

OADR Update

Friday 01 March 2024

Thank you to parents/carers who attended our meeting regarding the new site earlier this week. I appreciate that there were others who were unable to attend due to work/other commitments. This will not be the last of these and I will aim to keep you updated via this newsletter every few weeks and there is a short piece below.

It has felt like a really positive week at OADR. Students have re-settled into our routines after half term and some (slightly!) better weather has meant students have been able to get outside more. We recognised LGBTQ+ month with a powerful assembly by Miss Baker with excellent engagement from our students. We are entering key staff recruitment season and we have already made some excellent appointments for next year. A number of new posts are being advertised to meet the needs of our growth with lots of interviews scheduled this term. We will give you further details of the additional appointments in due course. Today is an exciting day as parents/carers (myself included!) receive confirmation of secondary school places for next year. Our numbers look strong, and work is already underway in planning the transition of our new cohort from Year 6 to 7.

Have a good weekend!

Mr Shaw (Acting Head of School)

New Building/Year 2 temps Update

Further to the parent/carer event on Monday, you will all have received the letter from myself and Ms Boomer-Clark, which provided some details for those unable to make it. I recognise how frustrating this situation will feel for our entire community – it is a frustration we share. I can only try to assure you that everyone at OADR will continue to strive to give your children the very best possible experience and care. The developments to the temporary site for year 2 will offer a great deal, albeit we know not the ideal solution. A school is not just the building but the community within it and OADR will continue to grow as an amazing one to be a part of.

Some images of the progress made on the new site in recent weeks and a reminder of what we will have...



Mr Shaw (Acting Head of School)

World Book Day

A reminder that we will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 8th March. This is a fantastic opportunity for your child to dress up as their favourite character from a book and to get involved in lots of exciting activities! There will be prizes and certificates awarded for the best costumes. Please be advised that **it is not a non-uniform day**. For students who do not want to dress up, they will be expected to be at school in full uniform. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me.

Miss Carmichael (Head of English)

St David's Day Celebrations

On Friday 1st March, we celebrated St David's Day (the patron saint of Wales). Staff dressed in red (and some other interesting additions!). Students took part in Welsh themed Maths lessons and were given daffodil badges to mark the day. I think it's fair to say that the highlight of the day for students (and staff) was break time where everyone had the chance to try Welsh Cakes – fresh from over the bridge this morning courtesy of Mr Bushby! Thank you to staff and students for really getting in the spirit of things.



Mrs Bufton (Associate Assistant Principal)

Sweets in School

Thank you for your support in recent weeks with students not bringing fizzy/energy drinks into school. We are noticing some students bringing a LOT of sweets and lollipops in. We are currently reviewing our policy in terms of students having sweets in school. In the meantime, please do have conversations with your children about healthy choices/moderation.

Ms Binns (Associate Assistant Principal)

Art

In recent lessons, students have been making Kimmy Cantrell style masks. As you will see below, they have shown real creativity and flair as well as having lots of fun making them.



Ms Binns (Associate Assistant Principal and Art Teacher)

Hot Chocolate Friday

We postponed Hot Choc Friday this week as everyone was more interested in Welsh cakes than talking to Mr Shaw! Normal service resumes next week.

Mrs Bufton (Associate Assistant Principal)

Key Dates

Monday 18 March 2024 – INSET Day (Students NOT in school)

Thursday 21 March and Tuesday 26 March 2024 – Parents' Evenings

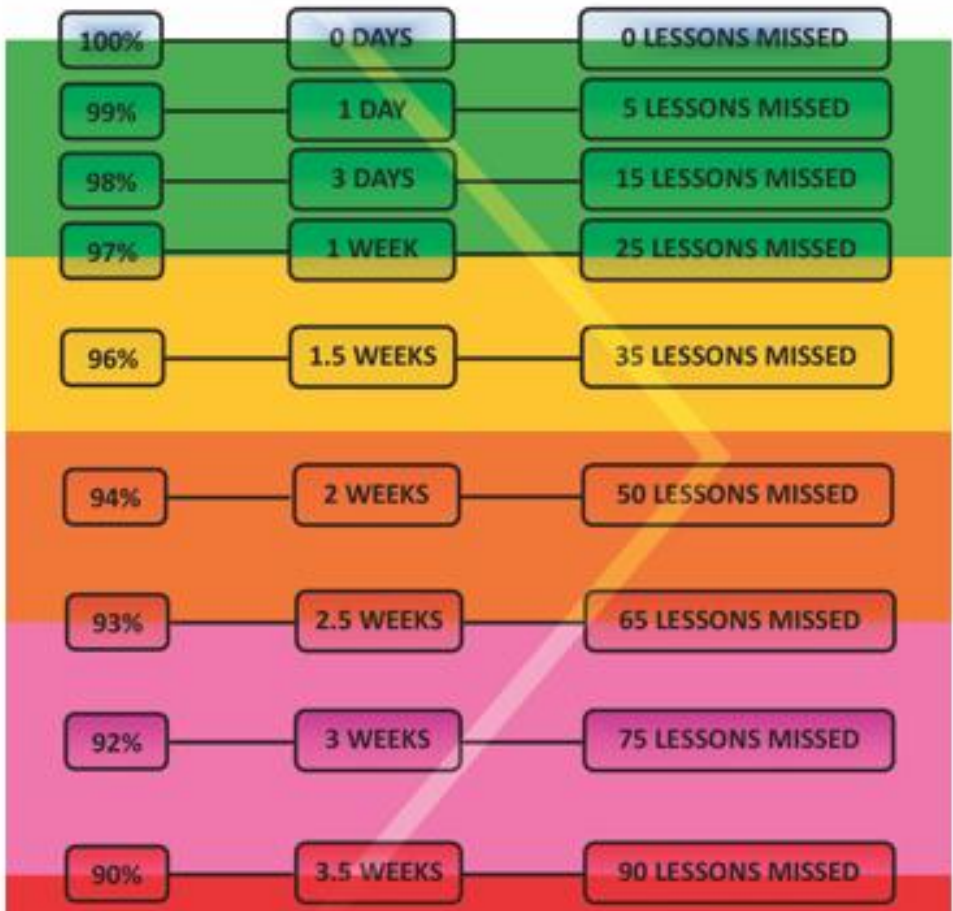
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Yellow	Risk of underachievement
Amber	Serious risk of underachievement
Pink	Severe risk of underachievement
Red	Extreme risk - Court action



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