



Oakwood Academy Newsletter

"Living, learning and thriving"

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30th April 2021



A big thank you to all the children, parents and carers who have taken part in our Big Pedal over the last two weeks.

It's been great to see the gradual increase in the number of children taking active journeys to school. Each class has kept a tally of how the children have travelled to school and this has been submitted daily on the Big Pedal website. This has calculated all the active journeys made. So far, up to Thursday 29th April there have been **2508** active journeys. The Big Pedal has calculated that on average 60% of our school have taken an active journey!

We hope that children and parents will continue to make active journeys. The school run is an easy way to build regular exercise into daily routines and is great for physical health and mental wellbeing. It also helps to reduce congestion outside the school gate too! Keep active everyone! Don't forget that this is the last day to enter the Big Pedal competition. See below for details.

There is also a [Big Pedal family competition](#) which gives you the chance to win one of three amazing prize bundles for your family. All you need to do is take a photo or a short video of your child(ren) taking part in Big Pedal between 19-30 April. Post it to Instagram, Facebook or Twitter, tag @Sustrans and use #BigPedalWin.



<https://www.sustrans.org.uk/our-blog/projects/uk-wide/schools/sustrans-big-pedal-family-competition>



New! Oakwood Primary Academy Facebook Page

We now have an official Facebook information page dedicated to our school! Please search and 'Like' our page to keep up-to-date with information and announcements.

Packed Lunch Pupils - message from CaterEd Kitchen Manager

During the week of 3rd May, our CaterEd Kitchen Manager will be providing small pots of sample school dinners for pupils who usually bring a packed lunch to voluntarily try. Please email the school at oakwood.office@discoverymat.co.uk if you do NOT wish your child to try the sample pots.

Attendance For Week Ending 23rd April 2021

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

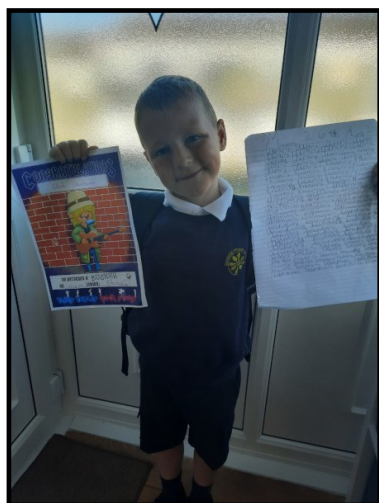
Well done to Wren KS1 and Jay, Osprey & Peregrine KS2 for the highest attendance!



Robin	94.4%
Owl	96.9%
Wren	98.9%
Dove	98.3%
Puffin	98.4%
Jay	99.3%
Starling	92.5%
Skylark	96.2%
Goldcrest	93.1%
Osprey	99.3%
Kestrel	98.3%
Peregrine	99.3%

Celebration Shout Out!

We like to celebrate the achievements of our children. Please email the school with your child's special moments. We would love to share them with everyone through our newsletter!



Charlie C (Year 3) received a Times Table Rock Stars certificate for becoming a 'Busker'. Here he is with his certificate and also his lovely handwriting. Excellent work Charlie!



School Uniform Reminder

Please continue to 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**. PE kit should only be worn on PE days. Please remember that flat sensible safe black shoes (no trainers) should be worn.

Please ensure that children bring coats in case of rain. As the weather hopefully improves children can bring sun-hats and should have suncream applied before school if required. No sunglasses in school please. Thank you.

Shout Out Awards

These awards go to children who have demonstrated that they are Ready, Respectful and Safe Superstars. Well done for being such brilliant role models this week!

Reception Bubble - Skylar and Max

Year 1 Bubble - Nellie-Rae and Lily

Year 2 Bubble - Bryony and Brodie

Year 3 Bubble - Solomon and Oliver A

Year 4 Bubble - Harley and Oliver T

Year 5 Bubble - Lewis C and Peter

Year 6 Bubble - Maddison and Freddie

Discovery MAT Top of the Rocks

Starting Friday 30th April, the children will be participating in a Top of Rocks battle against the other schools in our academy. Children at Oakwood will be facing children from Beechwood and Weston Mill to crown the ultimate Times Table Rockstars.

To participate, children can play any game mode on TTRS. Every question answered correctly will earn a point for their class and school.

Good Luck!

Mr S Ticehurst
Maths Lead

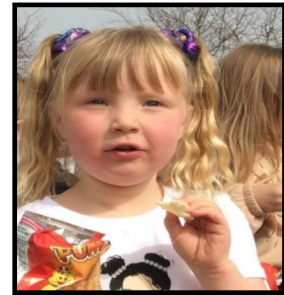


Wellbeing Day

Please see some pictures below from Wellbeing Day; the children really enjoyed the activities they had the opportunity to take part in. Please see next week's newsletter for Years 2 and 3!

