



Oak Lodge Newsletter

26th April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

This week we celebrated Stephen's achievement of completing the London marathon last Sunday – despite an early injury. Stephen gave an assembly on his journey through the Marathon and says a big thank you for all the sponsorship which will go towards Sign Health – an organisation supporting the Deaf community.



I am very proud to be saying a huge well done to Ms Mukasa and Iza Luczak-Wisniewska for achieving the Best Practice Teaching Assistant Award on behalf of the school. This has been a yearlong project and a big thank you goes to all the TA's who worked hard to ensure that we achieved this accreditation.

Spring has almost arrived ! – with our gardening and horticultural classes busy clearing the ground and planting seeds for all our home grown vegetables and fruit.

On sunny days if pupils wish to wear short sleeved white school shirts and tailored grey or black shorts as per our uniform code that is fine – but please check the weather as it is still very changeable at present.



Best wishes

Caroline Rowlandson
Headteacher

Dates for your diary:

First day of Summer term 1	Monday 15th April 2024 (Pupils start 10.00am)
May Bank Holiday	6 May – School Closed
School Prom	18 June 2024 , Oak Lodge / The Bedford, SW12 9HD
Sports Day	25 June 2024
Parents Evening	12 June 2024
Summer Fair and Awards	11 July 2024



PHOENIX HOUSE
RESIDENTIAL SERVICE

22nd -25th April

- This week we had a really exciting week in residential. We had the opportunity of attending a Premier League game with Crystal Palace vs Newcastle and with a home win for Crystal Palace the atmosphere was brilliant. There was also outings to Deaf club and Gravity, along with some activities in the residential including a sewing lesson and games!





