



# Oakwood Academy Newsletter

"Living, learning and thriving"

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## 14th May 2021

### Bubble Sports Day

As with many things this year, arrangements for Sports Day will be a little different and will be a child only event this year. Our Sports Week will be taking place during the week beginning 24th May. Sports Day will be part of our Sports Week where we will be holding events for the children in our bubbles. We shall also be taking part in other physical learning activities including Jump Start Jonny workouts, cycling activities and the Year 5 children will also be going swimming! This year we have added some new and exciting events into the Sports Day calendar including a tug-of-war competition, sack race and a child friendly 'coconut shy' to name a few.

Weather permitting, the Key Stage 2 sports events will take place on Monday 24th May. Reception and Key Stage 1 sports events will take place on Wednesday 26th May. On these days please send your child to school in their weather appropriate PE kit (with shoulder-length hair tied up and any earrings and watches removed). The Sports Day event will be in place of their normal PE days for that week only but please could your child have trainers in school for the whole week for other sports activities.

As we are unfortunately unable to have parents on-site currently, we will ensure that photographs and a short film clip of some of the events are taken throughout the days and these will be shared with you via the website.

#### Dates:

- Monday 24th May - Key Stage 2 Bubble Sports Day
- Wednesday 26th May - Reception and Key Stage 1 Bubble Sports Day

We look forward to sharing some of the photos we have taken!



Mrs. Carroll and Mr. Kelleher

### Attendance For Week Ending 7th May 2021

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

**Well done to Dove & Puffin KS1 and  
Peregrine KS2 for the highest  
attendance!**



Robin	94.7%
Owl	98.6%
Wren	96.6%
<b>Dove</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Puffin</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Jay	97.8%
Starling	97.4%
Skylark	96.4%
Goldcrest	97.3%
Osprey	97.5%
Kestrel	97.8%
<b>Peregrine</b>	<b>99.2%</b>

## Celebration Shout Out!

We like to celebrate the achievements of our children. Please email the school with your child's special moments. We would love to share them with everyone through our newsletter!



In year 4, we have been learning about different types of explorers and we are now focusing on the Plymouth-born Antarctic explorer Robert Falcon Scott.

Last week, we were lucky enough to have Robert Falcon Scott visit our school. We asked him lots of questions about his expeditions to the Antarctic, how he felt about being beaten in the race to the South Pole and how he stayed so determined. Our time with Scott has helped our learning this week and has inspired us to be more resilient in the face of adversity.



## Shout Out Awards

These awards go to children who have demonstrated that they are Ready, Respectful and Safe Superstars. Well done for being such brilliant role models this week!

Reception Bubble - Esmee and Loveday

Year 1 Bubble - Isla and Reggie B

Year 2 Bubble - Faye and Brodie

Year 3 Bubble - Harvey and Marley

Year 4 Bubble - Hermione and Bella

Year 5 Bubble - Keighton and Joseph

Year 6 Bubble - Isobel and Ty

## Discovery MAT Top of the Rocks

A good selection of TTRS certificates to hand out this week... will one be coming to your home?

Keep up the hard work Oakwood Rockstars!



Mr S Ticehurst  
Maths Lead



## Wellbeing Day

Please see some pictures below from our Wellbeing Day; the children really enjoyed the activities they had the opportunity to take part in.

### Year 4

Year 4 had a wonderful Wellbeing Day. In the morning, we explored the school grounds in pairs and used the natural world around us to complete mathematic investigations.

We discussed wellbeing and discussed how negative emotions can affect our daily lives, and how we can deal with these emotions. This led us on to create our own Worry Dolls. Worry Dolls originated in Guatemala in South America and have been used for many years to help children feel calm before bed. We enjoyed using our creative skills to create these mini people and designing their clothes!



We also thoroughly enjoyed eating our lunch in the sunshine!



## Wellbeing Day cont...

### Year 5 and 6

During our Wellbeing Day, Year 5 and 6 took part in a live Bollywood dancing lesson which was streamed directly from India! The children had great fun embracing this new culture and enjoyed learning a range of moves in an exciting and interactive way. Throughout the lesson, the children developed the skill of resilience and the importance of paying close attention to the small details in the movements they were being shown.



As well as their live dance lesson, the children of Year 5 and 6 also took part in some outdoor maths learning. The children were given challenge cards which they had to complete; using their maths knowledge and the area around them to complete the tasks at hand. The children fully embraced this different way of learning and became more in tune with their surroundings, as well as developing their mathematical skills. The children very much look forward to taking part in more outdoor learning throughout the year and getting the chance to display their learning in new and creative ways.



In Kestrel Class we have been learning about Yoga and have taken part in yoga sessions. Our first one was on Wellbeing Day, and since then we have short yoga mindfulness sessions.

Although we all thought it was funny to begin with (and we laughed at some of the activities!), we managed to focus really well on the movement and shape of our bodies, and also managed to focus our mind, which helped with our

awareness of our surroundings. By continuing to practise yoga in class, we aim to develop our strength, flexibility and concentration.

During Wellbeing Day, Peregrine Class enjoyed a range of activities. They spent the first part of the day exploring our outdoor area; the children worked in groups to solve some fun, mathematical problems. During this first session, Year 6 created shapes using natural resources, measured the area of our playgrounds, and participated in



some physical activities like skipping. In the afternoon, the children discussed different ways of looking after our wellbeing. The children were introduced to Zentangles - a form of artistic meditation which involves creating decorative patterns. The children created their own personal Zentangles and found it to be a very relaxing activity. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning about wellbeing.

