



Oakwood Academy Newsletter

"Living, learning and thriving"

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School Reminders

PTFA

Letters have been sent home for our Thornton's Egg Decorating Day taking place on the 4th April. Letters will be out next week regarding Entertainment Evenings.

Children's University

Could you please pass in your child passport by Thursday 14th March so that we can update activity hours on the University Database

School Website

We have a new school website, please take a look all newsletters and school information will now be available on the the new web address www.oakwood-primary-academy.eschools.co.uk

Goodbyes

We said goodbye and good luck to our brass teacher Chris Spreadbury this week who has left to take up a new post after many years with us. Brass lessons will continue as normal.

Red Nose Day—Friday 15th March

Wear red mufti for Red Nose Day next Friday for a donation. All donations will be passed to the charity. Thank you for your support.

Attendance

For Week Ending 1st March 2018

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



Frogs	98.3%
Dragonfly	96.9%
Squirrel	95.0%
Badger	96.2%
Hedgehog	96.6%
Alder	96.3%
Maple	98.1%
Willow	99.0%
Hazel	95.5%
Pine	94.7%
Chestnut	95.9%



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

Year 3 Music Trip

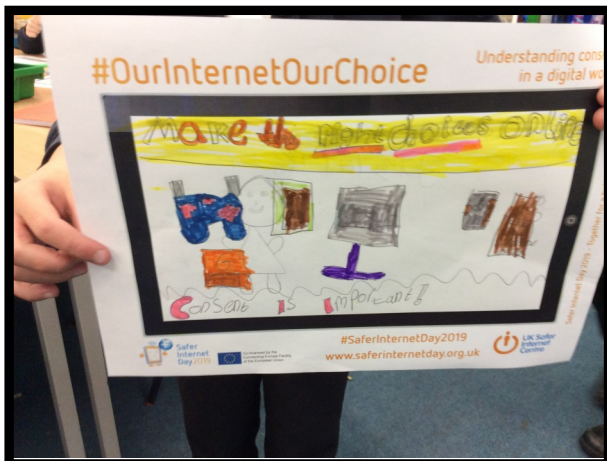


Year 3 children went on an exciting trip to Plymouth University to participate in a music workshop and scavenger hunt of the university grounds. They had the chance to play a range of instruments and compose their own music in groups to mimic the sound of a fast machine. The children behaved impeccably and demonstrated fantastic listening skills during the workshop. Thanks to Lisa Darcy for arranging this opportunity for the children



Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day was celebrated on Tuesday 5th February with the theme 'Together for a better internet.' Children learnt about how consent means giving permission online and explored how they can they ask, give, and receive consent online such as when playing games with their friends or sharing photographs of others. Classes took part in activities such as; creating posters to demonstrate how to make good choices online and making short films of top tips for staying safe. E-safety is embedded in our curriculum throughout the year and your support in discussing these issues with your children at home as well is appreciated.



Number Day

Despite the snow and ice on Friday 1st February, everyone in Oakwood enjoyed taking part in Numbers Day. Numbers Day was organised with two main aims in mind; to enjoy fun mathematical activities, and to generate support for the NSPCC.

Throughout the day, it was fantastic to see the excitement of the children whilst participating in mathematical based activities. Some classes



created vivid art work using a variety of

shapes, while others took on the challenge of completing the who wants to be a millionaire maths quiz. There were children measuring feet sizes, creating mazes, and enjoying many more activities.

We set the challenge of dressing up in mufti with a Mathematical theme, and for many, they rose to the challenge in tremendous style. There were some fantastic costumes in the school;

children dressed as dice, calculators, clocks, or were covered in numbers and mathematical symbols. A huge thank you to all parents and children for their kind donations, which will be sent to directly to the NSPCC.

