



# Oakwood Academy Newsletter

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**17th December 2021**

## Merry Christmas!

We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and hope that you have a wonderful time with your family, friends and loved ones. Keep safe and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year when the children return to school on Tuesday 4th January 2022.



### Foundation Nativity

The Foundation Nativity video is now available on the school website under the Children tab > Christmas 2021.

The children really enjoyed it and performed amazingly!

### Class Christmas Songs

The class Christmas song videos are available to view on the school website under the Children tab > Christmas 2021. We hope you enjoy viewing them!

### Parent Meetings

These meetings will be **virtual** and will be taking place starting from the week beginning 10th January 2022. A letter will come out to all parents outlining the organisation for the meeting during the first week back.

### Fit and Fed Christmas holiday programme

Plymouth City Council's Sports Development Unit are working with a number of local holiday clubs across the city to offer FREE places this Christmas holiday to children on benefit-related Free School Meals.

They have 44 FREE holiday clubs taking place across the city for children on benefit-related free school meals. Each action-packed club will provide a variety of sports, activities and a healthy nutritional lunch each day. All clubs are run by experienced organisations who will provide a safe environment where children will have fun and make new friends.

More information and how to book can be found at our webpage [www.plymouth.gov.uk/fitandfed](http://www.plymouth.gov.uk/fitandfed)

### Open The Book Team - Derriford United Reformed Church

The Open the Book team recently kindly donated some new reading books to school. Here are some of the Foundation Children with a few of the books. Many thanks to the Open the Book Team!



## 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.

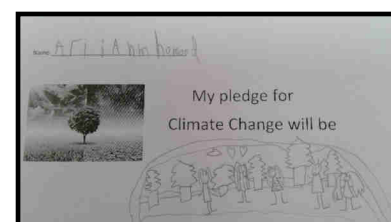
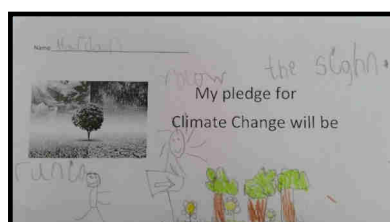
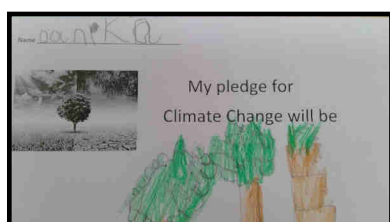
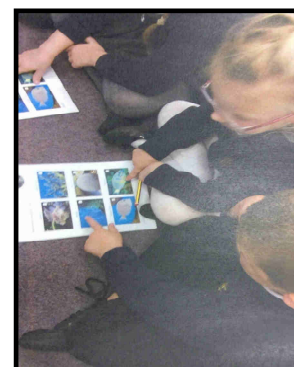
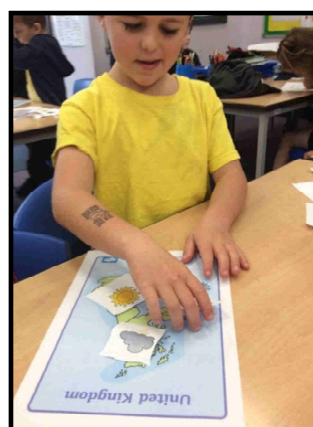
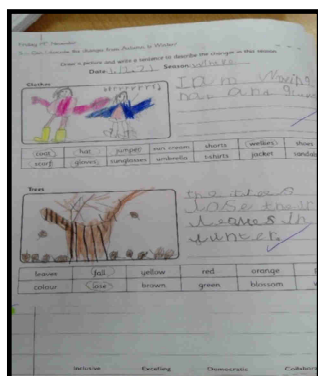
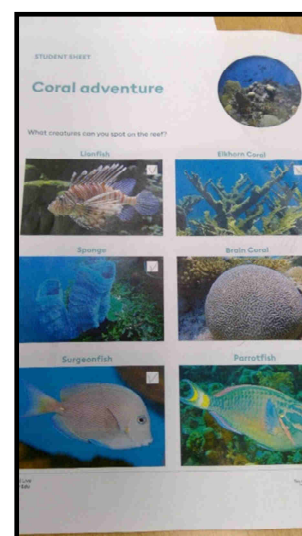
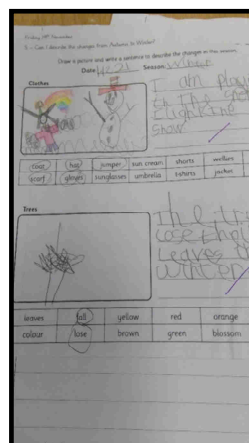
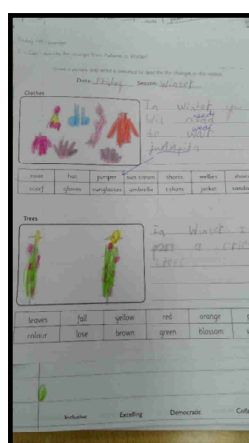
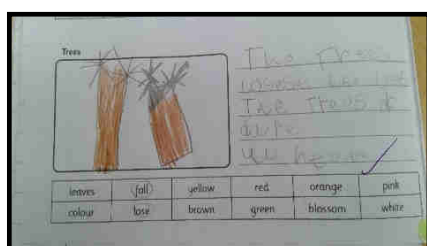


