

A Message From Our Principal



Dear families and friends of OBA,

The Academy has again been busy with many interesting events this week. Thursday was National Poetry Day and this was celebrated in style, with members of staff and Sixth Formers giving readings of their favourite poems on the theme of 'Remember' to Years 7-10 in our library. In addition, pupils performed their own poetry pieces to each other in the 'Poetry Slam' competition. Both events were great fun and are key to supporting our English & Literacy specialism.

Earlier in the week, a group of our Year 10 students went to Manchester Airport to take part in a 'Dragon's Den' enterprise competition; they impressed the judges with their Christmas decoration product and received a £100 investment to buy materials for the product. A fantastic achievement!

There were some sporting highlights this week too, as Year 11 students Lauren Skiffington & Kaitlin Falconer took part in a sailing trip around the English Coast. They visited places such as Poole and Dorset on their grand voyage. In addition, the Academy was successful in gaining the national Silver Level School Sports Mark award – another superb success for us to celebrate.

As you can imagine, I am extremely proud of all our students and staff, in particular those involved in the above events.

Best wishes

Mr. M Wyss - Academy Principal

Coffee Morning Raises £600 for Macmillan

The Hairdressing and Beauty department hosted a Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 26th September. A selection of drinks and delicious cakes were made and served by Miss Ray and students in the catering department. Members of the public and OBA staff were invited to the Hair and Beauty Salon for discounted treatments such as; a wash and blow dry, file and polish or an eyebrow wax. All proceeds went to Macmillan Cancer Support. A raffle ran throughout the day with some fantastic prizes donated by local businesses within the area. Overall we raised around £600 for Macmillan Cancer Support. Miss Finnigan, Hairdressing teacher who organised the event said; "It was great to see so many people getting involved with the coffee morning. A big thank you to everyone who helped out, donated prizes or came along on the day to help us to raise some money for such a good cause."



OBA Celebrates European Day of Languages

On Friday 26th September, OBA celebrated the annual European Day of Languages. Building on the success of last year, there were lots of exciting events going on across the whole school, with the aim of highlighting the importance of language learning and cultural awareness. The celebrations began at the start of the week, with a European themed menu that took place every day in the school canteen. Students had the chance to taste a selection of European foods, including *Paella, Coq au vin, Bratwurst, Piri piri chicken and Italian pasta dishes.*

There was also a Vocab Express competition running throughout the whole week, with our students competing against other schools in the country to see who could achieve the most points! On the day itself, we had a dance master class delivered by **Movema Dance School** from Liverpool, who showcased various Latin American dance styles and led students in learning dance routines in Flamenco, Samba, Salsa and Street Dance. There were different language lessons delivered by non-language teachers, including Polish by Miss Holmes, Irish by Miss McKeivitt and German by Miss Leonard-Dodd. Miss Xin, our very own Mandarin language assistant also delivered a taster lesson in Mandarin Chinese for a lucky group of students.

A group of Year 9 students also spent the whole day working with Miss Ray, researching into different menus from across the world, devising their own menus and creating the food, which tasted amazing! Alongside all of this were cross curricular lessons taking place in almost every department, such as bunting making with Technology, Latin terminology with Science and world flags in Geography to name a few!

The MFL department would like to say a huge **'thank you'** to all staff for helping to celebrate and promote the event. The whole day was a fantastic success and we look forward to making it an even bigger event next year.



PE Dept Awarded Silver Sports Mark

We are very proud to announce that Ormiston Bolingbroke Academy have been accredited with SILVER level School Games Sports Mark Award.

The PE Department worked tirelessly over the last academic year to ensure that the students gained the recognition they deserve for their participation and leadership within PE lessons, intra and inter competitions. Ormiston Bolingbroke Academy PE Department continue to strive for excellence and ensuring that all students have access to a world class sporting curriculum and enrichment opportunities.

