



Oakwood Academy Newsletter

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3rd December 2021

Christmas Week – Monday 13th - Friday 17th December 2021

Throughout this week, the children will take part in a range of Christmas themed activities including the following:



Christmas Carols – Years 1 - 6

Each class will video a Christmas song or poem and we will share this via our school website for you to enjoy. Only children with photo permissions will be included in the video.

Foundation Nativity

The children in Tamar and Lynher will record their Christmas Nativity through a selection of Christmas Carols. This special Christmas story will be shared with parents via our school website. Only children with photo permissions will be included in the video.

Christmas Cards

Children can bring in Christmas cards for their class only and we ask that they are in school by **Tuesday 14th December**. They will be delivered later that week by the class teacher. Please add the name to the envelope so that the cards get to the right children!

Tuesday 14th December - PTFA Santa's Grotto

Santa will visit Oakwood on Tuesday 14th and will be helped by his PTFA Elves!

Wednesday 15th December - Christmas Dinner Day

Christmas Dinner will be the only meal choice on this day. Thank you for the slips ordering your child's lunch. If you have not ordered a cooked Christmas lunch for your child on this day, please send them into school with a packed lunch. Please ensure if your child is in KS2, that you have paid for the lunch via parent pay (unless you are in receipt of free school meals). Thank you.

Friday 17th December - Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Fun and Games Afternoon

We would like to support the Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day on the last day of term, Friday 17th December. On this day children can wear Christmas Jumper mufti for a small donation to this charity. (Family donations are welcome if you have more than one child in school.) After lunchtime each class will organise a Christmas fun and games afternoon for the children. We will **not** be asking children to bring in snacks or food.

We are looking forward to celebrating this special season with the children during this week and each class will share some highlights on our Facebook posts.

Please see the reminders about the uniform/jewellery policy on page 4.

Celebration Shout Out!

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



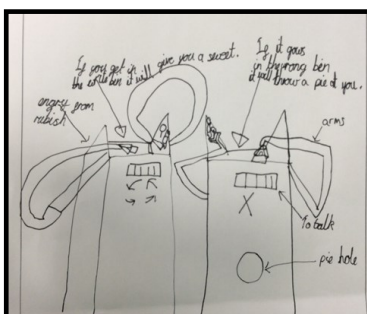
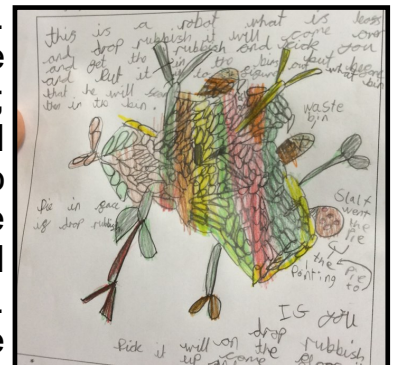
Above Bounds theatre performance

On Tuesday, KS2 were lucky enough to have a live theatre performance from 'Above Bounds' theatre company. 'The Pizza Detective' is piece of theatre co-created with several schools across the city, alongside some local artists. The children had a great time watching and participating in the live performance which was full of fun and silliness! The show also had a great PSHE message about listening to everyone's ideas and ensuring that all feel heard. Thank you to 'Above Bounds' for a fun-filled and theatrical morning!



STEM WEEK - Severn Class

Severn Class had a very busy and exciting STEM week. Our first focus of STEM week was waste management. We researched where different materials went after being used; we learnt what happened to materials that are recycled and not recycled. The children then planned creative ways to improve waste management by designing robots. One robot was designed to look like a pile of leaves. It would travel around parks, clearing up any rubbish left by visitors. The rubbish would then be used to create energy for the robot.



Another robot designed was the Talking Bin. This bin would be used to encourage proper recycling. When you recycle items, you will be reward with a prize (a sweet). If you throw the recycling in the wrong bin, then it would throw a pie at you. A great way to promote recycling! Year 3 created so many fantastic and creative designs.

The children also took part in a virtual workshop about Coral Reefs. They learnt about the dangers corals face and started to research ways we can save them. Severn Class then designed and started to create their own 3D coral. Once completed, we are going to put all the coral together.



Request for pre-loved book donations

We are currently working on updating and expanding the amount of library books available to the children. If you are clearing out any books and would like to donate, we are looking for children's books in good condition. We are particularly interested in books by authors on the list below, as these are likely to be registered on the REN reading system. Any books donated will be very gratefully received and those not listed on our reading system will be held and used during a swap and sale day later next year. Thank you.



Janine Amos	David Orme - Fiction and non fiction
K A Applegate – animorphs series only	Dav Pilkey
Felice Arena	Carmel Reilly
David Baddiel	Rachel Renee Russell
Aaron Blabey	Frances Ridley – non fiction
Adam Blade	Rick Riordan
Enid Blyton	Michael Rosen
Pamela Butchart	Tony Ross
Eoin Colfer	J K Rowling
Andrew Cope	Andy Shepherd
Cressida Cowell	Francesca Simon
Gillian Cross	Andy Stanton
Roald Dahl	R L Stine
Julia Donaldson	Jeremy Strong
Roger Hargreaves	Julie Sykes
Paula Harrison	Jill Tomlinson
Anthony Horowitz - Alex Rider series	Jean Ure
Roger Hurn	Martin Waddell
Dick King-Smith	David Walliams
Jeff Kinney	Jan Weeks
Alan Macdonald	Jeanne Willis
Daisy Meadows	Diana Wynne Jones
Jenny Oldfield	



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.”

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 and 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 - 11,768 words

Lower KS2 - Lagan Class - 173,884 words

Upper KS2 - Tyne Class - 229,999 words

Well done to those classes!



Diary Dates

(Dates maybe subject to change)



2021/2022 TERM DATES

Tue 14th Dec
Wed 15th Dec
Fri 17th Dec
Mon 20th Dec - Mon 3rd Jan 2022
Tue 4th Jan
Mon 21st Feb - Fri 25th Feb
Mon 28th Feb
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 - Wed 31st Aug

Santa's in school!
Christmas Lunch by pre-order (no other menu option available)
Christmas Jumper Mufti for donation (Last day of term)
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
School starts 8:45am
HALF TERM
Non-Pupil Day
Non-Pupil Day
EASTER HOLIDAYS
May Bank Holiday
HALF TERM
Non-Pupil Day
School finishes at 3.15 pm
SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Attendance For Week Ending 26th November 2021

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

**Well done to Tamar KS1 and
Mersey KS2 for the highest attendance!**



Tamar	97.3%
Lynher	96.8%
Fowey	89.0%
Avon	90.1%
Thames	92.0%
Severn	94.1%
Medway	90.1%
Trent	94.0%
Lagan	88.8%
Clyde	95.3%
Mersey	98.0%
Tyne	96.8%
Wye	92.5%

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:

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*Have a lovely weekend
Jackie Sparrow - Head of School*