



Oakwood Academy Newsletter

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Information from Primary Times Plymouth & Devon



"We have distributed Primary Times Plymouth to your families for a number of years now, the aim being to provide details of all the fun, exciting and educational events going on locally during the summer holidays.

This year, things being as they are, we are unable to do so. Instead, for the summer, Primary Times would like to offer parents links to virtual things to do and learning for children.

The contributors will all be from the local community and economy. The idea is to offer regular updates and refreshed information throughout the summer as and when we receive it.

With Kind Regards

The Primary Times Team"

Please use the following link to access the Primary Times information through the summer break:
<https://mailchi.mp/e6fba174f4c0/sign-up-to-the-primary-times-devon-newsletter>

Free School Meals - Summer Holidays

Reminder - More information about claiming for free school meals can be found at: <https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals>. Applications can be made via the Council website and are processed within five working days. Any child currently in receipt of FSM will receive an email with a voucher code by Friday 17th July. If you have any issues please email the school office on oakwood.office@discoverymat.co.uk in the first instance or call 01752 775478.

Note for children going into Year 3 in September - Your child will no longer be entitled to Universal Free School Meals. If you think you are eligible for claiming Free School Meals, please complete the application form using the link below.

<https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/schoolseducationchildcareskillsandemployability/catered/freeschoolmeals>

Mufti Day

All pupils that are due to be in school on the last day, Friday 17th July, will be allowed to wear mufti clothes. There will be no charge. Please remember that flat sensible shoes should be worn.



Learning fun!

Foundation

The Foundation children have been making rock pools and seaside displays as part of their "Under the Sea" topic.



Birthdays this week:

Foundation/KS1:

Christine
Honey
Charlie

KS2:

Millie
Jenson
Jack
Thomas
Tilly



Happy birthday to all!

Year 1

Year 1 children Keian, Paula, Leo, Charlie and Chloe busy making clay insects!



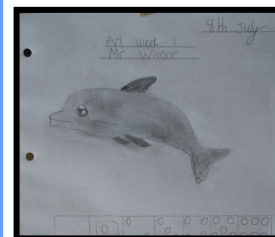
Year 6

It was amazing to see some familiar faces this week. The Year 6 children in Educare were very excited to see some of their friends as a group of other Year 6s came in for the day. They completed some Year 6 leavers art and enjoyed playing tracker (the children's favourite game) in the afternoon. It was amazing to see them in person and listen to what they have been doing during lockdown. We wish them the best of luck for secondary school.



eSchools Art Lesson

Mr Winsor uploaded an art lesson sheet, complete with a fun dice game, onto eSchools for the children to try. Here are a couple of the submissions he's had back:



Lily J (Jansson Class)



Ruby (Walliams Class)

Hello and Goodbye!

Hello....

We are delighted to welcome the following teachers to Oakwood in September:



Mrs Catherwood will be the Assistant Head of School at Oakwood from September and will also be one of the teachers in the year 5/6 Kestrel Class working with Mrs Collier. Although Mrs Catherwood is new to Oakwood, she has worked within the Discovery MAT for the last 6 years at Weston Mill.

Mrs Catherwood studied Musical Theatre at University and has been part of many productions over the years. She is also a member of the Military Wives Choir, Plymouth. We look forward to the time when we can enjoy singing and performing again in school!

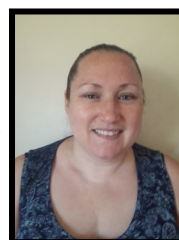
Miss Morgan will be the Team Leader for year 4, 5 and 6 in September and will be teaching the year 4 Goldcrest Class. Miss Morgan has been teaching in the MAT at Weston Mill and is really looking forward to getting to know the children and parents at Oakwood. Her favourite subject to teach is English because she really enjoys reading and writing and always looks forward to World Book Day so that she can dress up and find out about lots of exciting authors!



Mrs O'Brien will be our new Inclusion Co-ordinator (INCO) in September. She has been teaching at a primary school in Plymouth and is very excited to be joining Oakwood Primary Academy. She will also be teaching the year 2 Dove Class with Miss Brockelsby.

She is really looking forward to getting to know the children and families across the school in her INCO role as part of the Pastoral Team.

Mrs Watson will be teaching in Reception and year 1 Owl class from September. She is also new to the Discovery MAT but knows our local community well and is looking forward to getting to know the new children and families who will be joining us in September.



Miss Kelly will be teaching the year 5 Osprey class in September. She also has a keen interest in music and theatre and enjoys watching plays and musicals and has even performed in a few herself! She also loves to read and spend her spare time diving into a good book.

...good bye and good luck!

Sadly, we say a fond farewell to Mr Mann at the end of this term. He will be moving to Weston Mill in September as Key Stage 2 Team Leader. Mr Mann has taught in Beechwood and Oakwood and during that time has taught many children across Key Stage 2. He will be very much missed by children, parents and staff and we wish him lots of luck in his new school.

Mrs Connett is also leaving at the end of term and moving on to a new SENCO post in September. During her time at Oakwood, Mrs Connett has worked with many children and families to help support their learning and wellbeing. We will miss her and wish her lots of luck for the future.

DIARY DATES



These dates are our term times pending Government changes

2019/2020

Fri 17th July
Mon 20th July

School finishes 3:15pm
SUMMER BREAK starts

2020/2021

Thu 3rd Sep
Fri 4th Sep
Mon 7th Sep
Tue 8th Sep
Mon 26th Oct - Fri 30th Oct
Fri 27th Nov
Fri 18th Dec

Non Pupil Day
Non Pupil Day
School starts for Years 1 - 6
School starts for Foundation
HALF TERM
Non Pupil Day
Last Day of Term

Let the streams and waterways
where you live inspire
your artwork in our

**BIG
PLYMOUTH
RIVER MAP
CHALLENGE**



We want to help the fish and other creatures that live in, or next to, the streams at the bottom of your gardens or ends of your roads. We'd love you to take up our Big Plymouth River Map Challenge this summer and draw, paint or make a collage of your special stream. You could do this by looking out of your windows, over your fence or by taking a walk with a parent or guardian.

Simply write the nearest street name and the area on your 'map', as well as your name and your age. You could also ask a grown-up if they have any memories of the stream, maybe from when they were young, and write these on the back.

Take a photo of your artwork and any stories and email them to jenny@wrt.org.uk by 31 August 2020.
Or pop them in an envelope and send to Jenny Wytcherley, Rain-Charm House, Kyl Cober Parc, Stoke Climsland, Callington, Cornwall, PL17 8PH.

We will share entries in an online exhibition and on our social media, and some of them may be chosen to be part of a bigger design project with the whole community. We will also use the information you put on your artwork to decide which places need help in making the water cleaner and the streams better places for fish to live in.



Have a great weekend!
Jackie Sparrow
Head of School