

HEADTEACHERS UPDATE NO.12

OFFA'S MEAD ACADEMY

WELCOME BACK AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

The children have made a positive start back after the break and are getting stuck in to their new learning projects. Class letters and topic grids will be sent out in the next few days by teachers so you know what the children will be learning.

French Lessons

This term the children in Key Stage Two will begin to learn French. Learning a modern foreign language is part of the National Curriculum, which we follow here at Offa's Mead Academy. We took the decision to introduce new approaches to writing and reading, alongside our Cornerstones as, alongside these we were wanted to introduce French lessons first. French lessons for the children will be 30 minute sessions each week in their classes. We have chosen French as Hazelwood Academy have a French specialist who will be able to support class teachers and additionally it is one of the languages that Wyedean offer.



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We are delighted to be welcoming Mrs Morgan, one of our fantastic teaching assistants back this term. Mrs Morgan has been unwell but has returned and will continue to support Y3 pupils as well as running a range of interventions for other children who need additional targeted support to catch up and keep up.

This term we have introduced a safeguarding assembly which takes place every Thursday. In our assembly this week we have been thinking with the children about who they can go to in school if they need help or feel sad or unsafe. We talked about how important it is to let the adults in school know about these things in order that we can help. Some of the children have said that they don't always know if things have been followed up so the adults in school have also been thinking about this and how we can make this better. Our lunchtime supervisors have training scheduled for next week where they will be working with some KS2 children to develop our 'Wellbeing Leaders' and build on the great work that Mr Freeman has done with staff on creating playground zones.



Reading Force

Reading Force is a shared reading scheme that was launched six years ago in Aldershot which has been developed to help Service families to keep close and connected during times of movement or deployment. It is free for all Armed Forces personnel and their families. They provide special scrapbooks and books to families which they can share over Skype or FaceTime if a loved one is away on training or deployment. The scrapbooks can be completed with thoughts, pictures, photos about the book. We have a number of scrapbooks in school available to any of our Service families and with every scrapbook there is a postcard which can be completed to request a free book. Offa's Mead Academy are proud to be supporting this initiative as we know that our children with a loved one in the Forces generally experience greater disruption than their civilian peers. Further information can be found at www.readingforce.org.uk

Upcoming Events

Friday 18th January 2019 – FOOMA Skittle Night @ 7.30pm in The Legion, Sedbury - £1 per game

W/C 21st January 2019 – New after school and lunch time clubs

Friday 25th January 2019 – Young Voices choir visit to Birmingham

W/C 4th February – Cycle Training Year 6 pupils

Friday 15th February 2019 – FOOMA Disco

W/C 18th February 2019 – Half term



TESCO BAGS OF HELP

FOOMA are pleased to announce that Offa's Mead Academy are collecting tokens at Tesco BAGS OF HELP programme at their Chepstow store. Please encourage all friends and family to ask for a token and support us for much needed funds for a new library at our school.

SPREAD THE WORD

Thank you as always for your continued support

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