



Oakwood Academy Newsletter

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Platinum Jubilee Update

To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, the children took part in a variety of exciting activities across the week, including a royal-themed family picnic. As well as designing and making our own posh hats, we made invitations for our grown-ups and learned a special song to perform at our Jubilee picnic. On Friday, the children attended a Jubilee-themed Assembly, where we planted a tree as part of the Queen's Canopy Project. The youngest and oldest members of the school helped to plant our tree, together with Mrs. Vowden who is our longest serving member of staff. The children and staff crowned Mrs. Vowden the 'Queen of Oakwood'!



Next week:- Look out for our Sports Week update and photos from Brickfields and Sports Day!

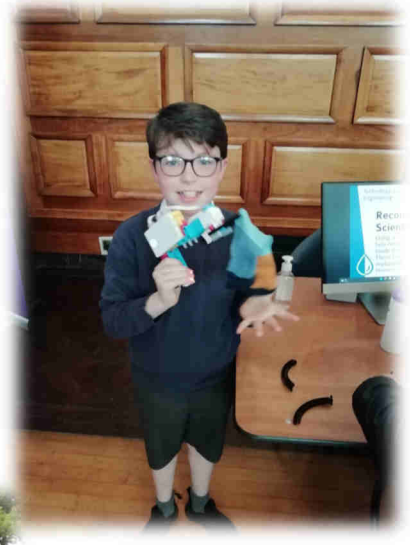
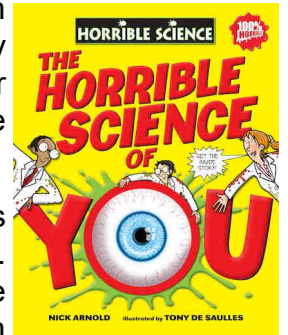


As the weather is improving, please ensure that you send your child with suncream on, a sun hat and a full water bottle.

Year 6 Medifest Trip

On Monday 13th June, children from year 6 attended a 'Medifest' event in the Guildhall. This STEM-based event was a showcase of different science and medical employers and services, from around the city, to inspire children about possible future careers. There was also a very interactive assembly from 'Horrible Science' children's author Nick Arnold. He conducted a number of experiments on stage such as the 'Flying Poo Challenge' on some unwitting volunteers and demonstrated the science behind them!

Children had a hands-on time learning about the paths into different careers and how different jobs in health, science and engineering can help people. They also enjoyed getting lots of freebies from the stalls! Thank you to the staff who supported this event and to the children who behaved well when representing the school on the trip.

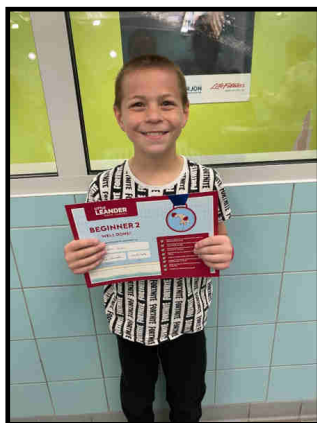


Celebration Shout Out!

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.



Chloe (Lagan), Max (Tyne) and Benjamin (Fowey) have all moved up a group in their swimming class after successfully completing Beginner Level 2. Well done to all of you!



Reading Parent Information Sessions

We were thrilled by the number of parents who attended the reading sessions with their children last term. It was wonderful to see so many children and parents enjoying many favourite and well-loved stories together. To continue to help support with reading, we are holding some parent information sessions on reading so that we can share some updates, resources and give parents an opportunity to ask any questions about the ways they can support their child with reading.



These reading sessions will be organised into 3 separate afternoons to target each key stage and help you choose the one most suited to the age of your child.

Foundation Reading Session – Thursday 23rd June at 2.45pm led by Mrs O'Carroll

KS1 Reading Session – Thursday 30th June at 2.45pm led by Miss Crocker

KS2 Reading Session – Thursday 7th July at 2.45 pm led by Miss Crocker

All reading sessions will be held in the school hall, please enter by the community door, this will be opened at 2.40pm. We look forward to seeing you there!