OUR SCHOOL HAS ACHIEVED THE

Best Practice with Teaching Assistants Award

Maximising the impact of teaching assistants across our school

2024 - 2027

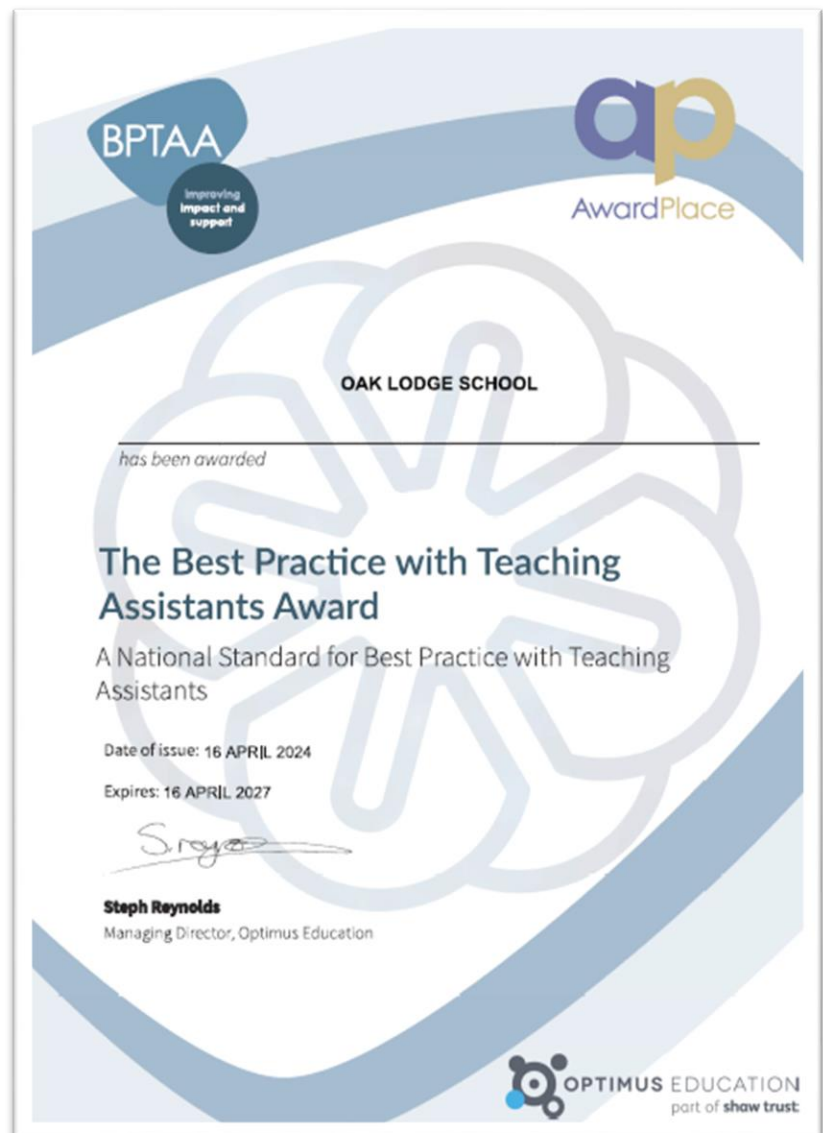


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Oak Lodge School has been awarded the Best Practice with Teaching Assistants Award (BPTAA). This is an exciting national award which supports school improvement.

The main aims of the BPTAA were:

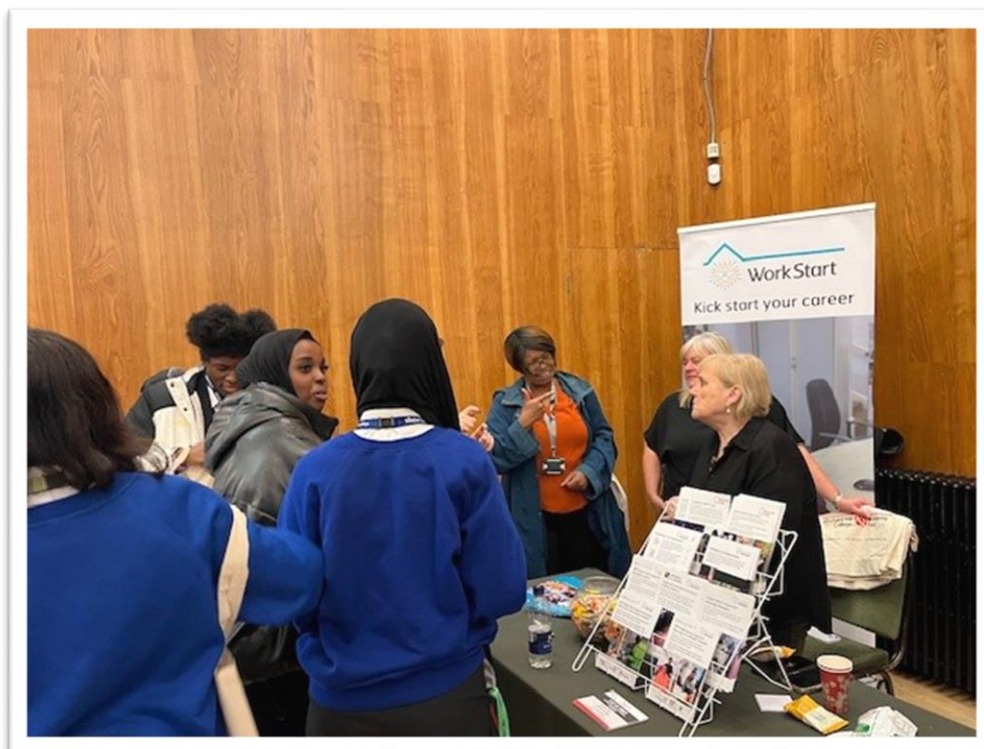
- To recognise and celebrate the role of teaching assistants in supporting the teaching and learning and pastoral care of students.
- To evaluate, monitor and support the leadership, management and development of teaching assistants.



Congratulations to all the teaching assistants and teachers whose hard work made the achievement of this award possible.

Pre-Vocs and Year 11 went to Get Set Go, an event for young people with Special Educational Need and Disabilities to prepare them for adulthood. The students were able to speak to service providers on training, housing, employment, education and health.

Annabel Bowen from Balfour Beatty spoke to Pre-Vocs via Zoom about her career journey as a Deaf person. She is now a graphic designer with Balfour Beatty, a large construction company but she also shared insights about her education and previous part-time jobs with the students.





