



Oakwood Academy Newsletter

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Reading Fun!

The Foundation children were visited by Alison Botham, Director of Children's Services for Plymouth, who read them the story 'The Adventures of Scout – Stop Dropping Litter!' The children really enjoyed listening to the story and spotting Vinnie the Poison Dart Frog on each page! The children joined in with the key message of 'stop dropping litter' and discussed litter they had observed during their woodland welly-walk yesterday, and how they could make a difference. The children were super listeners and had great fun during their story-telling session with their special visitor, thank you! We were given copies of the book and the children used their STEM observation skills to find Vinnie themselves!



Next week sees the start of Sustran's Big Walk and Wheel 2022 and we want you to get involved! From Monday 21st March – Monday 4th April, we are asking as many children to walk, cycle or scoot to school as possible. It's so important that we stay active and keep healthy, and big changes start with

small steps; which is why we think the 'Big Walk and Wheel' is so great! Your child can come to school on their bike or scooter each day as part of the event and it would be amazing to see as many walkers and wheelers as possible. Bikes/ Scooters must be left in the bike shelter at the start of the day. For more information on this years event, please visit <https://bigwalkandwheel.org.uk/>.



Comic Relief Red Nose Day

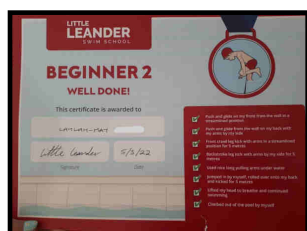
We've enjoyed seeing the children wear their red & colourful mufti today for Red Nose Day. Thank you for your kind donations. All proceeds will go to Comic Relief and we will update you on the total raised in the very near future!

Celebration Shout Out!

Please feel free to email the school with any pupil achievements or special efforts you'd like celebrated! We would love to share them with everyone through our newsletter.



Daisy (Fowey) attended her ballet and tap dance exams back in December with the Royal Academy of Dance. She now has her certificates to say she's passed her Ballet exam, signed by former 'Strictly Come Dancing' judge Dame Darcey Bussell. She also passed her Tap exam which included a tap rosette, ballet rosette and theatre craft rosette. Well done!



Laylah-May has been awarded a Beginner Level 2 swimming certificate and has been moved up a group. Well done!

Young Carers Action Day

2022

Young Carers Action Day is an annual event, organised each year by Carers Trust. It is a day for raising public awareness of Young Carers and young adult carers, the pressures and challenges they face, and the incredible contribution they make by caring for their family members and friends.

Here at Oakwood, we celebrated the day by hosting a traditional tea party with games such as pass the parcel with music and some yummy food.

During the tea party, Oakwood linked up with Beechwood virtually to introduce themselves to each other and celebrate together.



Plymouth College

BOOK NOW FOR EASTER HOLIDAY CAMPS BY HIGH 5

High 5 Holiday Camps, Plymouth's leading provider of fun-filled activity camps, are bringing their hugely popular 'I'm a High 5 Camper, Get Me Out of Here!' programme back to Plymouth College this Easter holiday. With Dingo Dollars and Jungle Prizes up for grabs, your little adventurers will face their fears and battle with their bravery in loads of (child-friendly) Bush Tucker challenges, including bushcraft, Aussie-themed art projects and the return of the super-popular Celebrity Cyclone slip 'n' slide.



Join High 5's amazing team from April 11-14 and April 19-22 for a massive selection of coached sports and activities including the jungle bouncy castle, disco dome, jungle nerf wars, swimming fun and lots of art based activities! Places are limited so book yours here:

<https://campscui.active.com/orgs/High5SportsCamps#/selectSessions/3117339>



Eggbuckland Community College

BOOK NOW FOR EPIC EASTER HOLIDAY FOOTBALL CAMPS

High 5 Holiday Camps, Plymouth's leading provider of fun-filled activity camps, are bringing their hugely popular First Touch Football Camps back to Eggbuckland Community College this Easter holidays for 4 days of unmissable football fun. Join First Touch Football's amazing team of coaches on April 11-12 and April 19-20 to support your budding little football star to develop their skills, build confidence and, most importantly, have bags of fun during FOUR action-packed days of football. If that wasn'tt already enough, we also have daily opportunities to play Bubble Football & Zorb Games as well! Places are limited so visit to book your child's place:

<https://campscui.active.com/orgs/High5SportsCamps#/selectSessions/3136039>

Renaissance Reading Program

When children have finished reading a book they take a Ren Reading quiz to answer questions on the book that they have completed. When quizzes are passed, the number of words in the books are totalled together and a weekly word count for each class is accumulated.

Each week we will look at the word count totals for each class. The winners of Key Stage 1, Lower KS2 and Upper KS2 will get a few minutes extra play at breaktime! Our winners this week are:-

KS1 - Thames Class - 29,461 words

Lower KS2 - Trent Class - 14,110 words

Upper KS2 - Wye Class - 313,623 words

Well done to those classes!



Uniform Store Plymouth

The Uniform Store Plymouth is a free service for families to kit out their children for school. Through donations of good quality school uniform, we give these items out to those in need, free of charge – no referral is needed. We operate a pop-up shop in Plymouth City Centre throughout the school summer holidays, and a 'Click & Collect' service that operates throughout the year, where parents/carers can order the uniform that they need for their children and collect it from our collection point.



To place an order for school uniform, families can visit our website: www.uniformstoreplymouth.co.uk and select the items required. Our collection point is at Redeemer Church, St Barnabas Terrace, Plymouth PL1 5NN and is open every Wednesday and Friday from 10am to 12pm. For more information please email us: hello@uniformstoreplymouth.co.uk

Understanding your child
Solihull Approach
A group for parents and carers

Would you like to know more about your child's development?
Do you understand your child's behaviour?
Would you like a chance to meet other parents with children of a similar age?
Do you know why children have temper tantrums?

Find out more about our Solihull group!

We explore issues such as:

- ✦ Having fun together
- ✦ Developmental needs
- ✦ Behaviour difficulties
- ✦ Communication
- ✦ Parenting styles
- ✦ Sleep

The group runs for 2 hours a week over ten weeks (term time only) and is free of charge. Booking is essential.

Please contact Whitish@childrenscentre.co.uk on (01752) 875933 for more details.

Believe in children
Barnardo's

Venue- Beechwood Primary Academy
Tuesday 5th May 9.15-11.15 am
Contact -Ros Dent Family Support/Pastoral if you are interested in being referred.
r.dent@discoverymat.co.uk

Wednesdays 4pm-5:30pm
Fridays 9am - 11am

SEN SESSIONS

Visit drakes-den.co.uk to book!

We will be holding exclusive SEN only sessions outside of our normal opening hours for your child to enjoy the full soft play experience without the hustle and bustle of regular play sessions. During this time, the children will be able to discover the soft play without the distractions of music, disco lighting and sounds. This is also a great opportunity to meet and socialise with other SEN children and families.

DRAKES DEN

People who test positive for Covid 19 should follow the following procedure:

The main symptoms of COVID-19 are a recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If you have any of these symptoms you [should order a PCR test](#). You are advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people while you are waiting for the test result.

Day	How to safely return to your normal routine before 10 days
0*	Stay at home
1-4	Stay at home
5	Take an LFD test
	<div>LFD is negative, stay at home</div> <div>LFD is positive, stay at home</div>
6	Take an LFD test
	<div>LFD is negative, return to normal routine**</div> <div>LFD is negative, stay at home</div>
7	Take an LFD test
	LFD is negative , return to normal routine**

* Day your symptoms started or your test was taken if you do not have symptoms
** You can return to your normal routine if you do not have a high temperature

School Uniform Reminder

Please send your child in the correct uniform as outlined in the School Uniform Policy on our website. Children should wear grey trousers, skirt/pinafore or shorts **not leggings**.

