



Oakwood Academy Newsletter

"Living, learning and thriving"



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School Reminders

School Uniform Reminder: School uniform is flat, sensible black shoes and either blue or yellow summer dresses or shorts; please refer to school uniform policy for further information. Please also name sun hats and sun cream.

Polite Reminder: All children, including pre-school children, are not allowed to ride bikes or scooters on the school grounds before or after school. Thank you for your co-operation.

Polite Reminder: Dogs are not allowed on school grounds at any time (even if being carried). Thank you.

Sports Day: The PTFA will be offering refreshments during sports day (cold drinks only).

Please be aware that squirrel and hedgehog class assemblies have been swapped. Please see the diary dates page for the new dates.

School re-opens after the half term at 8:45 on Monday 3rd June.

Attendance

For Week Ending 17th May

The expected average percentage attendance for a child is 96%.

Frogs	95.3%
Dragonfly	95.3%
Squirrel	86.7%
Badger	85.0%
Hedgehog	83.7%
Alder	88.4%
Maple	77.5%
Willow	97.2%
Hazel	95.9%
Pine	95.0%
Chestnut	89.3%



**Well done to
Frogs and Dragonflies KS1
and Willow KS2
For the highest attendance**

The Lord Mayors Choosing

I had the great pleasure in taking Lola and Daniel, two of our School Champions to the Election of Lord Mayor Council Annual General Meeting. It was a very grand affair, with lots of councillors and guests present, including some fantastic music from The Devonport Royal Naval Volunteer Band. Appointed as Plymouth's new Lord Mayor was Councillor Richard Ball.

Councillor Ball was born and raised in Plymouth and apart from occasional absences due to his naval career, has lived here all his life.

Councillor Ball said "Plymouth is the city where I was born, raised and where I joined the Royal Navy. Tradition is important to me and I am privileged to be asked to be Lord Mayor of this great city".

Lola and Daniel represented Oakwood Academy impeccably and it was a pleasure spending time with them.



Year 3 and 4 Tag Rugby

Despite a wet and windy start to the day, 8 children from Year 3/4 enjoyed participating in a tag rugby festival. They worked very hard to develop their skills in a range of activities that focused on dodging, throwing, catching and teamwork. After a morning of training, the children had the opportunity to play in more competitive games in the afternoon. The children represented



Oakwood in a game against another school, and then they joined with children from other schools to create new teams. Oakwood were very fortunate to be chosen as one of the teams to participate on the Plymouth Albion pitch. The thought of playing on the same pitch as professional rugby players made the day even more exciting.



Lego Challenge

Foundation and year 1 have been taking part in an exciting Lego challenge this term. They have been using the Lego to develop their collaboration and reasoning skills to build bridges, roller-coasters and space ships! This has been as part of a trial in schools to develop STEM skills in children from an early age. They have all loved the sessions and it has been great to see their skills and abilities improve as they developed in confidence.



Year 5 and 6 Tag Rugby

Ten Year 6 children took part in a year 5/6 tag rugby tournament on Tuesday 21st May. It was a fantastic, sunny day and the children performed incredibly well. The day started with the most important game for the children since it was against Beechwood. After a tough battle, the Oakwood team came out on top with a 3-2 victory. Despite losing the next couple of games, the team rallied together to win the last two games in the morning session. By the end of the morning session, the Oakwood team managed to secure 4th place. In the afternoon, all teams were placed in new groups which created new challenges for the Oakwood team to overcome. The children built on their performance from the morning, and they managed to win 2 out of the 3 afternoon games. The team improved greatly throughout the day, and by the end, they had secured 2nd place in the afternoon groups.



Plymouth Half Marathon



For the past 2 terms, children have been showing true determination and commitment every week in running club. Throughout this time, children have not only stacked up an impressive 12 miles but they have also strived each week to beat their time and challenge themselves to run even further.

Their hard work paid off on Sunday 19th May 2019 when all the children stood at the start

line waiting to run their final mile of The Plymouth Half Marathon. I was so impressed to see every child challenging themselves to get across the finish line in front of hundreds of spectators, all cheering them on.

We had so much support from all the parents, teachers and PTFA who made sure that the children had a fantastic experience running around Plymouth Hoe. I can't wait to see what else these children can achieve. Well done everyone!



The Tempest

On Friday 26th April Year 6 enjoyed visiting Plymouth Arts Institute to watch the Tempest, a magical, musical, romantic production about revenge, a father's love for his daughter and the misuse of power. The production was delivered by the Shakespeare 4 Kidz production company. It was a comical rendition of Tempest, involving a creative take on Prospero's revenge!

The children thoroughly enjoyed the theatre production, stating they thought it was 'An exhilarating and comical play' and 'It was an experience to remember!'.



Junior Ten Tors Update

This year's Ten Tors team have all started their adventure off beautifully. They have shown such a fantastic level of enthusiasm to not just climb the Ten Tors but to learn all about navigating, how to use a compass and other survival skills that will help them to achieve their very best when the big day comes.

So far, they have learnt how to administer first aid, cook food on the moors, put up a tent, use a safety shelter and navigate their way around Dartmoor using a map and a compass. They have been extremely quick learners who, I have no doubt, will make most of this tremendous experience. I can't wait to see you all on top of Tor number 10! Not long to go now!



