



Oakwood Academy Newsletter

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29th April 2022

Queen's Platinum Jubilee

As part of our Platinum Jubilee Celebrations across the school, we would like to invite you to join your child for a Jubilee Picnic during the week beginning 23rd May.

You are invited to join your child/children for a picnic on the field in the afternoon. You can bring a rug or blanket to sit on and a few afternoon picnic treats to share with your child. We will also supply some cakes for you to enjoy.



Children can wear mufti, in keeping with the Jubilee theme, we are asking children to come in red, white or blue mufti or a combination of all three! We will be setting a Jubilee hat competition during the previous week and children can wear their Jubilee hat for the picnic. The children will also be learning some songs from one of the decades from the Queen's reign to sing on the afternoon.

We are going to hold the Jubilee picnic over 4 afternoons. This is because, if the weather is wet, we can move the picnic to the hall. (Fingers crossed the weather is kind to us that week!) To support this, the children will be organised into family groups so that parents only need to attend once and have the picnic with all their children on their allocated afternoon.

The picnic will be held between 2.00pm and 3.00pm with entrance via the gate by the car park. We will let you know which afternoon you will be invited to attend very shortly.



Monday 23rd May – Jubilee Group 1
Tuesday 24th May - Jubilee Group 2
Wednesday 25th May - Jubilee Group 3
Thursday 26th May - Jubilee Group 4

We hope you will be able to join in with our Jubilee Picnic afternoon and look forward to seeing you then.



Please see the next page for information about our upcoming Learning Assembly Afternoons!

Reminder - May Bank Holiday

Monday 2nd May is a Bank Holiday and the school will be closed.

Learning Assembly Afternoons

This term we will be inviting parents to come into school one afternoon so that your child can share some of their learning highlights. We will be organising this into year groups. During this informal session, the children will share some of their learning highlights and 'wow' moments which may involve sharing art or design work, music, theme work and any other 'wow' learning outcomes that your child is particularly proud of.



The Learning Assembly Afternoons will take place in the hall. They will start at 2.40pm and parents will need to enter the hall via the Community Entrance. At the end of the Learning Assembly Afternoon, children will return to class to collect their belongings and then parents can pick children up from their classroom as normal (or if in KS2 children can walk home if they have walking home permission). The children are looking forward to sharing their learning with you this term.

Friday 20th May - 2.40pm - Year 1 Fowey and Year 1 children from Avon

Friday 10th June - 2.40pm - Year 3 Severn and Medway

Friday 24th June - 2.40pm - Year 4 Trent and Lagan

Friday 1st July - 2.40pm - Year 5 Clyde and Mersey

Friday 8th July - 2.40pm - Year 2 Thames and Year 2 children from Avon

Friday 15th July - 2.40pm - Foundation Tamar and Lynher

Thursday 21st July - **2.00pm** - Year 6 Leavers Assembly – Tyne and Wye

Sponsored Readathon & Book Sale proceeds

With the amazing amount of proceeds from the events held in March for World Book Day and Book Week we bought 154 books, across all the reading levels, from local charity shops and a further 41 brand new, which are specifically aimed at early readers. We are still welcoming donations of good quality books from our authors list but would particularly appreciate any Horrid Henry and Mr Men books at the moment. Thank you as always for your contributions.



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.



Oscar (Trent) was selected to play in the UK's largest football tournament at the weekend at Butlins Minehead. He and his team Map u9's won and were crowned ESF Minehead Champions 2022! They are now off to St George's Park (England's training ground) in June to compete again. Very well done to Oscar & his team mates!



Riaz (Trent) has achieved a grey/white belt for Jiu Jitsu. He has also achieved Player of the Day trophy for his football skills. Excellent work Riaz!

Benjamin (Fowey) has passed his Level Beginner 1 Swimming Certificate. Well done Benjamin, keep up the good effort!



Tala (Thames) says thank you for the get well card, she was really surprised to get that and loved reading all the kind messages from her friends and teachers. She is looking forward to returning back to school next week, hopefully.

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 - 12,076 words

Lower KS2 - Lagan Class - 201,601 words

Upper KS2 - Tyne Class - 304,932 words



Well done to those classes!

MTA VACANCY

PERMANENT MTA POST

GRADE A POINT I

10 HOURS PER WEEK FOR 38 WEEKS PER ANNUM

We have a permanent MTA post become available. This position will initially be based at Weston Mill Community 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 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

If you are interested in this opportunity please complete an application form which can be obtained from the Discovery MAT website, and return to:

westonmill.office@discoverymat.co.uk.

Closing Date – Friday 6th May 2022 at 9am.

Interviews – Thursday 12th May 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.

Attendance For Week Ending 8th April 2022

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

**Well done to Thames KS1 and
Trent KS2 for the highest attendance!**



Tamar	86.6%
Lynher	86.7%
Fowey	75.4%
Avon	83.1%
Thames	90.8%
Severn	90.2%
Medway	83.6%
Trent	93.4%
Lagan	90.6%
Clyde	77.6%
Mersey	84.0%
Tyne	92.9%
Wye	90.9%

Uniform Store Plymouth

The Uniform Store Plymouth is a free service for families to kit out their children for school. Through donations of good quality school uniform, we give these items out to those in need, free of charge – no referral is needed. We operate a pop-up shop in Plymouth City Centre throughout the school summer holidays, and a 'Click & Collect' service that operates throughout the year, where parents/carers can order the uniform that they need for their children and collect it from our collection point.



To place an order for school uniform, families can visit our website: www.uniformstoreplymouth.co.uk and select the items required. Our collection point is at Redeemer Church, St Barnabas Terrace, Plymouth PL1 5NN and is open every Wednesday and Friday from 10am to 12pm. For more information please email us: hello@uniformstoreplymouth.co.uk

Updated Covid-19 Guidance

Children and young people with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend their education setting. Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people, where they can. They can go back to school, college or childcare, and resume normal activities when they no longer have a high temperature and they are well enough to attend.

Children and young people aged 18 years and under who have a positive test result

It is not recommended that children and young people are tested for COVID-19 unless directed to by a health professional.

If a child or young person has a positive COVID-19 test result they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test, if they can. After 3 days, if they feel well and do not have a high temperature, the risk of passing the infection on to others is much lower. This is because children and young people tend to be infectious to other people for less time than adults.

Children and young people who usually go to school, college or childcare and who live with someone who has a positive COVID-19 test result should continue to attend as normal.

Diary Dates

(Dates maybe subject to change)



2021/2022 TERM DATES

Mon 2nd May
Fri 20th May
Mon 30th May - Fri 3rd Jun
Fri 10th Jun
Fri 24th Jun
Mon 27th Jun
Fri 1st July
Fri 8th July
Fri 15th July
Thur 21st July
Tue 26th July
Wed 27th July

May Bank Holiday

Year 1 Fowey & Avon Learning Assembly 2:40pm

HALF TERM

Year 3 Severn & Medway Learning Assembly 2:40pm

Year 4 Trent & Lagan Learning Assembly 2:40pm

Non-Pupil Day

Year 5 Clyde & Mersey Learning Assembly 2:40pm

Year 2 Avon & Thames Learning Assembly 2:40pm

Fdn Tamar & Lynher Learning Assembly 2:40pm

Year 6 Tyne & Wye Leaver's Assembly 2pm

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
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 lovely Bank Holiday weekend!
Jackie Sparrow - Head of School