Reception and Year 1

Wellbeing Day for Reception started with an Easter Egg Hunt in the garden before engaging in some Indian Bhangra dancing. We took part in a Cosmic Yoga session and learned some twisty yoga positions! We enjoyed our picnic lunch outside with the children from Owl and Wren classes. Luckily the sun was shining! In the afternoon we listened to calming music and stories. At the end of the day we learned some peer massage techniques and practised on our partners. We had a very busy and fabulous well-being day!



This website has resources for parents and children to support with mental health particularly regarding Coronavirus which you may find useful:

<https://mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk/risks-and-protective-factors/coronavirus-supporting-childrens-mental-health/>

Covid Reminders

No child should come to school if they, **or anyone they live with**, has symptoms of Covid-19. These are:

- A new persistent cough
- A high temperature
- A change in their normal sense of taste or smell.

Please ensure that you contact the school **immediately** to inform us if your child or a member of your household becomes unwell and requires a Covid-19 test, or if you are advised to self-isolate or have outcome of tests. Please leave a message on the school answerphone if this is before or after school hours. Children who are required to isolate at home can continue to work using their eSchools account. Thank you for your continued support in this matter.

Reporting absences for children

Please contact the school by 9:15am to let us know if your child will be absent, providing details of the reason for the absence. This ongoing communication will enable us to ensure that we continue to keep children safe and follow all necessary government guidelines. We appreciate your continued assistance.

Social Distancing Reminders

- Please remember only one adult when dropping off or picking up your child, which helps to reduce the number of adults on the premises.
- Wear a mask or face covering when on the school grounds (unless you are medically exempt).
- Please make sure you keep a social distance from all other adults on the school grounds when dropping off or waiting for your child.
- Please ensure that younger children remain with you at all times.

Thank you very much for your understanding and continued support in helping to keep our school community safe.

Department for Education - HELPLINE FOR EDUCATION

The DfE have set up a helpline for education advice regarding the Covid-19 virus for staff and parents.

Phone : 0800 046 8687

Email : DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Opening hours : 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

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.



If your child has:
a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or
a loss of, or change in, sense of
smell or taste

**This could be a sign of
coronavirus**

Book a test

If your child has:
a runny nose, is sneezing or
feeling unwell
But they don't have:
a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or
a loss of, or change in,
sense of smell or taste

**These are
not normally symptoms of
coronavirus**

**Seek advice from a pharmacy, dial
111 or see your GP**

PE Days

Please send children to school wearing school PE kit on the following days as outlined below:

Monday - Osprey

Tuesday - Goldcrest

Wednesday - Jay, Kestrel, Peregrine

Thursday - Dove, Puffin, Starling

Friday - Robin, Owl, Wren, Skylark

Please ensure that the kit is weather appropriate.

Thank you!

Parent Meetings - May

All reply slips should be back with the class teachers. If you have NOT yet returned your slip, please do so on Tuesday 4th May. Thank you.



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



LinkedIn



WhatsApp



Vine
Tinder



Path



YouTube
Keek
Foursquare
WeChat
Kik
Flickr



Diary Dates

(Dates maybe subject to change)



2020/2021 TERM DATES

Mon 3rd May
Mon 17th - Fri 28th May
Tues 18th May
Wed 19th May
Mon 31st May - Fri 4th Jun
Fri 23rd Jul
Mon 26th Jul - Fri 3rd Sep

May Bank Holiday - CLOSED
Year 5 Swimming Sessions
Parent Meetings
Parent Meetings
HALF TERM
School finishes 3:15pm
SUMMER HOLIDAYS

2021/2022 TERM DATES

Wed 8th Sep
Mon 25th - Fri 29th Oct
Fri 26th Nov
Fri 17th Dec
Mon 20th Dec - Mon 3rd Jan 2022
Mon 21st Feb - Fri 25th Feb
Mon 28th Feb
Fri 8th Apr-Fri 22nd Apr
Mon 2nd May
Mon 30th May - Fri 3rd Jun
Wed 27th Jul

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

Changes to End of Day Collections

Parents are reminded that teachers will not let a pupil leave with another adult unless we have received instruction from the parent in advance. Parents should ring the office on 01752 775478 to inform the school if somebody else is collecting their child. Thank you.

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 get back to you. 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 good Bank Holiday weekend,
be safe!
Jackie Sparrow - Head of School*