



# Oakwood Academy Newsletter

"Living, learning and thriving"

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**This October the Plymotion team at Plymouth City Council (PCC) are doing something really amazing and we have decided our pupils should be a part of it.**

For Walk to School month, pupils at all city schools are aiming, collectively, to walk for 79,000 hours. This is the time it would take for one person to walk to the moon. The Classroom to Moon Challenge runs from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November and is a competition as well as a unifying whole-city challenge.

If our school clock up the most minutes in our category we will win a visit from the mobile planetarium Space Odyssey. Second prize is bike or scooter storage from Scooterpods. Of course, if our school does not win a prize we will still have benefitted from a month of less cars around our school gates and healthier happier children who have had fun exercising before the school day starts.

During the first 2 weeks of October we will also be participating in an inter-school walking relay. Each weekday from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October, Astro Mo and the Plymotion team will start at one Plymouth school at 9am and finish at another, passing by on average 10 schools in one day. Astro Mo will be walking to our school on the afternoon of Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October from Beechwood Primary Academy and then a small group of children will carry on the relay to Widewell Primary Academy.

Please help us with this challenge by letting the class teacher know every day how many hours you have walked (the adults walking to school counts too!)

If you want to find out more go to:

<https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/parkingandtravel/plymotion/classroommoonchallenge>

### HARVEST ASSEMBLY

We are holding our Harvest Festival Assembly on **Friday 5th October at 9am**. This Assembly will be led by Chestnut Class. **All parents are welcome**. This year we are collecting food for the Shekinah Mission, Plymouth. Can you please send in food donations from **Wednesday 3rd October** to your child's class, ready for the assembly on the Friday. Tins, packets and food with a long shelf life would be very well received. Thank you very much for your continued support.



*Please remember any photographs may not be shared or uploaded to any web site or social networking site, in accordance with our Photographic Policy.*

### WELCOME

We would like to welcome the Edison Centre to Discovery Multi Academy Trust.

The Edison Centre is based at the Beechwood School site.

Edison is a centre for providing children from year 1 to year 6 with intensive provision towards specific targets to enable them to succeed in mainstream education. Children will learn through a therapeutic and thematic approach centred around music and STEM.



## Yr 5 Beam House

A group of Year 5 children enjoyed wonderful weather in their PGL Residential at Beam House this week. We waved them off on Wednesday and look forward to hearing all about their time away in next week's newsletter!

**HAVE FUN**



## Healthy Child Quality Mark

We were thrilled to be awarded the Healthy Child Quality Mark Action Plus Award for our work on Healthy Lunchboxes during the Summer term. We had a dedicated group of year 5 Healthy Eating Champions (now year 6) who helped to encourage all of us to think carefully about making small changes so that we could make good choices about healthy eating. Many of our Healthy Eating Champions children are super ambassadors for healthy eating at lunchtime this term too, keep it up everyone! Look out for more opportunities to join in with events or activities to keep fit and healthy over this term too!



## Diary Dates 2018/2019

(Please note, some new dates for your diaries)



<b>Thurs 4th Oct</b>	Coffee Morning
<b>Fri 5th Oct</b>	Harvest Celebration led by Chestnut class 9am
<b>Tues 16th Oct</b>	Individual/Family Photos
<b>Fri 19th Oct</b>	Maple class Assembly 9am
<b>Mon 22nd Oct to Fri 26th October</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
<b>Thurs 1st Nov</b>	Mufti - Donations of sweets
<b>Fri 2nd Nov</b>	Hedgehog class Assembly 9am
<b>Thurs 8th Nov</b>	Mufti - Donations of bottles
<b>Fri 9th Nov</b>	Pine class Assembly 9am
<b>Fri 16th Nov</b>	Alder class Assembly 9am
<b>Thurs 16th Nov</b>	Mufti - Donations of cakes
<b>Thurs 16th Nov</b>	Autumn Fayre
<b>Fri 23rd Nov</b>	Badger class Assembly 9am
<b>Tues 18th Dec</b>	Christmas Grotto
<b>Fri 21st Dec</b>	School closes for Christmas
<b>Mon 7th Jan</b>	School re-opens at 8.45am
<b>Mon 18th Feb to Fri 22nd Feb</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
<b>Mon 25th Feb</b>	School re-opens at 8.45am
<b>Thurs 4th April</b>	School closes for Easter
<b>Fri 5th April</b>	Non-pupil Day
<b>Mon 8th April to Fri 19th</b>	<b>Easter Holiday</b>
<b>Wed 24th April</b>	School re-opens 8.45am
<b>Mon 6th May</b>	Bank Holiday
<b>Mon 27th May to Friday 31st May</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
<b>Tues 23rd July</b>	School closes for Summer Holidays
<b>Wed 24th July</b>	Non Pupil Day

## COFFEE MORNING

**Thursday 4th October  
9am to 10am**

Dementia Friendly Awareness  
Guest Speaker - All Welcome



## Reminders from the School Uniform Policy

The children have started the term looking very smart in their new uniform. Please make sure that that your child's uniform is **named**, it is very difficult to locate and return clothing if the item is without a name. Please name your child's coat also; we already have a small pile of unnamed coats in lost property!

PE kits – please make sure your child's named PE kit has been sent into school.

Children whose hair is shoulder length or longer should tie it back during school time where possible. Hairclips and headbands should be **plain** and should not cause obstruction to anyone's learning, or cause distraction to any learner. Thank you



*Have a great Weekend  
Jackie Sparrow  
Head of School*

