



# Oakwood Academy Newsletter

“Living, learning and thriving”

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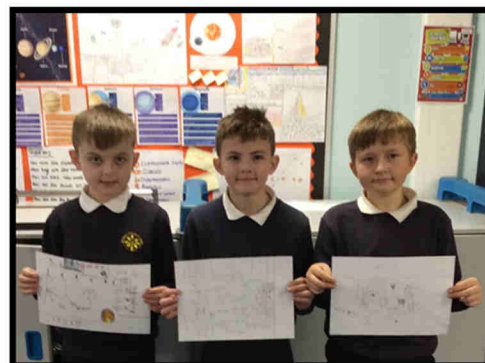
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## 11th February 2022

### Safety Week – Year 5 Clyde and Mersey Class

For Safety Week in Clyde class the children have been learning about internet safety and what they can do to be safe online. The children have learnt many strategies they can do when they are feeling unsafe online, for example, tell an adult straight away if something is wrong, only add people they know, only play games that are age appropriate, do not data share, do not share personal details...the list goes on! The children have created posters on the safety they have learnt to inform others on what they can do to stay safe.



Last week in Mersey Class, we found out about dangers in different situations. In the kitchen we discovered there are lots of risks and so many dangers, including ovens, kettles, irons, steamers, grills, and knives. In the bedroom there might be straighteners, a high bed, bunk beds and hairdryers. In the garden there are dangers such as ponds, poisonous plants, holes in the ground, rakes and spades and pools. We drew our scenarios and presented them to the class.

By Safa, Layton, Tilly and Lacey.

Please look out for the National Online Safety Parent Guides for lots of useful information and advice to keep children safe online. They are posted on our Facebook page.



## 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.



### 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 - 17,635 words**
- Lower KS2 - Lagan Class - 156,193 words**
- Upper KS2 - Wye Class - 208,225 words**



Well done to those classes!

### Attendance For Week Ending 4th February 2022

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

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



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|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Tamar</b> | <b>99.2%</b> |
| Lynher       | 95.6%        |
| Fowey        | 93.0%        |
| Avon         | 90.4%        |
| Thames       | 90.9%        |

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|---------------|--------------|
| <b>Severn</b> | <b>95.6%</b> |
| Medway        | 90.3%        |
| Trent         | 83.7%        |
| Lagan         | 91.7%        |
| Clyde         | 90.4%        |
| Mersey        | 92.8%        |
| Tyne          | 94.5%        |
| Wye           | 93.9%        |

Are you aged 18-25?  
Do you look after a family member or friend?

### YOUNG ADULT CARERS FREE ACTIVITIES

**Wednesday 16th February Pizza Hut buffet**  
Do you like pizza? Do you like pasta? Do you like free? Then join us for an unlimited buffet at the Barbican Leisure Park from 11:30 - 1:30pm

**Wednesday 16th March - Walk and Talk at Central Park**  
Enjoy a leisurely walk around Central Park and have lunch on us from 11:00 - 1:00pm

**Wednesday 13th April - Easter Quiz Trail at Devonport Park**  
Have you got egg-celent quiz skills?  
Can you scramble up the knowledge to win big?  
Join us from 10:30 - 12:30pm to find out!

Come along and meet other carers and enjoy some respite away from your caring role.  
All activities are completely free- Please call, text or email to register.

Improving Lives Plymouth  
Nicolle - 07306043634  
Alex - 07498641182  
yac@improvinglivesplymouth.org.uk

MAKING CARERS COUNT  
Supporting carers with their caring role

**JUNIOR BAKE OFF**

...IS LOOKING FOR THE UK'S  
BEST YOUNG BAKERS  
AGED 9 - 12

[WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK](http://WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK)

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE  
SUNDAY 13TH MARCH 2022**

Enquiries:  
[applyforjuniorbakeoff@loveproductions.co.uk](mailto:applyforjuniorbakeoff@loveproductions.co.uk)

## Mealtime Assistant (MTA) Vacancy

**Discovery Multi Academy Trust**  
**Permanent Mealtime Assistant**  
**Grade A, Scale Point 1, £9.50ph**  
**7.5hours per week, 38 weeks per annum**

We have a permanent MTA post available to start as soon as possible. The position will initially be based at Oakwood Primary Academy, but the successful candidates may be deployed to work at any of the schools that form Discovery MAT, where required.

