

Word of the week

Salient- adjective

Most noticeable or important.
The article presented the **salient** facts of the dispute clearly and concisely.

Value of the week

Celebration- Celebrating our successes and acknowledging personal growth helps keep us on track and motivated towards our goals.

Weekly reflection

Celebrate life in all its glory- challenge yourself to let the routine sing, and the new dance.

Maximillian Degenez

Studying at home

As we come towards the end of the summer term, we would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge how well many of you have adapted and risen to the challenges of remote home learning. Remote learning may continue to play some role in the school experience for scholars in the next academic year and we should see this as an opportunity to take charge of our own learning and develop independent learning skills to work towards achieving exceptional outcomes.

Teachers have been working hard to provide you with high quality lessons and resources, which can be accessed via the Home Learning platform on the school website. These will remain over the holidays for any scholars still working through them. Everyone in the academy is looking forward to welcoming you back in the new academic year - stay safe and keep learning!

Spelling tip

One way to improve your spelling is to make it fun through games and puzzles

Use your word knowledge and spelling skills to decipher the clues and find the words in the puzzle. Answers will be published in the newsletter next week.



Clues:

1. Being accountable
2. Reason for doing something
3. Joy of life and learning
4. Command of knowledge
5. Hard work and resilience

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e r t o t t n r u s a a s
e o u s f b t e b n n e y
a o a h o m a s t e r y u
m l d c h z r p a p p a o
r b i c y r s o y u c o c
t f t e t d t n o r d i m
o l e n r h o s o p t n f
b i n e p a s i o o o d s
n a s x f m t b s s e u r
d k i h a p p i n e s s j
w o g t o a o l d o l t i
o h l p h f t i r u s r d
e m q o i e o t p q t y i
r z l d i u b y e t n s m
  
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Below are the solution to last week's crossword:

Across

1. Kittiwake
2. Kindred

Down

1. Keepsake
2. Kernel

How did you do?

Target setting

Be good, be kind, be nice. What random acts of kindness have you done recently? Why not:

- Help with chores at home
- Help a sibling with their school work
- Thank someone who you appreciate
- Donate to a local food bank

Learning tip – Crafting effective similes

A simile is a language device which you can use to make your writing more interesting. It is where you compare something to something else by using 'as' or 'like' e.g. 'her eyes twinkled like stars' or 'he felt as if he was 90 years old despite only being 15'. A lot of the time you may have used fairly short or simple similes or even clichés, such as 'red as a tomato' or 'fast as a cheetah'. These are fine and do make writing better, but it is even more fantastic if you can craft your similes in a more expert way.

Some questions to ask yourself:

- What kind of character or thing am I trying to describe?
- Is the mood positive or negative?
- Is there a theme in my writing already which I can link to using this simile? 

If your character is mean, but their eyes are twinkling, it doesn't really match them to say 'their eyes twinkled like stars'. How about 'their eyes twinkled like sparks from a fire'?

If your mood is positive, it doesn't really match this mood to describe a sunset as 'raging like fire'. How about 'glowed like a homely fireplace warming the world's toes'? 

In your creative writing, try to focus especially hard on making sure your similes match the characters and moods of your writing pieces. This can be the difference between a good piece of writing and a fantastic piece of writing.

Miss Barker

Enrichment

Maths Riddle

What two whole, positive numbers have a one-digit answer when multiplied and a two-digit answer when added?

Use the link to submit your answer [Riddle Entry](#)
Congratulations to Zara Malik in Year 9 for the correct answer to last week's riddle, 1.

Mrs Fatima



BBC Ten Pieces Weekly Activities

This week it's all about beginnings and Beethoven with one of the most famous motifs in musical history!

[Ten Pieces at Home](#)

If you've missed any of the activities you can find them on the Ten Pieces website. From 20th July students and families will be able to take part in activities around the amazing Prom season with the Proms at Home.

[Proms at Home](#)

For the first time primary-school-aged children can take part in special free activities built around selected Prom broadcasts and can upload their creative results to the Proms website.

There are some amazing performances coming up at the Proms this year! Take a look:

[2020 Season Guide](#)



Y10 Work Experience Sessions

The Oak National Academy have produced daily work experience lessons to run alongside the curriculum content. The lessons cover a wide range of topics including work life balance, Human Resources, employability and marketing. Want to become an entrepreneur? Take a look! [Work Experience](#)

The Royal Society Online Summer Programme

Starting on Monday the 13th of July the Royal Society bring us a week-long festival of science! Featuring live and pre-recorded talks, videos and a family science quiz; our online-only programme brings you a free celebration of cutting-edge and historic science, all to enjoy at home.