Pre-Loved Uniform Shop

We all know how quickly children outgrow school uniform and that often families have items that have hardly been worn but no longer fit. It seems a real shame that these clothes either go to a recycle bank or simply get thrown away.



We have introduced a Pre-Loved school uniform system in our school. Donated items are available to families throughout the year and will, we hope, make sure that children get the best wear out of school uniform. If you have items of school uniform that your child has grown out of but are still in good condition, please send them into school clean. Coats and shoes will also be welcomed.

The uniform is situated in the school's external foyer. Thank you to those that have donated already!

Renaissance Reading Program

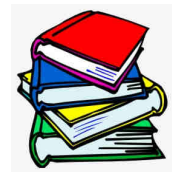
When children have finished reading a book they take a Ren Reading quiz to answer questions on the book that they have completed. When quizzes are passed, the number of words in the books are totalled together and a weekly word count for each class is accumulated.

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 - 17,958 words

Lower KS2 - Lagan Class - 554,231 words

Upper KS2 - Tyne Class - 79,168 words



Well done to those classes!



Notre Dame Plymouth

**Year 5
Open Afternoon**

Thursday 7th July 2022

Pre-Booking Essential

To reserve your place please email

opendays@ndonline.org or call **01752 775101**



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Message from Low Profile - Art organisation in Plymouth

At the start of July we are recreating a kind of flash mob on the Hoe recreating an old photograph where lots of people stand spelling out the word 'People'. We are hoping that those involved are people who volunteer their time - PTA members, mothers and fathers who look after friend's children, anyone who gives their time helping for free. We want to recognise these legends and bring them all together to create a photograph that celebrates this.

We are still in the 'sign up' phase of the campaign and we'd love to see some of the families from your school represented. Find out more at:
<https://ourplymouth.co.uk/people/>

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."

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, if possible before 2:45pm. Thank you!



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 \(www.police.uk\)](http://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.

Scooters & bikes

Please ensure that all bikes and scooters are locked when you leave them in the bike/scooter shelter near the main gate.
Thank you.



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

Updated Covid-19 Guidance

Children and young people with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend their education setting. Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people, where they can. They can go back to school, college or childcare, and resume normal activities when they no longer have a high temperature and they are well enough to attend.

Children and young people aged 18 years and under who have a positive test result

It is not recommended that children and young people are tested for COVID-19 unless directed to by a health professional.

If a child or young person has a positive COVID-19 test result they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test, if they can. After 3 days, if they feel well and do not have a high temperature, the risk of passing the infection on to others is much lower. This is because children and young people tend to be infectious to other people for less time than adults.

Children and young people who usually go to school, college or childcare and who live with someone who has a positive COVID-19 test result should continue to attend as normal.



Attendance For Week Ending 10th Jun 2022

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

**Well done to Lynher KS1 and
Clyde KS2 for the highest attendance!**



Tamar	96.7%
Lynher	97.2%
Fowey	92.9%
Avon	90.9%
Thames	95.3%

Severn	96.8%
Medway	96.3%
Trent	85.4%
Lagan	88.9%
Clyde	99.2%
Mersey	96.4%
Tyne	96.5%
Wye	93.5%

Diary Dates

(Dates maybe subject to change)



2021/2022 TERM DATES

Mon 6th - Fri 24th Jun

Thu 23rd Jun

Fri 24th Jun

Mon 27th Jun

Thu 30th Jun

Fri 1st July

Thu 7th July

Fri 8th July

Fri 8th July

Fri 15th July

Thur 21st July

Tue 26th July

Wed 27th July

Year 5 Swimming Lessons

Foundation Reading Session 2:45pm (Via Comm Doors)

Year 4 Trent & Lagan Learning Assembly 2:40pm

Non-Pupil Day (Jubilee day given)

KS1 Reading Session 2:45pm (via Community Doors)

Year 5 Clyde & Mersey Learning Assembly 2:40pm

KS2 Reading Session 2:45pm (via Community Doors)

Year 2 Avon & Thames Learning Assembly 2:40pm

Summer Fayre

Fdn Tamar & Lynher Learning Assembly 2:40pm

Year 6 Tyne & Wye Leaver's Assembly 2pm

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 Half Term break!
Jackie Sparrow - Head of School