Summer Half Term Challenge 2019



Science! Make lava with this science experiment http://bit.ly/lavacup	Local Litter Log! Go litter picking in your local area with an adult and tally up each item you find	Learn Something New! Learn the British Sign Language fingerspelling alphabet and record yourself spelling CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY	Get Cooking! Make a rainbow pizza http://bit.ly/rainbowpizzas
	Get Out There! Visit one or more local Children's University Learning Destinations	Get Crafty! Design and make your own kite http://bit.ly/makeakite1	Shake it Up! How many words can you make with the letters from the phrase LEARNING IS FUN

Collect extra Children's University credits during the half-term holiday by completing this challenge. Each activity is worth 1 credit, when you take evidence of your activity to your teacher or local CU. This could be a photograph, video, a work sheet, or writing about what you did! Any questions? contactus@childrensuniversity.co.uk

PTFA

As a PTFA we not only try to put on fun events for the children, parents and community, we also aim to offer enriching and inspirational experiences that school budgets often find challenging to provide. Most recently, we have funded a mural



which now brightens up the Key Stage 1 playground.

When speaking to the children, it was clear they wanted something vibrant and exciting.

After seeing the incredible work the Mural company had completed on other projects, we liaised with them and the vision was created. The finished product was truly outstanding and way beyond what we had all expected.

An additional benefit was that throughout the process the children were able to watch the mural developing and

interacting with the creative process by guessing the next sea creature or colours. The children were even involved in deciding which creatures they would like on the mural. The addition of interesting facts added curiosity and exploration to the project. The reactions from the children on completion were instantly rewarding. Their interaction, excitement and energy was contagious. They immediately interacted with the wall, reading, questioning and comparing their favourite parts.



The difference two days of artistic talent has made to

our playground was exceptional and ideas have already been made for future developments (These have mainly come from the children!). Our support of the arts in school will continue this term. The mural company will be back to create a smaller jungle themed mural to bring colour and interest in the Key Stage 2 playground. In July, we will be funding a samba arts group to come in to school to do a workshop with each class in the school. African drumming, body percussion and African chants will all be covered.

Finally, we would like to thank you for your continued support of our events.



Well-Being and Mental Health

The week beginning 13th May was National Mental Health Week. Across the week the children took part in a range of activities to promote well-being. This ranged from reflective discussions about emotions and feelings, time to relax and focus on breathing exercises, mindfulness and physical health. We also enjoyed discovering the benefits from spending time outside in the environmental area digging, planting and exploring the natural world.

The staff training day just prior to the Easter holidays was also dedicated to well-being. The whole staff across the Discovery MAT took part in a range of training workshops and events to help promote well-being. It was a really informative day which helped to highlight the importance of well-being for all the staff and children in our schools.



Congratulations to Mrs Daw, Mr Windsor, Miss Gooding, Mrs Delafield, Mr Ticehurst, Miss Russell and Mrs Mann for receiving the Discovery MAT Staff Awards for Oakwood for the Spring term. Well done!





BEECHWOOD BUDDIES

PRESENTS POPUP CIRCUS
SAT 22ND JUNE 2019
SHOW TIMES 1PM OR 2:30PM

Single Tickets £6	FOOD, DRINK AND CIRCUS TOYS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE
Group of 4 £22	
Group of 5 £28	
Group of 6 £33	

TO BUY TICKETS
WWW.JUMBLEBEE.CO.UK/BEECHWOODBUDDIESPRESENTSPOPUPCIRCUS

Diary Dates 2018/2019



Mon 27th May to Friday 31st May

Thurs 6th June
Wed 12th June
Thurs 13th June
Fri 14th June
Thurs 20th June
Fri 21st June
Fri 28th June

Fri 5th July
Fri 12th July
Fri 19th July
Tues 23rd July
Wed 24th July

2019/2020 TERM DATES

Tues 3rd September
Wed 4th September
Thurs 5th September
Wed 25th—Fri 27th Sep

Mon 21st Oct—Fri 25th Oct

Mon 28th October
Thurs 28th November
Friday 29th November

23rd Dec—Fri 5th Jan 2020

Mon 6th Jan
Mon 17th Feb— Fri 21st Feb

Mon 24th Feb
Fri 30th Mar—Mon 13th Apr

Tues 14th Apr
Mon 4th May

Mon 25th May—Fri 29th May
Tues 21st Jul

HALF TERM

Sports day + Parent picnic lunch 12.00-1.00pm
PTFA Disco
PTFA summer fayre Mufti—sweets
Year 4 Class Assembly Willow
PTFA Summer Fayre Mufti—bottles
Year 5 Class Assembly Hazel
Year 1 Class Assembly Squirrel
PTFA Summer Fayre 3.15-5.00pm
Year 2 Class Assembly Hedgehog
Reception Graduation Assembly
Year 6 Leavers Assembly 1.15 pm
School closes for Summer Holidays
Non Pupil Day

2019/2020 TERM DATES

Staff Training Day
Staff Training Day
School re-opens 8:45am
Year 5 Beam House Trip

HALF TERM

School re-opens 8.45am
Non-pupil Day
Non-pupil Day

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

School re-opens 8.45am
HALF TERM

School re-opens 8.45am
EASTER HOLIDAYS

School re-opens 8.45am
May Day Bank Holiday

HALF TERM
Last Day of Term



Have a great weekend!
Jackie Sparrow
Head of School