[Explore the Programme](#)



Science School
BY KAYSCIENCE.COM

Year 10 Science Summer School

In preparation for starting year 11 a Year 10 science summer school has been made available online consisting of a series of lessons and activities to boost your knowledge from earlier topics.

[Teach a Nation](#)



Big Bang Explore

Big Bang Explore encourages young people to reflect on what they've seen and heard and think about the career possibilities available in science and engineering. There are 4 activities, 3 of which can be done on the day. The fourth is a competition and the deadline is the end of August.

Follow this link for details! [Big Bang](#)

Mrs Field



Activity Clubs



Activity Club

Looking for something to do? The Oak National Academy have a whole section dedicated to a wide range of activities like cook-alongs, scouts, arts and debating clubs. Some activities are designed for certain year groups and some are for all. Take a look at the art club and discover how simple materials from around the home, such as a fork, tinfoil, papers or some coffee, and much more can be used to create amazing artwork.

[Activity Clubs](#)

Geography Challenge!

Where in the world? Use the clues and the picture to guess the correct country.



OPEN TO STAFF AND SCHOLARS: Email answers to ismalley@dixonsaa.com to be mentioned next week.

Well done to Daniils Krupnovs for correctly guessing last week's answer: Madagascar!

1. Beer was illegal in this country until 1989
2. This country is one of two places in the world where you can see tectonic plates separate above sea level.
3. Puffins are considered a delicacy in this country.
4. This country had the first democratically elected Female President and the first openly gay Prime Minister in the world.
5. This country is the most eco-friendly country in the world. About 85% of their energy production is from renewable sources (hydropower and geothermal)

School Immunisation Team

The school immunisation team are still here to help with any advice of support with school age vaccinations. They are busy planning community clinics in the next couple of months for all Y8 and Y9 scholars who missed their vaccinations due to the COVID outbreak. If you have any worries or concerns please contact them on 01274 221203.

Remember the two public health interventions that have had the greatest impact on the nation's health are **clean water** and **vaccines**.

Vaccinations are the most effective way to prevent infectious diseases, so make sure you are protected.

Transition back to school after lockdown

**Is your child worried about going back to school?
How to talk?**

Key characteristics of situations that create worry and anxiety are a heightened sense of uncertainty, potential threat and responsibility, and a reduced sense of control. It is therefore easy to see why our current circumstances are fuelling anxiety.

So, in conversations with our children it is important to help them to:

- recognise that it is understandable to feel worried or anxious
- develop an accurate and realistic understanding of the situation
- recognise simple, practical things they can do, but also to be clear about the limits of their responsibility

How can you do this?

Acknowledge that this is an anxiety-provoking time for everyone and that it is normal to feel worried.

Start with open questions that cannot be answered with a simple 'yes' or 'no'.

Acknowledge how their thoughts must be making them feel.

Try not to minimise or dismiss worries as this can lead to young people feeling that their worries are not being taken seriously.

Appreciations and Notice

All the staff at DAA would like to acknowledge the scholars that are taking responsibility by using the resources on Google classroom each week to continue with their learning. Please follow the link for the weekly appreciations. [DAA Appreciations](#)

Y10 EtonX

Year 10 scholars have been provided with the opportunity to access an online Research Skills course to support with academic writing. Congratulations to Jawahir Jelani for successfully completing the course in under a week, exemplary levels of self-determination and industry! There is still plenty of time to register if you have not done so already. Further details and information on how to access the course can be found via the English Google Classrooms. Access codes must be redeemed by July 31st.

"Thank you very much for mentioning this to me, I think it will be very useful for sixth form and even university at some point!" Jawahir Jelani Y10



Useful links and support

The following links, along with others' will be available on the academy website.

- If you are concerned about your physical health and are displaying any symptoms of the coronavirus, speak to the adults in your house and call the **NHS helpline 111**. If it's an emergency dial 999.
- If you are worried about your welfare or safety, or that of a friends you could access the NSPCC services. www.childline.org.uk
- Free anonymous NHS online counselling for young people can be accessed via a platform called Kooth www.Kooth.com
- For support with mental health and staying happy and healthy visit the Mental Health Foundation. www.mentalhealth.org.uk
- For non-emergency advice you can email scholarsupport@dixonsaa.com. Give your full name and Year group.