



# Oakwood Academy Newsletter

"Living, learning and thriving"

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## 24th September 2021

### Welcome Presentation

We emailed the Learning Journey for each year group last week. We hope you found the information useful; it will help you understand what aspects of the curriculum your children are learning about over the term and perhaps offer opportunities for you to support them with some of these curriculum areas such as reading. (A copy of the Learning Journey can be found on the website - select the Learning tab at the top of the website home page and then select Learning Journeys from the drop down menu.) To support this further there is a PowerPoint Presentation saved in your child's class page. Here, your child's class teacher has shared some curriculum and organisational information. You will find the presentation on the school website - select the children tab and then select class pages from the drop down menu and then select your child's class.

### Young Arts at Plymouth College of Art: Saturday club's

If you are looking for some extracurricular creative activities for your 9 - 16 year olds, then there are still places available on Plymouth College of Art's Young Arts courses, which begin on Saturday 25th September. Half term (5 week) and full term (10 week) bookings are available as well as the free National Art & Design Saturday Club (info on the link below).



Ages 9 - 11: <https://www.plymouthart.ac.uk/events/young-arts-saturday-arts-club-autumn-term-9-11-years>

Ages 11 - 13: <https://www.plymouthart.ac.uk/events/young-arts-saturday-arts-club-autumn-term-11-13-years>

Ages 13 - 16: <https://www.plymouthart.ac.uk/events/young-creators-arts-club-13-16-years>

### Attendance For Week Ending 17th September 2021

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

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



Tamar	97.1%
<b>Lynher</b>	<b>99.1%</b>
Fowey	93.6%
Avon	86.7%
Thames	98.3%

Severn	81.2%
Medway	95.3%
Trent	94.3%
Lagan	97.4%
<b>Clyde</b>	<b>99.6%</b>
Mersey	94.2%
Tyne	92.8%
Wye	96.8%

## Tyne class year 6

The children in Tyne class were asked to create a silhouette picture based on the learning taking place in their English lessons. They had been reading the book 'Glassheart' which is about a girl who lives with her Uncle after escaping the war. Strange things start happening and before they know it the girl finds herself in a derelict looking church on Dartmoor.



As part of their story-writing we had an experience day where the children thought about the silhouettes created on the Moors before sunset. Here are some of them:



As part of our ongoing work on promoting wellbeing and healthy body and mind, Tyne class have been offered the chance everyday to sit in the sun/shade and read their books. We have been promoting reading in a calm, relaxing place as a way of getting away from the fast-paced world we live in. Sadly we didn't have any hammocks!



Eco champions! This week I asked the children in Tyne class, who were particularly interested in the environment, to apply for the job of Eco Champion. This will be a role that evolves as the year goes on. Their first task was to help clean our 'Year 6' area so that it could be used to relax, read and share time with friends. The Eco Champions chose some friends to help them. This will help to teach them responsibility, collaboration and respect. We look forward to developing this area further. If anyone has any contributions of plants or outdoor furnishings we could use we would really appreciate them!



**Argyle Community Trust**  
Home Park, Plymouth, PL2 3DQ

Dear Parent/Guardian,

**We would like to invite your daughter along to our new Netball sessions at Plympton Academy on Friday evening from 17:00 – 18:00.**

**The sessions are beginning on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2021 and run until Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021.**

**The cost is £16 for the 4-week block. You can book your daughter onto these sessions online via the link below:**

**<https://argylecommunitytrust.co.uk/our-regions/regional-course-bookings/plymouth-booking/>**



Kind Regards

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## CATCH IT

Germs spread easily. Always carry tissues and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.



## BIN IT

Germs can live for several hours on tissues. Dispose of your tissue as soon as possible.



## KILL IT

Hands can transfer germs to every surface you touch. Clean your hands as soon as possible.



## Building notice

As you will have noticed, there is work currently being undertaken on our roof, which will continue throughout the autumn & spring terms. Please take extra care when on the school grounds and remind children not to play under or climb the scaffolding. Please wait away from scaffolding at the beginning and the end of the day. Thank you for your support in this matter.



## School Uniform Reminder

**Please remember that flat, sensible, safe, black shoes (no trainers) should be worn.**

Please send your child in the correct uniform as outlined in the Uniform Policy on our website. Children should wear grey trousers, skirt/pinafore or shorts **not leggings**.

We have reverted back to normal organisation regarding PE kit. Children need to bring their PE kit to school, they will change in school for PE sessions. Children no longer should come to school in PE kit. Please ensure that PE kit is as outlined in the uniform policy; this will remain in school.

## 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.



## NEW Health Visiting and School Nursing TEXT SERVICE

PARENTS. CARERS. YOUNG PEOPLE.

If you'd like some health advice or support, but are a bit worried about seeing or talking to a professional, our new ChatHealth is perfect for you!

Simply text one of the numbers below and one of our team will text you back



0-5 years  
Parents Service  
07480 635188



5-19 years  
Parents Service  
07480 635189



11-19 years  
Young People's Service  
07480 635198

Livewell

## Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

(Ages specified in terms as of 2014)



Tik Tok  
Twitter  
Facebook  
Instagram  
Pinterest  
Google+  
Tumblr  
Reddit  
Snapchat  
Secret



YouTube  
Keep  
Foursquare  
WeChat  
Kik  
Flickr



## Diary Dates

(Dates maybe subject to change)



### 2021/2022 TERM DATES

Mon 25th - Fri 29th Oct  
Fri 26th Nov  
Fri 17th Dec  
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  
Tue 26th Jul  
Wed 27th July - Wed 31st Aug

**HALF TERM**  
Non-Pupil Day  
School Finishes  
**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**  
School starts 8:45am  
**HALF TERM**  
Non-Pupil Day  
Non-Pupil Day  
**EASTER HOLIDAYS**  
May Bank Holiday  
**HALF TERM**  
School finishes at 3.15 pm  
**SUMMER HOLIDAYS**

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### **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 weekend!*  
*Jackie Sparrow - Head of School*