



Oakwood Academy Newsletter

"Living, learning and thriving"



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School Reminders

School Website

We have a new school website; please take a look. All newsletters and school information will now be available at www.oakwood-primary-academy.eschools.co.uk.

Clothing

Please remember to put name tags in ALL of your child's clothing items.

Uniform

In addition, please make sure that your child is wearing the correct uniform to school. Shoes should be black, no trainers. This means no sunglasses, no earrings to be worn during PE, and no high heels/open toed shoes. Headbands and hairclips should be plain in colour and not obstruct anyone's view. No makeup is to be worn, especially no nail varnish.

School reopens after Easter at 8.45 on the 24th of April.

Attendance

For Week Ending 29th March

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

Frogs	94.7%
Dragonfly	92.1%
Squirrel	95.0%
Badger	91.0%
Hedgehog	96.3%

Alder	95.6%
Maple	93.1%
Willow	99.7%
Hazel	95.5%
Pine	99.3%
Chestnut	98.3%

Attendance

For Week Ending 4th April

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

Frogs	82.2%
Dragonfly	90.5%
Squirrel	94.4%
Badger	91.4%
Hedgehog	97.8%

Alder	91.7%
Maple	93.8%
Willow	96.6%
Hazel	97.7%
Pine	98.3%
Chestnut	100.0%

**Well done to
Hedgehog KS1 and chestnut KS2
For the highest attendance**



Change for Life Festival



On Monday 25th, 12 children from years 3, 4, and 5 participated in the Change for Life Festival at Marjons. They had a fantastic day which was full of exciting sporting activities. They completed a Viking obstacle course, competed against other schools in an angry bird competition and went on a mission to mars by completing their physical, space training. Furthermore, the children had a chance to create healthy, fruit smoothies using a blender powered by pedaling. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and were awarded with certificates, and some free goodies.



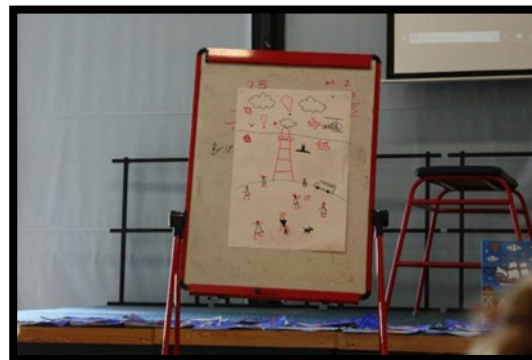
Brian Pollard Visit

Last week the children in KS1 were lucky enough to be visited by the popular artist Brian Pollard. The children had been creating their own artworks based on the work of Brian and he was kind enough to offer some of his time to come and show the children how he creates his artwork. After listening carefully to Brian's advice the children asked some thoughtful questions which they had prepared beforehand. Finally, Brian agreed to sign every single piece of artwork the children had completed, that was around 90 pieces. These pieces will be displayed in the school in Terms 5 and 6 so please keep your eyes peeled! Brian left us a gift also, he signed the pictures he drew during the teaching input. These will also be on display in the school soon.



We'd like to thank Brian massively for his time as we know he's incredibly busy. He has recently completed one of the Elmer Elephants that will be on display around the city in the near future.

If you would like to see more of his work then please check out his website: www.brianpollard.co.uk or on Instagram where his newest creations can be found @brian_pollard_art. You can also find some of his work on Barbican!



Dance Festival

On the 13th March KS2 children in Oakwood Primary Academy dance club travelled on a minibus to Sir John Hunt Community College. We all took part in a dance festival with other local primary schools. We performed a brilliant dance to 'no excuses'. The dances were fantastic! Everyone really enjoyed our dances and gave us a big round of applause. We even got a framed certificate and medal for our participation. Well done girls!



Easter Eggs Galore

We had a wonderful display of entries to our Easter competition this year. The designs and ideas for the bonnets, gardens and eggs were really imaginative! It looks like the children and adults have great fun making all the egg creations.