Lincoln (Medway) won a trophy at football this week by scoring an awesome penalty! Well done Lincoln!



## STEM WEEK - Year 1 and 2

As part of STEM Week, the children in Year 1 and 2 went on a virtual coral adventure. They used their observational skills to identify sea creatures. The children enjoyed a visit from a speaker who talked about deforestation and climate change. Everyone made a pledge to stop climate change using our problem-solving skills. As part of their learning journey this term they also went on an Autumn walk, finding signs of Autumn and talking about the changes that happen as we move from Autumn to Winter. Then, we became weather forecasters!





## **Summerhouse Services courses available**

### **FAMILY & FRIENDS WORKSHOPS**

- 'From Self Harm to Self Help' - Monday 24th January - 9.45am - 2.45pm
- 'Food for Thought' (Understanding & helping a child or young person with eating difficulty) - Friday 4th February - 9.45am - 2.45pm

Family & Friends In Person cost - £40pp

Zoom Delivery - £30pp (Help with cost available on request)

### **GENERIC ADULT WORKSHOP**

- 'Active Ears' (Active listening intervention training workshop) - Friday 28th January - 10am - 3.30pm

In Person cost £60pp

Zoom Delivery - £45pp

If you would like to make a booking for any of the workshops, please do not hesitate to contact me on any of the details below.

There are a number of new workshop titles that will also be available in 2022, but I have just set a few dates for now, until we are all clearer on the way forward.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a restful, enjoyable and healthy festive break and look forward to seeing some of you in the New Year!

Kind Regards

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### **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.

## 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 - 6,224 words**

**Lower KS2 - Lagan Class - 128,136 words**

**Upper KS2 - Mersey Class - 116,952 words**

**Overall, since the beginning of September, the winners for the Autumn term are:-**

**KS1 - Thames Class - 79,407 words**

**Lower KS2 - Lagan Class - 1,263,202 words**

**Upper KS2 - Tyne Class - 2,151,538 words**

Well done to those classes!





## Diary Dates

(Dates maybe subject to change)



### 2021/2022 TERM DATES

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

### CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

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 10th December 2021

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

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



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| <b>Tamar</b> | <b>93.6%</b> |
| Lynher       | 94.4%        |
| Fowey        | 87.3%        |
| Avon         | 91.7%        |
| Thames       | 90.0%        |

|               |              |
|---------------|--------------|
| Severn        | 93.2%        |
| <b>Medway</b> | <b>93.9%</b> |
| Trent         | 78.0%        |
| Lagan         | 90.6%        |
| Clyde         | 90.0%        |
| Mersey        | 81.7%        |
| Tyne          | 92.7%        |
| Wye           | 93.6%        |

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:oakwood.office@discoverymat.co.uk)



*Have a lovely Christmas break!  
Jackie Sparrow - Head of School*