*Well done to Stephen
who completed the
marathon run in just
over 6 hours.
An amazing feat!!*

Exploring Repertoire:

ALICE IN WONDERLAND

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Saturday 1 and Sunday 2 June

Join us at half-term for repertoire coaching with our team of dance artists.

With workshops for ages 3+ to include adults, Silver Swans and graded classical ballet sessions, plus hip hop, creative and All Boys focused opportunities.

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Online Safety Newsletter Tips March 2024

Setting up parental controls on your child's mobile

If you do not have the same mobile phone as your child, and therefore are unable to use Google Family link or Apple Family Sharing, then you can set restrictions on your child's device instead.

Apple devices:

To set up restrictions on your child's device directly (rather than using an app) then follow the instructions on the link below:

<https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT201304>

The instructions will show you how to get to the settings on your child's phone and then how to set restrictions such as restrict content, schedule downtime, set time limits for apps. You will need to set a passcode 'use a screen time passcode' to ensure changes cannot be made after you have set them.

Android devices: As with the above link, this link shows you how to set up parental controls on the device itself by creating a PIN:

<https://support.google.com/googleplay/answer/1075738?hl=enGB#zippy=%2Cfor-family-memberswho-manage-their-own-accounts>

EE Learn

EE Learn includes an array of information and guidance on how to keep your child safe online, for example tips on how to help your child when they are online.

Find out more here:

<https://ee.co.uk/do-more-withee/learn>

PlayStation

Does your child have a PlayStation? If so, have you set up appropriate parental controls? Some examples of the parental controls available are:

- Set age restrictions,
- Set daily limits,
- Control chat and messaging,
- Set spend limits.

How can I block/report other players?

If your child is playing with other players, then please ensure they know how to report/block other players and to tell a trusted adult if they do come across anything upsetting or that they are unsure of. This link details how to do this based on the device they have:

<https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/support/account/block-players-psn/>

What games are suitable for my child?

PlayStation have included a list of games along with their age rating to help you find a game that may be appropriate for your child to play. <https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/editorial/great-ps4-games-for-kidsand-families/>

Whilst age ratings do allow you to see if a game may be appropriate, it is also important to review the game yourself and see if it includes additional features such as chat. This will allow you to make an informed decision as to whether it is suitable and if you need to apply further parental controls.

Further information You can find out more about the controls available here: <https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/parental-controls/>

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YouTube Shorts

You should be over 13 to post videos on YouTube. YouTube Shorts are short videos which are similar in format to videos you find on TikTok or Instagram Reels.

'Shorts' are available to watch on the YouTube homepage or on the Shorts tab in the app. As they are quick to watch, they can be addictive and lead to excessive screen time. If your child is watching these videos, ensure they know that there is a report button. Further information can be found at the link below.

<https://ineqe.com/2021/07/01/youtube-shorts-need-to-know/>

OAK LODGE TERM DATES

Spring Term	Date/s
First day of Spring term 1	Monday 8th January 2024 (Pupils start 10.00am)
Half-term (school closed)	Monday 12th February– Friday 16th February 2024
First day of Spring term 2	Monday 19th February 2024
Last day of Spring term	Thursday 28th March 2024 (school ends at 1.30pm)
Summer Term	Date/s
First day of Summer term 1	Monday 15th April 2024 (Pupils start 10.00am)
May Bank holiday (School closed)	Monday 6th May 2024
Half term (School closed)	Monday 27th May 2024 – Friday 31st May 2024
First day of Summer term 2	Monday 3rd June (Pupils start 10.00am)
Last day of Summer term	Friday 19 th July 2024 (School ends at 1.30pm)
Staff INSET Days	Monday 22 nd and Tuesday 23 rd July 2024 (Staff only)

The timetable allows for the legal 195 school days. This includes the 190 days when the school must be open to pupils and 4 staff training days. The 5 staff training and development days are decided by the school's governing body according to the school's development planning cycle. Our 5th training day will be made up by 6 twilight sessions after school on a Wednesday.

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