Please remember that flat, sensible, safe, black shoes (no trainers) should be worn.



Hairclips and headbands should be plain and should not cause obstruction to anyone's learning, or cause distraction to any learner.

Children need to have their PE kit in school, as they will change in school for PE sessions. Please ensure that PE kit is as outlined in the uniform policy.

Jewellery

Children may not wear jewellery to school at any time (except for small studs, which **must be 5mm in diameter or smaller**, and watches) other than for religious or cultural reasons. Children in **Foundation** may **not** wear earrings in view of the physical aspects of their learning.

"For health and safety reasons, all pupils are required to remove earrings during PE lessons."



StreetSafe

Want to improve the safety of our local area? If you feel unsafe in any area in Plymouth please use this website to report it:

[StreetSafe | Police.uk \(www.police.uk\)](https://www.police.uk)

StreetSafe is a pilot service for anyone to anonymously tell us about public places where you have felt or feel unsafe, because of environmental issues, e.g. street lighting, abandoned buildings or vandalism and/or because of some behaviours, e.g. being followed or verbally abused.

Reminder - Alternative Pick-Ups

If you know that your child/ren will need to be collected by someone other than the usual parent/carer please contact the school office to notify us, ideally before 2:45pm. Thank you!

Attendance For Week Ending 11th March 2022

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

**Well done to Lynher KS1 and
Severn KS2 for the highest attendance!**



Tamar	94.7%
Lynher	95.1%
Fowey	83.9%
Avon	88.7%
Thames	94.2%

Severn	98.8%
Medway	93.1%
Trent	90.3%
Lagan	93.8%
Clyde	94.2%
Mersey	96.8%
Tyne	92.2%
Wye	94.6%

Diary Dates

(Dates maybe subject to change)



2021/2022 TERM DATES

Thu 24th Mar
Fri 25th Mar
Thu 31st Mar
Fri 8th Apr
Mon 11th Apr-Fri 22nd Apr
Mon 2nd May
Mon 30th May - Fri 3rd Jun
Mon 27th Jun
Tue 26th Jul
Wed 27th July

Parent Reading Session - Year 4 Parents 2:45pm
Parent Reading Session - Year 5 Parents 2:45pm
Parent Reading Session - Year 6 Parents 2:45pm
Non-Pupil Day
EASTER HOLIDAYS
May Bank Holiday
HALF TERM
Non-Pupil Day
School finishes at 3.15 pm
SUMMER HOLIDAYS START

2022/2023 TERM DATES

Wed 7th Sep 2022
Fri 21st Oct
Mon 24th - Fri 28th Oct
Fri 25th Nov
Fri 16th Dec
Mon 19th Dec 2022 - Mon 2nd Jan 2023
Tue 3rd Jan 2023
Mon 13th Feb - Fri 17th Feb
Mon 20th Feb
Fri 31st Mar
Mon 3rd April - Fri 14th April
Mon 17th April
Mon 1st May
Mon 29th May - Fri 2nd Jun
Fri 23rd Jun
Tue 25th Jul
Wed 26th Jul

School starts 8:45am
School finishes 3:15pm
HALF TERM
Non-Pupil Day
School finishes 3:15pm
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
School starts 8:45am
HALF TERM
Non-Pupil Day
School finishes 3:15pm
EASTER HOLIDAYS
School starts 8:45am
Bank Holiday
HALF TERM
Non-Pupil Day
School finishes 3:15pm
SUMMER HOLIDAYS START

Contacting School

If you are contacting school to report an absence or you have a query, please leave a message on the answer phone with your child's name and class (& reason for absence, if applicable) and we will log/get back to you. Alternatively, email oakwood.office@discoverymat.co.uk
Thank you.

Newsletter Ideas



If you have any ideas about information or updates that you would find useful additions to our newsletter, please email your suggestions to:

oakwood.office@discoverymat.co.uk



Have a lovely weekend!
Jackie Sparrow - Head of School