It was really difficult to select the winners, but after much deliberation the judges chose the following entries.

Foundation

1st-Brodie
2nd-Jordan
3rd-Frankie

Key Stage 1

1st-Asha
2nd-Dexter
3rd-Hugo

Key Stage 2

1st-Freya
2nd-Isobel
3rd-Zachary



Thank you very much to the PTFA for donating the Easter Egg prizes.

Junior Field Gun Club

Our Field Gun Team as always are continuing to train and are now running full runs in our MUGA in a very good time.

After the half term break there will be an event on the Piazza in Plymouth City Centre, but unfortunately at the moment we do not have enough children able to attend. Although the team will not be running, you are very welcome to go and watch as it will show you how the teams will be run on armed forces day in June.

As we cannot use Crownhill Fort this year for our practise runs, we will be at Brickfields on the 12th May. Details will follow when they are finalised.



The main competition will, as always, be on the Hoe as part of Armed Forces Day 2019.



Special Lunches



Over the last three weeks we have had a special lunchtime for grandparents with children in Key Stage 1 and 2 and for parents with children in Foundation. While the children and adults were waiting, everyone had time to talk about lots of different things and some of them had fun doing the little quizzes on the table. Everyone was served by a group of

brilliant Supersixes, they looked after our important guests really well, while everyone enjoyed the lovely roast dinner. The Supersixes were helpful and polite and were quick to clear up plates, serve drinks and desserts.

Thank you to Jo, our Kitchen Manager and her team for cooking such a delicious meal for all the children and adults.

Our guests told us how much they enjoyed spending time with us in our school. Here are some of their comments from this week.

"What a fantastic event. Lovely to see all of them enjoying themselves. Food was great, lovely experience."

"Really lovely to connect over lunch and enjoy the school environment."

"Lovely to see what happens at lunchtime. Great job by the helpers."

Musicality

This term, the Key Stage 2 singing group had a unique opportunity to perform on the stage at Plymouth Pavilions alongside other Plymouth Primary Schools. They sang three songs which they have been rehearsing during their weekly club and were very excited to wear their school uniforms on a Saturday night!



"I loved singing on the stage at Plymouth Pavilions! I was nervous at first but as soon as we stood there together and saw the audience smiling at us we were just excited."

"It's by far the biggest stage I've ever performed on and I was lucky to have some of my family there to watch me."



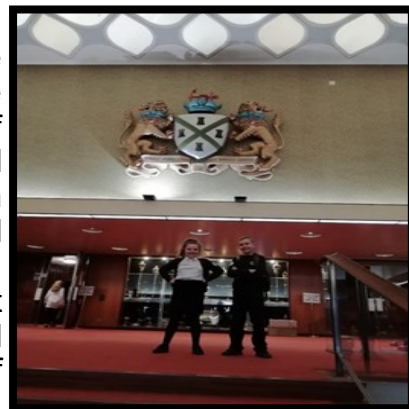
Plastic, Plymouth, and the Planet



Maizie and Jamie, two of our School Champions represented Oakwood at the Plymouth Council Chambers on Thursday 28th March. The agenda for the day was to talk about how we can contribute to Plymouth becoming a Plastic Free City. During the day, the children got to meet the Lord Mayor of

Plymouth, Councillor Sue Dann, Mr John Bull Associate professor from the Plymouth University and Joe Farrow from The National Marine Aquarium.

Maizie and Jamie have some great ideas, that they will share with their fellow School Champions next term. Well done to both of you, for doing a fantastic job.



Power Station Visit



On Thursday 21st March, 14 children were chosen to go on a trip to the Langage Power Station. These children were chosen for their keen interest in STEM subjects, with many attending STEM club weekly. On arrival, we were shown into the amazing Discovery Centre which was equipped with many interactive STEM games and

hands-on activities. After a tour of the inside of the energy power plant (complete with safety helmets, clipboards, and goggles), we had the chance to explore activities such as powering a TV with pedal power or programming a robot in a sequence. All the children behaved impeccably on the trip and learnt a lot about energy production. Miss Glynn.

