

A Message From Our Principal



Last week saw a number of successes for the Academy, two teams from OBA took part in a robotics competition on Thursday. With the successful team set to take part in a regional challenge in July.

Kenniann Grainger in year 12 was awarded Student of the Year at the O2 Think Big Young People Awards 2014. Kenniann's nomination noted that she "has the perfect balance of being caring yet extremely professional. She always has a smile on her face and gives 110% in every situation... Kenniann has put huge amounts of effort into helping the lives of others in OBA".

Students are preparing for Sports Week and will be choosing teams to represent their House in a variety of sports. The annual Merseyside Dragon Boat competition takes place this week in which OBA has a proud record of success, we wish our team good luck!

Mr. J Rigby—Principal

OBA Scoop Awards at O2 Young People's Awards

On Friday 13th June Pupils from OBA and some of our partner primary schools visited O2 in Preston Brook to attend the O2 Young People's Awards 2014.

We were very lucky to receive nominations in 3 categories and pupils were accompanied by Miss Walsh, Mrs Snagg and Miss Fleetwood to a special VIP awards ceremony where they were treated to a host of goodies and had the chance to meet players and mascots from the Widnes Vikings and Warrington Wolves rugby teams.

Year 12 pupil Kenniann Grainger won in her category of 'Pupil of the Year 2014' for her contributions to the academy and local community. A hard-earned and thoroughly deserved award, well done Kenniann!

As well as this Leah Bentley (Yr10) achieved the runner-up position in her category 'Inspirational Young Person 2014', and the OBA Around the World on a Saturday programme for Yr6 pupils was also awarded the runner-up prize in the 'Project of the Year 2014' category.

Miss Walsh said; "We had a fantastic afternoon at the awards ceremony and it was brilliant to see the hard work and achievements our staff and pupils recognised by a company such as O2.

Nominees from around the North West attended the ceremony and it was very inspiring to see all of the good work being done by young people from across the region, especially those here at OBA"



Sun, Sea, Sand and Sports: OBA Visit Spain

A group of OBA pupils visited Spain for an action-packed, fun-filled week of activities for a couple of days in May, from the 17th to the 22nd May.

On arrival the group headed straight to the pool to enjoy the sun, pupils enjoyed pool games including a swimming race between Mr McIntyre and top swimmer Levi Gumbs, in which Levi reigned victorious! A tour of the facilities and dinner was then followed by beach games including volleyball and slack lining.

The Water Sports day was amazing as the children tried their hands at a variety of different activities including windsurfing, kayaking and paddle boarding. A storm rolled in as the waves grew to sizes of around 7 feet making kayaking a very exciting experience. It was hard not to laugh at Callum Brown paddling the Kayak singing Sponge Bob Square Pants at the top of his voice, whilst Josh Farrington just sat lazing in the middle.

Off to Barcelona, the children went from the Nou Camp to the harbour with beautiful Cathedrals and parliament buildings in between, not leaving out a long walk up Las Ramblas. A short coach journey back to the hotel and straight to dinner. Following dinner another interesting evening activity, Coasteering, climbing up rocks and jumping off cliffs into the ocean. Again the waves were huge and the children overcame their fears to jump into the stormy sea.

The trip coming to a close meant only one thing, Waterworld. The weather stayed relatively warm and the park was empty allowing the children unlimited access to all the rides, the most exciting being Speed Fury, it took us around half an hour just to get Matthew Kyprian and Miss Roper down the slide!



OBA Team Triumphs in Robotics Challenge

Two OBA teams took part in a robotics competition on Thursday 12th June.

The challenge was to construct a Vex robot within an allotted time. The finished robots then had to pick up tennis balls and put them into a basket, the team with the most tennis balls in the basket was the winner.

The teams were as follows; Team A: James MacFayden, Owen French, Lewis Roberts and Lewis Dunbar. Team B: Connor Snape, Connor Ogden, Shaun Greenley, Ryan Murphy.

The teams were placed into a league and then progressed into the knockout stages. OBA Team A won all of their league games and OBA Team B drew the first 2 and won the last. This meant unfortunately that OBA Team A played OBA Team B in the semi-final. In a tense derby match the game was close with a 7-5 score line eventually going to OBA Team A.

The final was against The Bankfield School with the score being 9-1 to OBA. The students represented the school fantastically and head off to the grand final against 9 other schools from the north-west at Aintree Racecourse on Tuesday 17th June. Good luck!