We are looking to appoint a Mealtime Assistant to work within our Trust who –

- can work as part of a successful team
- is able to organise play activities
- is enthusiastic and patient
- has a range of behaviour strategies
- has a good sense of humour

For an application form please visit our website – [www.discoverymat.co.uk](http://www.discoverymat.co.uk)  
Applications should be returned by email to [oakwood.office@discoverymat.co.uk](mailto:oakwood.office@discoverymat.co.uk)

Closing date: 28th February 2022 12Noon  
Interviews: 8th March 2022

**Discovery Multi Academy Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and we expect all staff to share this commitment. This post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974; pre-employment checks will be carried out, references will be sought for all shortlisted candidates and all shortlisted candidates will be requested to complete a questionnaire about any convictions or adult cautions that are unspent. Guidance will be given to those shortlisted.**

RN FPS Community Support  
**CROWNHILL JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP**  
Crownhill Community Centre  
Crownhill Fort Road, Plymouth, PL6 5BX

**CROWNHILL COMMUNITY CENTRE JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP**  
6-12 YEARS  
EVERY WEDNESDAY DURING TERM TIME  
FUN ACTIVITIES • 1730-1900  
HEALTH INFORMATION SUPPORT • SNACKS

ROYAL NAVY & ROYAL MARINES CHARITY  
HANDS  
Improving Lives Plymouth  
Supporting positive lives 10P

RN FPS Community Support  
**STAY & PLAY**  
Radford Community Centre  
Stokingway Close, Plymouth, PL9 9JL

**STAY & PLAY**  
a place for your babies and toddlers to interact and play through arts and craft!  
Offering a space to gain support from RN FPS & other Service Families  
Every Tuesday Term Time 0930-1100  
At Radford Community Centre  
Please bring snacks for children, tea and coffee provided for adults

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## Breakfast Club Assistant Vacancy

**Discovery Multi Academy Trust**  
**Permanent Breakfast Club Assistant**  
**Grade A, Scale Point 1, £9.50 ph**  
**5 hours per week, 38 weeks per annum**

We have a permanent [Breakfast Club Assistant](#) post available to start as soon as possible. This position will initially to be based at Oakwood Primary Academy, but the successful candidate may be deployed to work at any of the schools that form Discovery MAT, where required.

We are looking to appoint a Breakfast Club Assistant to work within our Trust who -

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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.



**NHS**

**REASONS YOU'RE NOT GETTING A GOOD NIGHTS SLEEP**

-  **TOO MUCH SCREEN TIME BEFORE BED**
-  **DRINKING TOO MUCH CAFFEINE**
-  **NOT GIVING YOURSELF ENOUGH TIME TO WIND DOWN**
-  **YOUR ROOM IS THE WRONG TEMPERATURE**
-  **YOU HAVE A RANDOM SLEEP SCHEDULE**

@COURTNEYBLACKAPP

## 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 \(www.police.uk\)](http://www.street-safe.com)

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.

**RN FPS Community Support**  
**COFFEE MORNING**



Radford Community Centre  
Stokingway Close, Plymstock, PL9 9JL



# RADFORD

## COFFEE MORNING





Every Friday Term Time 0930-1100 **With a twist!**  
Each month a different organisation or agency will attend to promote their services within the community  
Offering a space to gain support from RN FPS and other Service Families  
**Tea and Coffee available**  
Children are welcome please provide their snacks





**RN FPS Community Support**  
**RADFORD JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP**

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## COMMUNITY CENTRE JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP

6-12 YEARS  
EVERY THURSDAY DURING TERM TIME  
FUN ACTIVITIES 1730-1900  
HEALTH INFORMATION SUPPORT SNACKS



## Diary Dates

(Dates maybe subject to change)



### 2021/2022 TERM DATES

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

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 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](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*