## Covid Reminders

No child should come to school if they, **or anyone they live with**, has symptoms of Covid-19. These are:

- A new persistent cough
- A high temperature
- A change in their normal sense of taste or smell.

Please ensure that you contact the school **immediately** to inform us if your child or a member of your household becomes unwell and requires a Covid-19 test, or if you are advised to self-isolate or have outcome of tests. Please leave a message on the school answerphone if this is before or after school hours. Children who are required to isolate at home can continue to work using their eSchools account. Thank you for your continued support in this matter.

### Reporting absences for children

Please contact the school by 9:15am to let us know if your child will be absent, providing details of the reason for the absence. This ongoing communication will enable us to ensure that we continue to keep children safe and follow all necessary government guidelines. We appreciate your continued assistance.

### Social Distancing Reminders

- Please remember only one adult when dropping off or picking up your child, which helps to reduce the number of adults on the premises.
- Wear a mask or face covering when on the school grounds (unless you are medically exempt).
- Please make sure you keep a social distance from all other adults on the school grounds when dropping off or waiting for your child.
- Please ensure that younger children remain with you at all times.

**Thank you very much for your understanding and continued support in helping to keep our school community safe.**

### Department for Education - HELPLINE FOR EDUCATION

The DfE have set up a helpline for education advice regarding the Covid-19 virus for staff and parents.

Phone : 0800 046 8687

Email : [DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk](mailto:DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk)

Opening hours : 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

### CATCH IT

Germs spread easily. Always carry tissues and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.



### BIN IT

Germs can live for several hours on tissues. Dispose of your tissue as soon as possible.



### KILL IT

Hands can transfer germs to every surface you touch. Clean your hands as soon as possible.



If your child has:  
**a high temperature  
a new, continuous cough, or  
a loss of, or change in, sense of  
smell or taste**

This could be a sign of  
coronavirus

[Book a test](#)

If your child has:  
**a runny nose, is sneezing or  
feeling unwell**  
But they don't have:  
**a high temperature  
a new, continuous cough, or  
a loss of, or change in,  
sense of smell or taste**

These are  
**not normally symptoms of  
coronavirus**

Seek advice from a pharmacy, dial  
111 or see your GP

## PE Days

Please send children to school wearing school PE kit on the following days as outlined below:

**Monday - Osprey**

**Tuesday - Goldcrest**

**Wednesday - Jay, Kestrel, Peregrine**

**Thursday - Dove, Puffin, Starling**

**Friday - Robin, Owl, Wren, Skylark**

Please ensure that the kit is weather appropriate.

Thank you!



## School Uniform Reminder

Please continue to send your child in the correct uniform as outlined in the Uniform Policy on our website. Children should wear grey trousers, skirt/pinafore or shorts **not leggings**. PE kit should only be worn on PE days. Please remember that flat sensible safe black shoes (no trainers) should be worn.

Please ensure that children bring coats in case of rain. As the weather hopefully improves children can bring sun-hats and should have sun cream applied before school if required. No sunglasses in school please. Thank you.

## 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.

Uniform Policy on our website:

[https://www.oakwood-primary.co.uk/storage/secure\\_download/aGplcWZCcJrjS0pKeUsxclF1dGo2QT09](https://www.oakwood-primary.co.uk/storage/secure_download/aGplcWZCcJrjS0pKeUsxclF1dGo2QT09)



## NEW Health Visiting and School Nursing TEXT SERVICE

PARENTS. CARERS. YOUNG PEOPLE.

If you'd like some health advice or support, but are a bit worried about seeing or talking to a professional, our new ChatHealth is perfect for you!

Simply text one of the numbers below and one of our team will text you back



0-5 years  
Parents Service  
07480 635188



5-19 years  
Parents Service  
07480 635189



11-19 years  
Young People's Service  
07480 635198

Livewell

## Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

(Ages specified in terms of 2016)

Tik Tok  
Twitter  
Facebook  
Instagram  
Pinterest  
Google+  
Tumblr  
Reddit  
Snapchat  
Secret

LinkedIn

WhatsApp

Vine  
Tinder

Path

action for children  
YouTube  
Kick  
Foursquare  
WeChat  
Kik  
Flickr

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(18 with parents' permission)

## Diary Dates

(Dates maybe subject to change)



### 2020/2021 TERM DATES

Mon 17th - Fri 28th May  
Tues 18th May  
Wed 19th May  
Mon 31st May - Fri 4th Jun  
Fri 23rd Jul  
Mon 26th Jul - Fri 3rd Sep

Year 5 Swimming Sessions  
Parent Meetings  
Parent Meetings  
**HALF TERM**  
School finishes 3:15pm  
**SUMMER HOLIDAYS**

### 2021/2022 TERM DATES

Wed 8th Sep  
Mon 25th - Fri 29th Oct  
Fri 26th Nov  
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  
Tue 26th Jul  
Wed 27th Jul

School opens 8:45am  
**HALF TERM**  
Non-Pupil Day  
School Finishes  
**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**  
School starts 8:45am  
**HALF TERM**  
Non-Pupil Day  
Non-Pupil Day  
**EASTER HOLIDAYS**  
May Bank Holiday  
**HALF TERM**  
School finishes at 3.15 pm  
**SUMMER HOLIDAYS**

### **Parent Meetings**

Please see the letter emailed last week for reminders about the organisation for Parent Meetings this term. It is very important that all adults follow the measures put in place. **Parents will be required to wear their mask/face covering for this 10 minute meeting.** Thank you .

#### **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 get back to you. 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](mailto:oakwood.office@discoverymat.co.uk)



*Have a good weekend, be safe!*  
*Jackie Sparrow - Head of School*