Over the course of the S.T.E.M. week, every child in KS2 was able to visit the facilities which are situated on site at Beechwood. The S.T.E.M. lab is packed with practical activities which offer the opportunity to explore a range of learning experiences. Electronics, robotics, programmable Lego models, Sphero and a codable stunt drones are a few of the exciting opportunities on offer. As well as



S.T.E.M Lab visits



the chance to explore these technological wonders, traditional, hands on activities like rock sorting with microscopes and building shapes from Connex were enjoyed by all. Thanks to Miss Glynn for organising the event.



World Book Day

On Thursday, the children came to school dressed in their fantastic book character costumes. We had an array of interesting costumes with children dressed up as Matilda, Horrid Henry, Little Red Riding Hood, Harry Potter, Cat in the Hat and many many more! Thank you for all of your efforts in creating these wonderful outfits!

During the morning, we had a brilliant book assembly hosted by Miss Trunchbull and featuring an exciting costume parade. The decision was very difficult for our judges who eventually gave out 3 prizes for the most creative costume awards. Well done to everyone who came dressed as their favourite book characters. We also guessed the teacher's favourite books thought about where, when and who we could share books with.

For the rest of wonderful world book day, the children completed different activities in their classes such as book quizzes, inspirational author videos, making book marks and writing book reviews to recommend to other children.

We finished the day with a lovely parent sharing book session with children enjoying time reading some of fiction and non-fiction books with their parents in the classroom. It was a fun-filled day which was enjoyed by all!



All the children were really enjoying reading and were having fun!



It was so wonderful to share a story with my child in school. Lovely to see all the different books!



Diary Dates 2018/2019



Fri 5th April

Non-pupil Day

Mon 8th April to Tues 23rd April

EASTER HOLIDAYS

Wed 24th April

School re-opens 8.45am

Fri 26th April

Year 6 visit to the theatre to see The Tempest

Mon 6th May

Bank Holiday

Weds 8th May

Year 3 and 4 Tag Rugby Festival

Mon 13th May

Beginning of SATs week for Year 6

Sun 19th May

Plymouth Half Marathon

Tues 21st May

Year 5 and 6 Tag Rugby Festival

Mon 27th May to Friday 31st May

HALF TERM

Thurs 6th June

Sports day + Parent Picnic Lunch 12.00-1.00pm

Weds 12th June

PTFA Disco

Thurs 13th June

PTFA summer Fayre Mufti—Sweets

Thurs 20th June

PTFA summer Fayre Mufti—Bottles

Fri 28th June

PTFA Summer Fayre Mufti—Cakes

Fri 28th June

PTFA summer fayre 3.15-5.00pm

Thurs 11th July

Leavers Party 5.00pm—7.00pm

Fri 19th July

Year 6 Leavers Assembly 1.15 pm

Tues 23rd July

School closes for Summer Holidays

Wed 24th July

Non Pupil Day

2019/2020 TERM DATES

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Tues 3rd September

Staff Training Day

Wed 4th September

Staff Training Day

Thurs 5th September

School re-opens 8:45am

Wed 25th—Fri 27th Sep

Year 5 Beam House Trip

Mon 21st Oct—Fri 25th Oct

HALF TERM

Mon 28th October

School re-opens 8.45am

Thurs 28th November

Non-pupil Day

Friday 29th November

Non-pupil Day

23rd Dec—Fri 5th Jan 2020

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Mon 6th Jan

School re-opens 8.45am

Mon 17th Feb— Fri 21st Feb

HALF TERM

Mon 24th Feb

School re-opens 8.45am

Fri 30th Mar—Mon 13th Apr

EASTER HOLIDAYS

Tues 14th Apr

School re-opens 8.45am

Mon 4th May

May Day Bank Holiday



*Have a fantastic
Easter Holiday
Jackie Sparrow
Head of School*

