrichments attended for the week.
- The Summer Term's starting to shape up like this as:
 - 1st **BROWNE** (190)
 - 2nd **NICKSON** (182)
 - 3rd **TAFARI** (174)
 - 4th **WILSON** (163)
 - 5th **COTTRELL-BOYCE** (143)

So what else is going on? Check this out:

- All the latest news and twitterings on [Twitter @OBAGetEnriched](#). Can we make it to 200 followers before the summer!?

ACTIVITES!! Cycling Club starts back **THIS** Saturday 9th May! Golf every Wednesday! Martial Arts taster session coming soon! Comedy Central coming soon! DoE is BACK!

Phew. It's another busy one!



Enrichment

OBA Book Review



Book review by Chelsea Pemberton

The last book I read was 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time' by Mark Haddon.

My first thoughts when I saw the cover of the book was that it was a murder mystery book I didn't expect it to be as good as it turned out to be! However, when I then read the blurb my thoughts were instantly changed.

The main character featured in the book is Christopher Boone, a 15 year old boy with autism. With Christopher suffering from autism this results in him not liking being touched, being in small spaces or talking to strangers. Christopher lives with his father and does not like the colour yellow or brown, he also has a talent for maths and can do impossible sums in his head. Interestingly, the chapters are prime numbers because Christopher likes prime numbers and this makes him feel calm and soothed when doing this and other maths problems. In the book Christopher's pet rat is mentioned quite often. He is a nice, clean rat called Toby. He plays the part of the boy's close partner and friend as the rat makes him feel safe. The other main character is Christopher's father (who we don't know the name of). He is a plumber for the community and is a carer for Christopher.

My favourite character is Christopher because in the book it explains how his mind works and how he feels, this I find interesting because it can give you an eyesight into an autistic child's mind and how it works. Another reason I like Christopher is that he explains everything he says. For example; when Christopher mentions a difficult word, he says what it means afterwards making it easier for the reader to understand what he is saying, I also feel like he needs to justify what he is saying by expanding on what he means on a topic.

'The Curious Incident Of The Dog In The Night Time' is about an autistic boy who finds a dead dog in a neighbour's front garden and decides to solve the mystery. Along the way he explains his life, going into detail about his likes, dislikes and general knowledge. In the book many drastic events occur throughout the novel. One of my favourite moments was when he finds out about his mother being alive; the reason for this is because it totally surprises the reader and makes them feel true emotion and feeling towards the boy. Another event that happened in the book that I liked was when his pet rat, Toby, died. This is because it made the reader sympathetic towards Christopher because that was his only 'friend' throughout the book.

My thoughts on the book is that it is educational and will help people of all ages understand about the life in the eyes of an autistic teen which I think is a good way to write because any age can read it. I also think it's interesting that the author had decided to write in such a way; this interests me because not many books have been written like this and this is the first book I have ever read in this style. I think the twists and turns made the reader on edge and want to read more.

The book made me feel fortunate because I would find it very difficult to be in both Christopher and the fathers' position. The book also made me feel surprised because I didn't expect the events to happen at all!

I would rate this book 9/10 and I would recommend this book to all ages because it's an experience for all. If I could sum up this book in one word it would be unique because I really enjoyed this book I would read it again. Also not many books are like this and it makes it different to other genres.