Finally, at the end of the day, 66 children took part in a Times Table Rockstar Tournament. This was the first time we have held a knockout tournament in this manner, and it was a great success. The children

welcomed the challenge of facing others and demonstrated great sportsmanship. The final four competitors bravely took to the stage to compete against each other in front of the whole of KS2. Although there was one winner in the end, all children who participated in the tournament should feel very proud of themselves for their determination and positive attitudes. Well done to Daniel in Willow for winning our first tournament.



Year 6 London Trip



On Monday 25th February 26 Year 6 children from Pine and Chestnut arrived at school at 6:30 to leave for their exciting London experience!

Everyone was rather sleepy, arriving at school so early, however the children couldn't wait to get on the road!

We arrived in London on

Monday and our first stop was Madame Tussauds! We had an wonderful time meeting the different sports people, celebrities and even royalty!

We then travelled to The Rainforest Cafe, here we had a wonderful dining experience surrounded by tropical plants, flowers and animals!



The anticipation was getting too much and we went to our next experience! The Theatre! We found out that we were going to watch Aladdin! The show was absolutely fantastic, with a brilliant cast and the stage production was outstanding!

The next day we spent the morning in The Natural History Museum and had a great time looking at the artifacts. We then had lunch in the sunshine and waited for our next experience!

We boarded the coach and went on a

Blue Badge Tour of famous London landmarks. We went over Tower bridge, saw the Shard, the London Eye and finished with a walk through St James Park and walked to Buckingham Palace. The Queen was home, as her flag was flying, however she didn't invite us in for tea!

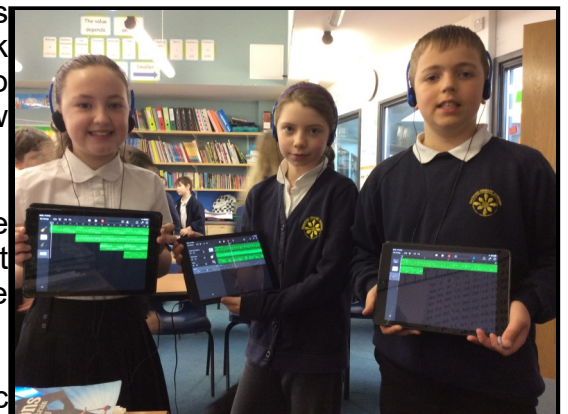
By this time we were tired but happy and it was time to return to the South West!

It was a very fun filled and active trip with lots to do and see. Thank you to all the adults who made this trip possible.

This term, Hazel class have been working with a musician to create their own funky tunes using the app GarageBand. They have learnt about beat, rhythm and which instruments complement each other. They look forward to using all their new skills to teach other children at Oakwood how to make their own music.

"I love Wednesday afternoons! We get to experiment with different sounds and pick the ones we like best."

"The best bit about it is making music that is completely original. No two songs sound the same."



Music Lessons

Diary Dates 2018/2019



Fri 15th March
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Fri 22nd March
Tues 26th March
Tues 2nd April
Thurs 4th April
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Fri 5th April

Red Nose Mufti Day
Willow Assembly
Alder Assembly
PTFA Foundation Year 1, 2 & 3 Entertainment Night
PTFA Year 4,5 & 6 Entertainment Night
PTFA egg decorating day
School closes for Easter
Non-pupil Day

Mon 8th April to Fri 19th

EASTER HOLIDAYS

Wed 24th April
Mon 6th May

School re-opens 8.45am
Bank Holiday

Mon 27th May to Friday 31st May

HALF TERM

Tues 23rd July
Wed 24th July

School closes for Summer Holidays
Non Pupil Day

2019/2020 TERM DATES

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

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

Mon 21st Oct—Fri 25th Oct

HALF TERM

28th Oct
28th Nov
29th Nov

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

23rd Dec—Fri 5th Jan 2020

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

School re-opens 8.45am

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

HALF TERM

School re-opens 8.45am

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

EASTER HOLIDAYS

Tues 14th Apr
Mon 4th May

School re-opens 8.45am
May Day Bank Holiday

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

HALF TERM
Last Day of Term



Have a great weekend!
Jackie Sparrow

