

9<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

## Re: Principal's Update; T1.6

Another week has passed and as always it was a busy one. Extracurricular activities before, after and during the school day are really beginning to build momentum. If your child has not yet got involved, then please do encourage them to do so. The timetable can be found at the following link. This is growing all the time and a new one will be launched in Term 2. [Extra-Curricular-Programme-T1.pdf](https://oak-academy.co.uk/Extra-Curricular-Programme-T1.pdf) ([oak-academy.co.uk](https://oak-academy.co.uk))

## World Food Day

We are excited to announce that Oak Academy will be commemorating World Food Day for the very first time on Monday, October 16th.

This global event provides a fantastic opportunity for us to come together as a school community, raise awareness of different foods, flavours, colours, spices, and celebrate our diverse cultural backgrounds, all while fostering a spirit of unity and appreciation for diversity at our school.

As this is our inaugural celebration of World Food Day, there are a few details that we would like to share with you to ensure a successful event. For this year's celebration, we will be focusing on foods that are suitable for storing at room temperature. Unfortunately, this means that we won't be able to accommodate dishes that require refrigeration or heating. Items such as meat, chicken, fish, or ingredients that need specific temperature control will not be suitable for this event.



Instead, we encourage you to bring delicious treats that can be safely stored and enjoyed at room temperature.

Cookies 🍪    Cupcakes 🧁    Cakes 🍰    Breads 🍞    Loaves 🍲    Grains 🌾  
Vegetables 🥦    Fruits 🍌    Herbs 🌿

Here are some examples of international dishes that can be stored and served at room temperature, making them ideal for events like World Food Day:

**From Nigeria:** Chin Chin, Coconut Candy, Plantain Cake, Gingerbread Cake, Buns, Choco Milo Cake.

**From Zimbabwe:** Maputi, Honey Cake, Mahewu, Sadza.

**From Italy:** Bruschetta, Panettone, Caprese Salad, Vegetarian Arancini, Cantucci (Biscotti), Torrone, Pizzelle, Savoiardi.

**From Lebanon:** Tabbouleh

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**From Greece:** Spanakopita

**From the Middle East:** Hummus and Pitta, Baklava.

**From Spain and Mexico:** Empanadas.

These dishes offer a delightful array of flavours and cultures while being suitable for room temperature storage and serving.

Please consider bringing traditional garments, decorations, art, and musical instruments to showcase our diverse backgrounds and culture. This year, the event is limited to students and staff only. Hopefully, we may extend the invitation to parents and family in the future.

Stay tuned for more updates related to World Food Day.

### Oak Points

This week staff have been back to logging Oak Points and our year group winners can be seen below.

Year Group	Oak Point Average		Top student/students
	T1.2	T1.4	
7	4.08	4.14	Tommy Allen-Pursar (4.53)
8	4.08	4.08	Elise Wallage (4.64)
9	3.99	3.99	Leon Phelps (4.43)
10	4.24	4.06	Louise Blewr (4.33)
11	4.15	4.14	Izaebelle Daley (4.52)

### Core Value Postcards



There were plenty of core value tear off slips in the drop boxes again this week. Students should have also brought these postcards home to you. On Friday one name was drawn from each box and our winners can be found below.

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Core Value	Name
<b>Respect</b>	Jayden James Tucker
<b>Community</b>	Isaac Haskell
<b>Excellence</b>	Elise Wallage
<b>Kindness</b>	Ellie-Louise Miller
<b>Courage</b>	Harvey Lennon

## Communication

A communicated last week, we are working hard to improve the way in which you are able to make contact with the school. From today please can I ask that any non-urgent contact with the school is made via your child's year group email which can be found below.

[year7@oak-academy.co.uk](mailto:year7@oak-academy.co.uk)

[year8@oak-academy.co.uk](mailto:year8@oak-academy.co.uk)

[year9@oak-academy.co.uk](mailto:year9@oak-academy.co.uk)

[year10@oak-academy.co.uk](mailto:year10@oak-academy.co.uk)

[year11@oak-academy.co.uk](mailto:year11@oak-academy.co.uk)

During this week we will also be altering the phone lines to support you being able to contact relevant teams by phone. As mentioned above, this should be done for urgent reasons only, as the phone lines get extremely busy in the day.

As always many thanks for your support. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at [hayley.richley@oak-academy.co.uk](mailto:hayley.richley@oak-academy.co.uk).

Yours Sincerely,



Hayley Richley  
**Principal**

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