



Oakwood Academy Newsletter

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A shout-out to Parents!

We've seen lots of great home-learning work submitted via eSchools over the last 3 months. Well done to all pupils who are working so hard at home or in school. Thank you to all parents/carers who are assisting children with their home-learning and have engaged with eSchools so enthusiastically.



We would love to share examples of pupils' efforts, special achievements or work they're especially proud of during this time. Please use your child's eSchools account, to email your class teacher, photos or examples of amazing work that your children have produced or even a new skill they might have learnt. We will try to include as many as possible in future newsletters. We look forward to hearing from you!

Wellbeing Newsletter page

Please see the Wellbeing Newsletter page, emailed accompanying this newsletter, for useful information and help during these strange times.

Free School Meals - Summer Holidays

On Tuesday, the government announced that they would be funding the scheme that provides vulnerable and low income families with vital vouchers for food over the traditional six-week summer break. With the coronavirus pandemic having had a massive effect on employment, it is expected that more families will be eligible to claim for free school meals than before.

Families in receipt of the following support payments will be entitled to receive free school meals:

- Universal Credit – provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs, that does not exceed £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (the payment someone receives for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

Applications can be done via the Council website and are processed within five working days.

More information can be found at: <https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals>

Pupil Efforts

Art Challenge World Record Attempt

In May, thousands of pupils all over the country took part in the Art Challenge World Record attempt hosted by children's author and illustrator Rob Bidduph. The attempt was a success with 45,611 participants, smashing the previous record of 10,000! The attempt also raised £50,970 to help fight against COVID-19 and future pandemics. Here are a couple of examples from Aidan & Sam who took part in the attempt:



Poetry Learning

Year 2 Educare Group composed this brilliant limerick this week as part of their poetry learning:

*There once was a lady from Saltash,
who had the most wonderful moustache,
though everyone loved it,
she pulled and she tugged it,
it stretched and fell off with a crash!*

Foundation pupils Jacob and Noah working on their collage of Smeaton's Tower this week:



Birthdays this week:

Ftn/KS1:

Thomas, Cobi, Jaicob, Olivia-Rose.

KS2:

Chloe, Joshua, Freya, Jasmine.

Happy birthday to all!

Year 1 pupils Chase, Flynn and Matthew working on their maths:



Please contact the class teacher via eSchools if you have any queries about your child's learning. Alternatively, you can contact the school office at email: oakwood.office@discoverymat.co.uk or by telephone on 01752 775478.



Have a great weekend!
Jackie Sparrow
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