



Oakwood Academy Newsletter

"Living, learning and thriving"

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11th March 2022

Meet and Greet

This term we have relaunched our Meet and Greet. Here is what our children think!

"It makes me feel happy and joyful because it is fun and puts a smile on my face at the start of the day." - Chloe KS2.

"It makes me happy and smile and helps me feel positive at the start of the day." - Poppy KS2.

"I like doing the heart symbol and it feels like a real love heart." - Dollie-Love KS1.

"I just love doing fist bumps with my teacher." - Corvan KS1.

"I love it because I like to brighten up the day." - Charley KS1.

We will be using our pupil's feedback and suggestions to improve it further!



Comic Relief Red Nose Day - Friday 18th March

Children will be able to wear **Red** Mufti for a donation on Friday 18th March. All proceeds will go to Comic Relief and we look forward to seeing lots of red or fun, colourful mufti clothes!

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.



Zachary (Severn) attended an awards ceremony on Saturday for his fishing club, where he was awarded 3 trophies and a certificate: 2021 Junior Angler of the Year, 2021 Junior Best Flounder Caught, 2021 Junior Most Different Species and the Bronze award for Best Whiting Caught. This is given by the angling Trust which is a UK wide club. Very well done Zachary!



Georgina and Lewis competed at the Bristol Open Jui Jitsu Competition at the weekend with their team mates and both won Gold. Not only that but their whole team won Gold too! Well done to all!



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 - 15,075 words

Lower KS2 - Lagan Class - 544,284 words

Upper KS2 - Wye Class - 282, 200 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

Veg Power Schools Programme

The Veg Power Schools Programme (Eat Them to Defeat Them) is successfully encouraging children to try new vegetable dishes. Please see this poster for details of any changes to meals on the usual menu.



Dads antenatal session

Are you a dad to be?

Join us for a dads only antenatal session where we will look at the role of a father, emotional wellbeing and practical ways you can support new mums in labour and beyond.

Please book a place on one of the sessions below by visiting Eventbrite or message 07977020638 for more information.

Wednesday 16th February

Wednesday 20th April

Wednesday 18th May

17:00—19:00 @ Green Ark Children's Centre

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 4th March 2022

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

**Well done to Thames KS1 and
Wye KS2 for the highest attendance!**



Tamar	91.3%
Lynher	97.5%
Fowey	93.0%
Avon	88.1%
Thames	97.8%
Severn	93.6%
Medway	89.2%
Trent	92.7%
Lagan	97.0%
Clyde	95.8%
Mersey	94.0%
Tyne	96.1%
Wye	97.6%

Diary Dates

(Dates maybe subject to change)



2021/2022 TERM DATES

Fri 18th Mar
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

Red Nose Day - Red Mufti for donation

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